



Wot's On? At Dursley Tab.

in November 2013 www.dursleytab.org.uk

Sat 2 Nov 2.00 – 5.00pm John Bell at the Tab: Two Seminars – Receiving Gifts from Strangers and Re-Imagining God's People

7.00pm Big Sing with John Bell: Singing with the World Church

Sun 3 Nov 10.30am Communion Service with John Bell as preacher

6.00pm Big Sing with John Bell: The Counter Cultural Nature of the Church's Song

Tue 5 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 6 Nov 10am - 1pm Family Café meet in the church, helpers needed.

Thu 7 Nov 7.30pm Faith and Culture: Faith and Film – talk by Simon Helme

Fri 8 Nov 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises, helpers needed.

Sat 9 Nov 7pm - 10.30 'The Big Quiz' with Tony Wilson .Tickets £7.50 including cheeseboard, bring your own bottle Teams of 6.

Sun 10 Nov 10.30am Remembrance Sunday led by Rev Simon Helme, Theme: Life in the Desert: Laws for Life. Readings: Exodus 20.1-21; Matthew 5.21-26

Tue 12 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.

Wed 13 Nov 10am – 1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Thu 14 Nov 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Fri 15 Nov 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Sat 16 Nov 9.30 -11.30am JOAN'S GIANT JUMBLE SALE at Dursley Tabernacle.

Sun 17 Nov 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Life in the Desert: Moses meets God. Readings: Exodus 33.12-23; 2 Corinthians 3.7-18

Tue 19 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

2.30pm Women's Guild meet in the church with speaker Rev Simon Helme.

Tue 19 Nov 7.30pm Men's group Skittles Night.

Wed 20 Nov 10am – 1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Fri 22 Nov 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Sun 24 Nov 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme followed by Church Meeting Theme: Life in the Desert: Giving to God. Readings: Exodus 35. 20-29

Tue 26 Nov 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 27 Nov 10am – 1pm Family Café meet in the church.

Thu 28 Nov 7.30pm Faith and Culture: Faith and Contemporary Music

Fri 29 Nov 6.30pm – 8.30pm the Christmas Fayre. (See inside for full details)

Sat 30 Nov 9.30 -11.30am Christmas Fayre (see full details inside)

Sun 1 Dec 10.30am Advent Sunday Communion Service with reception of new members Theme: Christmas Praise: Zechariah's Praise. Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; Luke 1.67-80

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY:-

6 October Kathryn Palmer

13 October Gladys Marriott & Carol Beattie

20 October Michael Weeden 27 October Shirley Welsh

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Charles and Jean Jukes would like to thank everyone for their kindness during their recent illnesses also Jean thanks all her friends for the cards etc. sent for her 90th birthday. She had a lovely day.

It was a real pleasure to welcome Shelley Barnes, Karen Hall, Christine Pratt and Katherine Tearle into membership in October.

We also congratulate Rebecca Tearle who was awarded top student award for year 7 at Rednock. Well done Rebecca - a great achievement.

We remember those of our friends who are unwell at present - Eunice Davies is still poorly; Ann Shillitoe and Peggy Tresise are suffering with bad legs; Debbie Helme has also been under the weather in the last month. Little Oscar Cullimore is continuing his chemotherapy.

Our condolences go out to Margaret Pengelly following the death of her brother.

Our love and prayers go out to all these folk and their families.

Mary Sherratt has now moved to her new home - her new address is Thistledown, Grey Tree, Ross on Wye, HR9 7HU. We hope Mary and Roland will be very happy there.

Ronnie's sister, Carol Beattie, will be moving into her new flat at the end of November. Her new address will be 11 Vizard Close, Dursley. We hope that the move goes very smoothly and that she settles quickly into her new home.

Share a Prayer and make our church a Powerhouse of prayer.

We pray for those members in our church who need pastoral support. For those living alone or needing transport or would like to have someone to chat with from time to time. May they know they have our promise of love and support.

We pray for our community, for families and young adults, through no fault of their own, needing the Food bank. We pray for older members of the community who need our help with socialising via Monday Munch, Day Centre and the local churches for their care.

We pray for the wider world. We pray for the Syrian population, the families, young people and children who cannot find a way outside of their tragic situation. We feel deeply sad that the organisations and countries of the world are not able to obtain a peaceful and meaningful solution.

The next year's series of the Unity magazine will be out in November. It costs £2.00 for the four deliveries. If you would like to place an order, please see Peggy Tresise. If anyone would like to write an article for the next magazine, the theme is ""God's Timing. Please send to Email: unitydursley@inbox.com by 1st November.

JOHN BELL WEEKEND HELP PLEASE! We will need a lot of help please for the John Bell weekend. The following elders are taking responsibility for a number of tasks. If you are able to help please see the appropriate person so that we can start getting rotas in place. Many thanks

Saturday from 1.30 – 5.00pm. and from 6.30pm for the Big Sing

Sunday evening from 5.30 for the Big Sing

Meet and Greet: Liz Swanwick

Car Parking: Kathryn Palmer

Audio: Dennis Allen

Catering: Hilary Green and Kathryn Palmer

Child Care: Martine Carter

JOHN BELL RETURNS TO DURSLEY TABERNACLE - NOVEMBER 2ND AND 3RD 2013

'FOR ALL THE SAINTS' John Bell, from the Iona Community came and shared with us at Dursley Tab in 2008. Now five years later he will return to share with us over the weekend in which the Church celebrates All Souls and All Saints. The theme will be '*For All The Saints*'. With John's extensive experience and travels around the world he will share some stories of how the Global Church is responding to the issues of the world. He will share how the Saints of God are campaigning for justice, working alongside the poor, making a difference in their localities, sharing good news, reshaping faith, forming community, being disciples of Christ in different contexts.

Saturday 2nd November

The afternoon will feature two seminars and in the evening a Big Sing.

Child care for the Saturday afternoon sessions is available at the cost of £5 per child. Please contact us as soon as possible if you would appreciate this provision as we will require a clear idea of the number of children, their ages and requirements if we are to provide appropriate care.

2pm RECEIVING GIFTS FROM STRANGERS - a reflection on what the affluent Western church has to gain from the experience of Christians across the globe.

3.45pm RE-IMAGINING GOD'S PEOPLE - looking at the biblical pigmies and giants through different lenses.

5-7pm Break

7pm SATURDAY EVENING BIG SING: SINGING WITH THE WORLD CHURCH ...songs from many countries all suited to British voices.

Sunday 3rd November

10.30am SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - John will preach

6pm SUNDAY EVENING BIG SING: THE COUNTER CULTURAL NATURE OF THE CHURCH'S SONGexamples old and new.

There is no charge for these events – but an offertory will be taken to cover costs. It should be a fantastic weekend. Book it in your diary now.

The Garden of Rest

Mary and Michael Weedon would like to thank all for your note and gift. They very much appreciated the kind thoughts expressed. They feel that with advancing years they can no longer continue to do what they would like. They appreciate the bulk of the physical work was done by others and all they did really was to lead teams of gardeners and grass cutters. Their sincere thanks to you --- the real workers! Their thanks to Mike and Gloria Pritchard for taking over from them.

Mike and Gloria have taken over the organisation of the garden and the grass cutting rota from Michael and Mary Weedon. The garden has looked very good this year, thanks to all for their efforts. Terry and Sally have developed their plot into a wild life area with bird feeders and a water feature in which a frog has taken up residence. The diseased Cherry tree has been cut down, thanks to Roland for his help with the chainsaw. The plot Mary maintains is one of the larger ones and she would therefore like some help with it so if anyone is interested in sharing the plot please see Mary, Mike or Gloria. Next year we hope to have a cordless strimmer available so the lawn edges can be kept tidier, a hosepipe is also in situ should any watering be necessary. A meeting of the garden section will be arranged in the New Year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat & Sun 2 & 3 Nov John Bell weekend (see full details page).

Sat 9 Nov 7pm-10.30pm 'The Big Quiz' come and have fun and fellowship – Nobody knows the answers? Bring your friends and relatives. £7.50 with light supper, bring your own wine/beer. Soft drinks available for sale.

Sat 16 November 9.30am - 11.30am

JOAN'S GIANT JUMBLE SALE at the Dursley Tabernacle.

Please look through your cupboards and drawers for anything suitable for at our jumble sale. We have not had one for such a long time and think that this could be good fun, we have some nearly new clothes. Refreshments available. If anyone would like to volunteer to help please be in touch with Ronnie on 547080. Remember this is another fund raising event.

Sun 17 Nov First meeting of group being formed for those who have lost loved ones and will meet once a month for a chat, tea and cake at St James Parish Church. If anyone would like to help please contact The Parish Centre,

Tue 19 Nov 7.30pm Men's Group Skittles Night at Salutation Inn in Ham

Fri 29 Nov 6.30pm and Sat 30 Nov 9.30am the Christmas Fayre.

We need volunteers please to look after a stall for an hour to give the fundraising team a short break. We need lots of cakes and other bakes, marmalade, jams and pickles please if you can make any of these that would be great. Sweets and chocolate too. We need items for the raffle and the tombola stall. Christmas decorations etc. would be good. Toys, games and books for the children's stall, puzzles, games and good quality books for adults, if you can spare any of these or other suitable items to sell we would be very pleased. Please go through your drawers and cupboards for things you no longer require, but most of all we need you to come and volunteer or donate and then buy your gifts for Christmas and enjoy a coffee or cup of tea and a mince-pie etc. all in good company. Just come and bring your friends and family and support your church the Tab on this One Christmas Event. Make it a time to remember.

Faith and Culture During the autumn and winter Simon will offer a series of centrally based meetings looking at the relationship of Faith and Culture.

Faith and Film – 7th Nov. The evening will consider how we can find the spiritual message in contemporary films. How can we use films to engage with issues of meaning, faith and understanding what it means to be human. We will consider films as diverse as Titanic, Spiderman, Saving Private Ryan, Godfather, Big Fish, Chocolate, Kings Speech and more.

Faith and Contemporary Music – 28th Nov. The evening will reflect on transcendent themes in the works of some contemporary musicians from Leonard Cohen to Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan to U2.

Faith and Art – 16th Jan Faith and Literature – 30th Jan

Joan Kingham has been selected by the BBC to appear in a Songs of Praise programme on Christians who have received Queen's Honours. A BBC film crew will come to film her in the Tab during a morning service in the near future (date not confirmed at time of going to press).

Friends at Christmas are again looking for volunteers to help out on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Please contact Indigo on 547032 if you are able to help. As in previous years, we have been asked to provide small gifts for the people who attend the event, either for men, women or children. There is a possibility that some families using the foodbank may attend this year, hence the request for children's presents.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS Our church house fellowship groups are a great way to get to know other people in the church, find new friendships, and also strengthen and encourage your faith and that of others. The meetings are relaxed and informal and accessible to all people at whatever stage of your faith journey you are at.

This year we will be using the Vision 4 Life material the URC brought out a couple of years ago designed to help churches reflect on their faith and become more confident in sharing that faith. The booklet we are using, 'Exploring Evangelism', can be downloaded from the URC website at <http://www.vision4life.org.uk/index.php/evangelism/> If you click on the image of the Exploring Evangelism booklet the material will download.

At the time of going to press the following groups are being offered:

TIME	VENUE	LEADER	CONTACT
Monday evening	TBA	Martine Carter	890432
Tuesday evening	10 May Evans Close, Cam	John Palmer	542381
Tuesday evening	Various (mainly young parents)	Heidi Horn	549741
Wednesday afternoon	12 Shelley Rd, Dursley	Shirley Welsh	543549
Wednesday evening	2 Cedar Drive	Peggy Tresise	543161
Thursday afternoon	11 Shakespeare Rd, Dursley	Ronnie Harding	547080

Please contact the leader of the group that you are interested in joining to find out more.

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.

DURSLEY TABERNACLE URC

ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Are you who we're looking for?

- ✓ Sympathetic to the Christian ethos of the Church
- ✓ Have ability to show initiative, be confident and to develop new ideas creatively
- ✓ Open, friendly personality to welcome visitors and enquirers in the church
- ✓ Excellent communication skills, both written and oral
- ✓ A team player and ability to coordinate effectively and work with a number of church volunteers
- ✓ Possession of a mature degree of "pastoral sensitivity"
- ✓ A "life-long learner", with a desire to develop your own personal development

SALARY: £11.00 PER HOUR (WITH NO ADDITIONAL BENEFITS)

Up to 18 hours per week, averaged over 33 weeks of the year

Flexible hours and holidays

3 year fixed term post

Application form + additional information, contact Rev. Simon Helme

minister@dursleytab.org.uk 01453 542 344 Closing date for applications
14.11.13

YERCOMBE LODGE – which provides long stay, short stay, respite and day care for the disabled, elderly and frail, are looking to recruit new trustees. If you are interested please see Simon or the letter on the church noticeboard.

Rotas for November 2013

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

Date	3 rd November	10 th November	17 th November	24 th November	1 st December
Duty Elder	Kathryn Palmer	Ronnie Harding	Rod Irvine	Shirley Welsh	Jan Strutt
Vestry Elder	Liz Swanwick	Jan Strutt	Hilary Green	Martine Carter	Hilary Green
First Reading	John Harris	Shirley Welsh	Peggy Tresise	Gordon Moir	Hilary Peacocke
2nd Reading	Gill Watts	Gwyn Goulden	Victor Watts	Iain Hearn	Rod Irvine
Door Duty	Betty and Iain Hearn	Eric Murray & Farida Barnes	Carol Bye Ronnie Harding	Gloria & Mike Pritchard	Mary & Michael Weedon
Audio Desk	Christine Welsh	Rod Irvine	Lionel Jones	Christine Welsh	Lionel Jones
Flower Distribution Flower Arranger	Enid Fullard Sally Lavis	Hilary Green Diana Baldwin	Carol Bye Veronica Harding	Ronnie Harding Christina Bye	Helene Dalrymple Kathryn Palmer
Welcome Team	Shirley and Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Martine Carter Hilary Green Iain Hearn	Tarina Cieciora Ron Swanwick Emma Bryne	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Peggy Tresise	Kathryn and John Palmer
Prayer Team	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Tarina Cieciora Emma Byrne	Jackie Pritchard Julie Perrin	Kathryn and John Palmer

Communion Preparation November 3rd: Martine Carter

Communion Servers: Rod Irvine, Jan Strutt, Ronnie Harding, Hilary Green

