



# MAY 2014

## Wot's On at DursleyTabernacle

[www.dursleytab.org.uk](http://www.dursleytab.org.uk)

- THU 1 May 2.15pm Fund Raising Meeting in the Reception Room.
- Sat 3 May 10am-12pm AT THE TAB 'KID'S STUFF SALE' organised by Emma Irvine. Donations welcome. Cost £1 for a cup of tea /coffee and biscuits, do come and support Emma and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee.
- Sun 4 May 10.30am Communion Service led by Revd John Palmer. Readings: Psalms 103 1-22 and Luke 15: 11-32. '...while still far off his Father saw him'.
- Tue 6 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church. All are welcome.
- Wed 7 May 10-1pm Family Café meet in the Sanctuary.
- Thu 8 May 7.30pm Elders Meeting at church.
- Sun 11 May 10.30am Family worship led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: Judges rule God's people: Power to the Leaders.  
Readings: Judges 4.1-10; Judges 4.11-24  
6pm Churches Together United Service for the start of Christian Aid Week at Cam Methodist Church
- Tue 12 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.
- Tue 13 May 2pm THE KNITTING GROUP meet in the Reception Room anyone wanting to learn how to knit are welcome (details inside)
- Wed 14 May 10-1pm Family Café meet in the Sanctuary.
- Wed 14 May 7.45pm Discipleship Explored at the Courtyard Café
- Thu 15 May 7.30pm The Men's Group are having a visit to a private cinema, all men are invited, Let Simon Helme know if you propose to attend.
- FRI 16 MAY 6PM AND SAT 17 MAY 9.30AM TAB MAY FAIR, with stalls including cakes, plants, and Toys and books, Face Painting & competitions, and more including refreshments too. This is a family event so if you can help in any way please ring Helene on 549209. We need donations for all the above stalls but most of all we need you all to come and support this event. It is one of our main Fund Raising Events of the year.**
- Sun 18 May 10.30am Family Worship led by Rev Simon Helme followed by Church Meeting. Theme: Judges rule God's people: Power to the weak.  
Readings: Judges 6.11-16, 33-40
- Tue 20 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.
- Tue 20 May 2pm Women's Guild AGM and Tea Party.
- Wed 21 May 10-1pm Family Café meet in the Sanctuary.
- Wed 21 May 7.45pm Discipleship Explored at the Courtyard Café
- Sun 25 May 10.30am Family Worship led by Brian Lamming.
- Tue 27 May 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

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## **Wot's On in the coming months**

Due to the building works from June onwards the Wot's On will be sent online to all those who have email. There will be some photocopies for those who do not have email availability but these will be restricted for those only.

### **FLOWERS FOR APRIL WERE KIINDLY GIVEN BY:-**

April 6th Carole and Ronnie. April 13th Katherine Palmer,  
April 20th Easter Sunday - church members,  
April 27th Joan Kingham and Nella Wintle

### **NEWS OF THE FAMILY**

It was great to receive into membership on Easter Day six new members. We warmly welcome Andrew and Georgie Blackburn, Carole Beattie, Martin and Shona Percy and Jo O' Donnell.

It was good to see Charles and Jean Jukes in church at Easter.

Simon and some of the elders and members of the healing team visited Jan and Gray Strutt at their home where they had a very meaningful communion, we remember them with love and prayers.

Gus Smith and Brian Lamming have both been unwell. Hazel Harris had a nasty fall, and Shirley Welsh was unwell.

We think of little Oscar Cullimore who is still undergoing treatment and pray for healing for him.

Joy Strong is struggling with a painful knee and Joan Kingham is suffering with a very painful shoulder we hope they will receive some relief soon.

Lilla Jones is awaiting a date for her knee operation.

We wish Ronnie Harding a speedy recovery after her foot operation, and hope she will be out and about soon. We pray for all these people.

**Men's Group** Two activities planned: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May we are making a return trip to Bob Wood's home cinema near Tortworth. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June we hope to do a walk to the New Inn at Waterly Bottom. Contact Simon for more details.

## SHARE A PRAYER AND MAKE OUR CHURCH A POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

*'Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it'  
(1 Corinthians Ch 12 verse 27)*

We are called to be the presence of Christ to each other and in the world. And so, according to the gifts he has promised us, let us pray.....

**Heavenly Father, give me the hands of Jesus** that I might hold, support, guide and encourage those who are finding life difficult and who often feel like giving up.

**Heavenly Father, give me the eyes of Jesus** that I might see everyone I know or meet as Jesus sees them: infinitely precious and unconditionally loved.

**Heavenly Father, give me the ears of Jesus** that I might be fine-tuned to hear what you want to teach me through the words and experiences of those around me.

**Heavenly Father, give me the feet of Jesus** that I might be ready and willing to walk with others and be a witness, by how I live, of the good news of the Gospel of Christ.

**Heavenly Father, give me the heart of Jesus** that I might feel his love and compassion for those I know who are bereaved, anxious or lonely. **Amen**

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 11TH TO 17<sup>TH</sup>** War tears lives apart. Love can help piece them together. Please can you help? The focus is on helping those people driven from their homes in Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Christian Aid with our help can reach 42 million people caught up in conflict.

### **FUND RAISING IN CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.**

**Teas** We are hosting afternoon teas in the Methodist church on Sunday 2.30 to 5pm. Please can you support this event either by helping, providing cakes or just coming along to have a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

### **Soup Lunches**

Soup lunches will take place at the Methodist church in Christian Aid week from Tuesday through till Saturday. Dursley Tab are hosting the lunches on Thursday. Please can you help on the day, provide soup or bread or just come along and enjoy the lunch and fellowship.

### **Christian Aid Door to Door Collection**

The door to door collection is a huge money raiser for Christian Aid, people contribute to this who would not normally give and many give generously. The more volunteers we have the easier is the task. I would love to be able to cover each road with 2 people. Most of our patch is central to Dursley, although we do have a few areas in Cam. Please can you help? If you have done this in past years I will assume you will continue unless you let me know otherwise.

### **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Every Sunday morning there is the opportunity to receive prayer ministry at the back of the church after morning worship. Our prayer team has been trained and has been in operation now for a year and offers a confidential listening and prayer service. Many people have been helped and encouraged by having a couple of people with whom they could share concerns, burdens and issues and receive their combined counsel and prayer. If you would prefer to have a private session with some members of the prayer team just ask Simon (tel 07946402954) or Martine (890432) to arrange a visit. We have been asked to pray for healing, especially for those with serious life threatening illnesses, for the blessing of houses and for those who have been disturbed or afraid. We have also taken communion to those who needed to know the presence and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid to ask.

### **The 5p Collection**

The 5p collection raised £60 if anyone still has 5ps still please give them to Terry Larkham as soon as you can please.

### **FUND RAISING EVENTS FOR THE COMING MONTHS**

**Sat 3 May 10am – 12pm 'A Kids Stuff Sale' organised by Emma Irvine, helpers needed also goods to sell so please turn out your children's clothes that no longer fit, toys etc. and give them to Emma.**

**May Fair Fri 16 May 6pm and Sat 17 May 9.30am** This is a family event with toys and books face painting, and competitions for the children, and refreshments so come and support us because without you we cannot succeed. We need lots of lovely cakes & plants, toys books games ladies things jewellery and any good items we can sell, please bring them along to us on Friday afternoon. We need volunteers to help with the setting up on Friday and serving on the stalls too.

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June 7pm The Gloucester Gallery Quire** This is a historical choir who have come to the Tab before so make a note in your diary ,so you don't miss it. (More details next month)

**Sat 14 June A Family Event – A celebration of World War 1.** A Buffet Party, fun and entertainment. (More details nearer the time.)

**Sat 12 July 8pm 'Wine & Cheese at Stinchcombe Hill Manor House'**. Tickets only event £10 pp. please book early, very popular event last year.

**July Rednock School Summer Concert** (date to be confirmed and full details in the Wot's On in the coming month)

### **Dates for your Diaries**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Churches Together Forum at Cam Methodist**

**Tue 13 May 7.45pm GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHURCHES TOGETHER LECTURE The Future of Ecumenism in the UK, by Revd Dr David Cornick, General Secretary of Churches Together in England and former Gen Sec of the URC 7.45pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May,** Main Lecture Theatre, Elwes Building, The Park Campus, University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, GL50 2RH. Open Evening, no charge, all welcome.

### **CONFERENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT at the Tab 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

We are hoping to host a conference looking at the work of the Holy Spirit in individual lives and churches in the autumn, Friday evening 17<sup>th</sup> October and all day Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Revd Paul Stokes, a URC Minister will lead the conference. He will teach from a Reformed perspective, a biblical message to enrich and empower the church to serve with joy. The teaching is based on the Dunamis Project, which other URCs have successfully used. See website: <http://www.dunamis.org.uk/>

Confirmation of these arrangements in future Wots on

## **TAB KNITTING GROUP**

First meeting on Tuesday 8 April of the Tab Knitting Club went very well. Ten ladies attended and will be meeting again on Tuesday 13 May at 2pm in the Church Reception if anyone would like to join them please do. If you have any spare wool, especially double knitting, and number 8 size (4mm) and 10s (3.25mm) knitting needles they will be very well received. We are planning to knit for three different charities e.g. Gloucester Royal Hospital Premature Baby Unit, Tallinding Project in Gambia for primary and junior school children and squares for Cobalt Cancer Charity in Cheltenham. Please contact Ronnie on 547080.

## **DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED WEDNESDAYS, 7.30PM AT THE COURTYARD CAFÉ, BEGINNING MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> (no meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>)**

Following on from the successful Christianity Explored Course, this is a series of meetings to explore living the Christian life. The course goes through Paul's letter to the Philippians and covers such topics as:

'How can I be sure I am a Christian?'

'What is life really about?'

'How can I grow as a Christian?'

'How can I enjoy being a Christian more?'

We will look at issues such as confidence in your faith, transformation and the work of the Holy Spirit, righteousness, knowing Christ, contentment, joy.

The evenings are designed to be informal, non-threatening and enjoyable with a mixture of presentation by Simon Helme, Minister at the Tab, and discussion (although no-one will be put on the spot and forced to say anything they don't want).

The Courtyard Café re kindly offering their premises free of charge (you will have to pay for your own drinks and cake!).

You may have been in church for years, or you may be only just beginning the Christian life. Whatever stage you are at. Discipleship Explored will help you understand what is involved in following Christ today, and encourage you to start walking confidently in his footsteps.

Please invite friends. A great opportunity to explore together. For more info follow the link: [www.christianityexplored.org](http://www.christianityexplored.org)

Or phone 0744 356 8242

## Rotas for May 2014

Please swap any duty you are unable to do and inform Liz of any changes. Many thanks.

Date	4 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June
Duty Elder	Lionel Jones	Hilary Green	Martine Carter	Kathryn Palmer	Rod Irvine
Vestry Elder	Kathryn Palmer	Rod Irvine	Liz Swanwick	Carole or Dennis Allen	Martine Carter
First Reading	Malcolm Harris	John Palmer	Rod Irvine	Jayne Parsons	Caroline Stables
2nd Reading	Helen Dalrymple	Shirley Welsh	Iain Hearn	Shirley Welsh	Kathryn Palmer
Door Duty	Gloria and Mike Pritchard	Iain Hearn Betty Hearn	Ronnie Harding Carole Bye	Betty Hearn Iain Hearn	Ronnie Harding Carole Bye
Audio Desk	Lionel Jones	Steve Dowle	Andy Spears	Rod Irvine	Christine Welsh
Flower Distribution	Helene Dalrymple	Shirley Welsh	Hazel Harris	Peggy Tresise	Enid Fullard
Welcome Team	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Michelle Barnes	John & Kathryn Palmer Peggy Tresise	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Michelle Barnes	Iain Hearn Martine Carter Hilary Green	Helene Dalrymple Carole Bye Malcolm Harris
Prayer Team	John and Kathryn Palmer	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	Martine Carter Hilary Green	John & Kathryn Palmer

Communion Preparation : 4<sup>th</sup> May

Ronnie Harding

Communion Servers:

Carole or Dennis Allen, Martine Carter, Hilary Green, Ronnie Harding

