

November 2012

Wot's On

at Dursley Tabernacle



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Wed 31 Oct All Hallows Churches Together Torchlight Procession - starting at St James the Great at 7pm - ending with night prayer at St Bart's Lower Cam (see inside for more details).

Thu 1st Nov 7.30pm Genesis Live- 'Created in the image of God' - Simon Helme and Dr Martin Freeman talk on issues of human worth and dignity e.g. abortion, assisted dying and suicide.

Fri 2 Nov 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Sun 4 Nov Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme with prayers for healing.

Theme: Apple disaster. Reading: Genesis 3.1-19; Romans 5. 12-21.

A Special Church Meeting will be held after this morning service – see inside for details.

6pm – 7pm Fury (X-Box Evening) 7pm – 8pm Energise

Tue 6 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 7 Nov 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

Thu 8 Nov 7.30pm Elders Meeting in the Upper Hall

Fri 9 Nov 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on the church premises.

Sun 11 Nov 10.30am Remembrance Day Service led by Revd Simon Helme.

Theme: Fugitive from Justice. Readings: Genesis 4.1-16; Hebrews 11.1-4

6pm – 7pm Fury (Digital Treasure Hunt) 7pm – 8pm Energise

Tue 13 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church everyone is welcome.

Wed 14 Nov 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

Thu 15 Nov 7.30pm Genesis Live – 'Male and female He created them' – issues of sexuality, including sexual ethics and politics, and 'gay marriage'

Fri 16 Nov 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises

Fri 16 Nov at 6pm-8pm and Sat 17 Nov 9.30am-11.30am THE EARLY CHRISTMAS FARE AT THE TABERNACLE IN THE UPPER HALLS. (SEE INSIDE FOR ALL THE DETAILS)

Sun 18 Nov 10.30am Family Service led by Revd Eric Massey – Gloucestershire Area URC Pulpit Exchange. Theme: Saving Grace. Readings: Genesis 6.9-22, 7.24, 8.14-19; Romans 3.21-31

6pm - Café Style Worship led by Revd Simon Helme.

6pm – 8pm Fury (Bowling Trip) No Energise session this evening.

Tue 20 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Tue 20 Nov 2pm Women's Guild (In the church) - Speaker Mr Eric Murray - "Watch Out Eric's about with his camera" (A selection of Tab Events) also don't forget it's Bring & Buy month.

Tue 20 Nov 8pm Tab Men's Group (venue to be confirmed). Discussion of Dave Tomlinson's book 'How to be a bad Christian.' See inside for further details.

Wed 21 Nov 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

Wed 21 Nov - Sat 24 Nov at 7.30pm The Tabard Players present "Curtains Up" in the Upper Hall. Tickets available from "Inches"

Fri 23 Nov 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Sun 25 Nov 10.30am Family Service led by Revd Simon Helme including thanksgiving and dedication for Jasper Roberts, son of Tim and Charlotte.

Theme: Gracious Promise. Readings: Genesis 8.20-9.13; 1 Peter 3.18-22

6pm – 7pm Fury (Games Evening) 7pm – 8pm Energise

Tue 27 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 28 Nov 10-1pm Family Café in the church.

Fri 30 Nov 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER? To find out more speak to Simon – 542344.

WE THANK THOSE WHO KINDLY GAVE THE FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER :-

Oct 7th Kathryn Palmer Oct 14th Mary and Michael Weedon
Oct 21st Mary Sherratt Oct 28th Joan Kingham
Thanks to all, and to those who kindly delivered them.

Share a Prayer, and make Dursley Tab a powerful prayer base.

Please pray for the following items in the coming month:

Every Sunday Simon reads the names on our Prayer List, and those for whom we have the greatest concern are named in the News of the Church Family in every Wot's On (see below). Please pray for these friends, not just on Sunday, but every day. We are a family and our family prayers are so important. Pray also for Simon in his pastoral ministry.

We are all so disappointed that it has taken so long to have our Community Room back in working order. Please pray that the latest plans will go ahead, so that the room can be in use as soon as possible.

We pray for volunteer doctors working for Christian Aid partner Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI), who work tirelessly across the strained divide between Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, not only determined to provide critical medical care where it is most needed, but to challenge perceptions and build peace

Sunday November 4th: A Special Church Meeting will be held after the morning service to seek final agreement to the Partnership Agreement with the Council for the development of the Parsonage as a Youth Centre, and for the appointment of the architect for this project. Please try and be there to take part in this important decision.

News of the Church Family

It has been a very worrying time for our church family recently. We have been very concerned for **Jan Strutt**, but it was good to get better news in the past week. She is at present in Cheltenham Hospital and our prayers are with her and **Gray** at this time.

We also worry about **Glyn Goulden** who has good and bad weeks. We remember him and Gwyneth too. **Ken Bloodworth** is also very poorly. We think of him and **Kath** at this anxious time. **Peter Strange** is still in the Vale Community Hospital and is always very pleased to see Tabernacle friends.

We were all very sorry to hear that **Eileen Denning** had experienced a heart attack and ended up in the Bristol Heart Institute. Eileen has responded in her usual way and, after treatment to remove a blockage, she is now home feeling frustrated that she has to stay put for a time, but so thankful for all the help she has received. Eileen herself would like to say thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards and messages, care and support. She is very grateful for the kindness shown to her.

Anne Easey has had a very nasty fall in which she broke her shoulder blade. We know this is very painful, but we hope with care it won't take too long to heal. It was good to see **Dilys Morgan** back in church although her leg is still very painful, and **Peggy Tresise** is still having trouble with her leg. How good, also, to see **Peter Bullock** well enough to be back in church, but we are sorry to hear that **Val Smith** has had a nasty fall. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all of these friends.

We remember **Hilary and Wil Peacocke**. Hilary, after her serious illness on holiday in Greece, is now supporting Wil as he convalesces after an operation. We hope they both continue to recover well. We continue to hold **Margaret Pengelly, Jean and Chas Jukes** and **Doris Biddle** in our prayers. Our minister **Simon** has also been unwell in recent weeks. We hope he will return from his holiday feeling very much better.

We have recently said goodbye to **Alan and Angela Simpson** and they send this message to all their church friends:

Good bye and many thanks! We really must apologise for taking so long to get on with our move!! But then its common knowledge that we're late for everything - so why spoil a habit of a lifetime! Seriously though..... thank you all so much for your good wishes and your very generous gifts (the wonderful bouquet and B&Q voucher) which we were given on our last Sunday.

It has been great to be involved in so much of Tab life - from music group to men's group, holiday weekends to holiday club, coffee mornings to cafe services, flowers, fun(d) raising and fellowship groups, outreach and Eldership. - each has contributed in its own unique way to the experience.

We hope that the new phase in the development of the premises goes well and that all the modern skills and talents that you have coming through will help make it another huge success story for the Tab.

We feel very fortunate to have got to know such lovely caring and friendly people. You have given us so many happy memories to take with us. We shall miss you all.

Our new address from 25th Oct will be: 17 Wheat Moss, Chelford, Cheshire SK11 9SP
(Mob no: 07813321064)

Please keep in touch! We'd love to see you. Our love and very best wishes, Alan and Angela.

General Notices

The Church Audio Visual Desk team is very short of staff and in need of more volunteers. Please help if you can; you don't need to be a genius to operate it, just willing to learn and not too hard of hearing. Training and support will be given. If anyone is willing to help, please see either Rod Irvine or Dennis Allen.

Food Bank: Please keep bringing your items for the Food Bank where the need is ever increasing. They are very grateful for all your help.

Christian Aid: The Harvest collection raised £162 for Christian Aid, thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause. Also thank you to everyone who sponsored Aimee and myself doing the Severn Way Sponsored Walk, we raised over £100. Many thanks to all who sponsored us. Martine.

Lighthouse Bookshop: The Lighthouse Bookshop originated out of a vision to serve God in our community. It became a Traidcraft shop, and recently became a Foodbank collection point. The shop is currently under threat of closure. Those in the team are looking for a new manager to work on a voluntary basis - someone with the enthusiasm and the passion to keep the Lighthouse alive and lit. If anyone feels called to serve God in this way, please contact:

Lis - 01453 544322 or email: lis.palmer@fiscali.co.uk

The Reform Magazine – change of ordering policy: Because so few people are now receiving the magazine we do not get any discount. Next year it will cost £25 for 10 issues, so it would be better if people who are still interested in receiving the Reform place an order direct with the Reform Publishers. There is an order form in the back of the October edition. I feel this will be a much better way to receive The Reform magazine in the coming future. Gloria Pritchard.

The Christmas Nativity Play this year will be held on the morning of December 23rd. Letters will be going out to all our children and young people during November to check their availability. If you bring one of our children or young people to church, please make sure you get a letter from Caroline Stables and return the reply slip to Carole Allen before the end of November so that we can plan and deliver a thought provoking act of worship.

TABERNACLE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

House groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and discussion, laughter and prayer. They are a great way of getting to know other members of the church. Most groups started in September and run until the end of May, with a break for Christmas and Lent. If you would like to be involved, please contact the leader(s). For any general enquiries contact Carole Allen on 542807 or Kathryn Palmer on 542381.

Monday Evening 8pm at 18 Tilnor Cres, Norman Hill	Martine Carter 890432
Wednesday Afternoon 2.30pm at 12 Shelley Road Dursley	Shirley Welsh 543549
Wednesday Evening 8pm at 18 Knapp Lane, Cam.	Carole and Dennis Allen 542807
Wednesday Eve Meeting in Cedar Drive, Dursley	Peggy Tresise 543161 and Jan&Gray Strutt
Thursday Afternoon 2pm at 11 Shakespeare Road, Dursley.	Helene Dalrymple 549209
Thursday Evening Group formed last year from an Alpha group. Venue varies.	Hannah Jelf 548367

Genesis Live!

During autumn most groups will be looking at the book of Genesis and the great biblical themes it covers. Linked with the house groups there will also be, Thursday evening, church based, minister led discussions:

Thursday 1st Nov – Created in the image of God – Issues of human worth and dignity e.g. abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide

Thursday 15th Nov – Male and female He created them – issues of sexuality, including sexual ethics and politics, and 'Gay Marriage'

Thursday 31st January – To dust you shall return – Loss, grief and coming to terms with our mortality

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 31st October - **All Hallows Churches Together Torchlight Procession:** The procession starts at St James the Great Parish Church and will walk all the way to St Bart's in Lower Cam. We will be carrying torches along the way as an act of witness to Jesus the Light of the World. Similar to the Good Friday Walk of Witness there will be stations along the way for reflection, prayer and song. The idea is to offer a positive witness and alternative to Hallowe'en and something that is accessible for all the family.

Monday 12th November – **The first in a series of five Parenting Course meetings run by Tab Family Café on Mondays in November and December from 7.45-9.30PM** The Parenting Children Course is for any parents, step-parents, prospective parents or carers of children aged 0 – 10 years. Why do the course? Because children do not arrive with an instruction manual and no role we undertake is more important than parenting! Family life is under great pressure today and parents face bewildering choices about how to parent effectively. Discovering we are not alone in the challenges we face and picking up ideas from other parents can make a huge difference. We can all learn how to make even the happiest family better. While The Parenting Children Course is based on Christian principles, it is designed for parents with or without a Christian faith. We will use the Tab Family Café set-up for fun, participative evenings using DVD talks and discussions. The course is free but donations to cover costs will be gratefully received.

Please see either Simon, (phone 542344, minister@dursleytab.org.uk) Carole Allen, Emma Irvine or Heidi Horn if you are interested.

Friday and Saturday 16th and 17th November

THE EARLY CHRISTMAS FARE: On Friday 16 November between 3pm and 5pm the stallholders will be setting up their stalls. Please bring any gifts you have for the stalls during the afternoon if possible or bring them when you come on Friday or Saturday to the Fare. See Gloria Pritchard for more details.

THE FARE ITSELF WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRI 6PM-8PM AND SAT 9.30AM-11.30

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FUND RAISING EVENT FOR OUR CHURCH! PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT IT.

Admission £1 - children free.

The stalls are as follows:-

CAKES

CHRISTMAS CRACKER (anything to do with Christmas),

TOMBOLA (suitable prizes please),

LADIES GIFTS (scarves bags, purses, candles etc),

RAFFLE (suitable prizes please)

BOOKS, TOYS AND PUZZLES (all in good condition please)

COLLECTABLES (only items in a very good condition suitable for gifts)

REFRESHMENTS including hot cordial, tea, coffee, mince-pies and cakes,

Saturday 17th November 9AM – 4PM **FOODBANK – SAINSBURY'S COLLECTION** If you can collect donated items of food from Sainsbury to help the local Food-bank on Saturday 17th Nov then please speak to Simon.

Tuesday 20th November from 8pm - Men's Group (venue to be confirmed!) 'How to be a Bad Christian'. In the course of his work as a vicar, Dave Tomlinson meets lots of people who describe themselves as 'not good enough' to be a Christian, thinking that faith involves going to church a lot, or believing in a list of strange things, or following certain rules. But for Tomlinson, being a Christian isn't about any of that - and actually, following Jesus is a lot easier, and more fun, than most people think...

In this handbook to Christianity for people who describe themselves as spiritual but not necessarily religious, Dave sketches out some key practices for how to be a 'bad' Christian, including how to talk to God without worrying about prayer, how to read the Bible without turning off your brain, and how to think with your soul rather than trying to follow rules.

You can purchase the book (ISBN-13: 978-1444703825) on Amazon for anything from £9-6 and also as an e-book for kindle etc. Or just turn up without having read it and join in a lively discussion.

Tuesday December 4th at 7.30pm - International tax justice: why tax dodging hurts the poor. **'Churches Together in Cam and Dursley'** are hosting a talk by **Christian Aid Senior Public Policy Advisor Helen Collinson at St George's Church, Upper Cam** Developing countries lose \$160 billion every year in tax revenues that are rightly theirs – a sum that is one and a half times the entire global aid budget. Christian Aid tax campaign expert Helen Collinson explains why tax haven secrecy is keeping the poor in poverty and how Christian Aid is campaigning for tax transparency. Persuading multinational companies to pay their dues in the developing world would help poor countries to help themselves.

7th December at 7.30pm - Gloster Gallery Quire Following two successful appearances at the Tabernacle the Gloster Gallery Quire in their quaint costumes and period instruments are returning for another Christmas programme of music and prose. Cost £7.00 including mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets available nearer the time, but make sure the date is in your diary.

Sun 9 December **Next Full Church Meeting**

Thu 13 Dec at 7.30 pm in the Tabernacle. **Cotswold Chorus Christmas Concert** with Guest Artistes will be a Children's Choir and admission will be £6 to include seasonal refreshment with accompanied children under 12 admitted free. Please make a note in your diary.

November Rotas

Please notice some changes to this rota from that previously published, due to illness. Please swap any duty you are unable to do and amend the rota in the reception room. Thank you.

Duty	4 th November	11 th November	18 th November	25 th November	2 nd December
Duty Elder	Lionel Jones	Hilary Green	David Pritchard	Kathryn Palmer	Martine Carter
Vestry Elder	Shirley Welsh	Kathryn Palmer	Hilary Green	Carole or Dennis Allen	Lionel Jones
First Reading	Vivienne Deane	Carole or Dennis Allen	Tarina Cieciora	John Harris	Liz Swanwick
Second Reading	Michael Weedon	John Harris	Emma Irvine	Rod Irvine	Carole or Dennis Allen
Door Duty	Ronnie Harding Joan Kingham	Betty Hearn Iain Hearn	Michael and Mary Weedon	John and Jean Harris	Carol Bye Mike Pritchard
Welcome Team	Dave Pritchard Emma Bryne Helene Dalrymple	Chris Purnell Carole Bye Malcolm Harris	Peggy Tresise Shirley and Matt Welsh	Kathryn and John Palmer Ron Swanwick	Tarina Cieciora Martine Carter Hilary Green
Flower Distribution	Hilary Green	Carol Bye	Ronnie Harding	Helene Dalrymple	Shirley Welsh
AV Desk	Christine Welsh	Dennis/ Rod	Andy Spears	Lionel Jones	Dennis/ Rod

November Communion Preparation: Audrey Stewart

Communion Servers: Kathryn Palmer, Carole or Dennis Allen, Martine Carter, Liz Swanwick