



Wot's On at Durley Tab October 2014

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Wed 1 Oct 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church, all are welcome.
Sun 5 Oct 10.30am Communion Service Led by Rev Simon Helme
Theme: Jesus the Healer: Healing Power. Readings: Isaiah 40.21-31; Mark 1.21-28
Sun 5 Oct 6pm Gloucestershire Area URC Celebration – with speaker Revd Roy
Lowe, Moderator of URC West Midlands Synod. e
Tue 7 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church, all are welcome.
Wed 8 Oct 10am-1pm Family Café meet in the church helpers needed.
Thu 9 Oct 7.30pm Elders Meeting at the Manse.
Sat 11 Oct West Midlands Synod meets at Carrs Lane UC Birmingham.
Sun 12 Oct 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Jesus the Healer: Healing
Touch. Readings: 2 Kings 5.1-14; Mark 1.40-45
Tue 14 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.
Tue 14 Oct 2-3pm Knitting Group meet in the church, everyone welcome.
Wed 15 Oct 10-1pm Family Café meet in the church.
Fri 17-18 Oct IGNITE CONFERENCE (Details inside)
Sun 19 Oct 10.30am led by Rev Simon Helme. Theme: Jesus the Healer: Healing
Word. Readings: Mark 3.1-6; 2 Cor 4.5-12
Tue 21 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.
Tue 21 Oct 2pm Women's Guild United Meeting, speaker Rev Simon Helme.
Thu 23 Oct 8pm Credo Conversation: 'I believe in the Bible' (Details inside).
Sun 26 Oct 10.30am Family Worship led by Matt Barton.
Sun 26 Oct 6pm United Service, for One World Week at St Dominic's
Tue 27 Oct 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the church, all are welcome.

Interested in becoming a church member? The Minister will be running a short course at the start of September to explore the identity of the United Reformed Church and what it means to be a member of it. All welcome. Please speak to Simon for further details; minister@dursleytab.org.uk or 07443568242

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY:-

Sep 7 Joyce Longman Sep 14 Reg Gunston and family
Sep 21 Hazel Harris Sep 28 Harvest Festival

FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE COMING WEEKS, PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

Please Pray We have been asked urgently to pray sincerely for the deliverance of the people of Northern Iraq from the terrible advancement of ISIS and its extreme Islamic goals for mass conversion or death for Christians across this region.

News of the church family

Good news to hear that Eve Fellowes is back home at Yercombe Lodge and that Lilla Jones is now a little better, we wish them both a speedy recovery. Unfortunately Dilys Morgan has had a bad fall and is now in Gloucester hospital. Gus Smith also has had a nasty fall .We prayerfully remember Kathryn Palmer as she continues with her treatment and also Gwyneth Goulden who is laid up with a painful foot. We have had sad news of the deaths of Leslie Nunwick who is Martine's brother and Aneurin Thomas the father of Carol Bye. We also remember Eunice Davies on the death of her son Julian. To all of these members and their families, we send are condolences, love and prayers.

On a happier note, we send our best wishes to Alastair Sweeting who is off to Cardiff University. Well done Alastair and we wish you God's Blessings on your future. Congratulations also to the young people of our church that have been successful in their exams recently well done.

Farida and Eric would like to thank Simon and our "Extended Tab Family" of members and friends, for their love, cards, visits and concern after Farida's accident and operation early in May. Only now after 16 weeks is she able to fully weight bear with the help of a stick. We hope to have good news from the fracture clinic on October. 2nd love to all, Farida and Eric.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, messages of sympathy, flowers and support to me and the family on the death of my brother Leslie. A special thank you to Simon. Martine

Jean Jukes sends heartfelt thanks for the many cards, flowers, love and support she received following the death of Chas. Also for all your prayers and to Simon for his care, great help and lovely service.

CAN WE ALL HELP?

Bailey Griffiths the great grand-daughter of Margo Parson's is 8 years old and suffers from Cerebral Palsy, with a left sided weakness and is profoundly deaf. At present her life is confined to mobilizing on her hands and knees which get quite sore. The special wheelchair she needs costs £8,000 would enable her to have a much better quality of life sat up and able to have her meals at the table with the rest of the family, who are trying to raise the necessary funds to buy the wheelchair. Timothy Parsons her grand-father is doing a sky dive on November 2nd and Margo wondered if her friends at the Tab would sponsor him or by a donation, whatever people could afford. The family would be very grateful.

TABERNACLE WOT'S ON PRAYERS - OCTOBER 2014

Holy Lord we thank you that you are the God of all time and space where your love and grace can be known to each one of us . Help us to praise you for who you are.

Holy Lord we thank you that in Christ Jesus we are able to have a relationship with the creator of all things. Help us to praise you for all things.

Holy Lord we praise you that you call us to live in such a way as to give honour and glory to you. Help us to praise you in humility and truth.

Holy Lord we ask you to forgive us when we fail to live according to your desire and design. Help us to come to you in true repentance that we may know the wonder of your forgiveness.

Holy Lord we thank you that you are the light of the world. Help us to live in that light and to pray for the sovereign rule of Christ Jesus to be established here on earth.

Holy Lord we seek you for your Holy Spirit's guidance and encouragement. Help us to love you in such a way that the prayers we offer for the world, for those we know and love and for ourselves accord with your will and purpose.

Amen

PRAYER TEAM

I have found it a great comfort to me for people to pray for me in the church. Each Sunday there are people available to pray after the service. If you feel you could join this team please see Simon or Martine and Hilary. Training will be given.

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 10-3PM A TASTER FOR OLDER PEOPLE – ALL FREE

Free Buffet lunch, teas and coffees, transport provided Art and Crafts, Stands and Stalls, Gentle Exercise, Relaxation at the Chantry Centre, Long Street Dursley. Contact World Jungle 01453 548189 or Jane @ worldjungle.org.uk (supported by Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council)

FOOD BANK

If you can help The Food Bank are asking for the following items:-

Food Sugar, UHT Milk, Cereal, Coffee, UHR Fruit Juice, Tinned Meats.

Toiletries Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Razor/Shaving Foam, Deodorants, Nappies and Sanitary Products.

Small packets are the most useful. Thanks!

HELPER ROLE AT OPEN DOOR Open Door Club is for adults with learning disabilities. We meet every Tuesday evening at the Tabernacle from 7.30-9pm. As well as providing a social club for the members we aim to give their parents and carers a break. We are looking for people to help at club itself or to drive members to and from club. As a helper at club you could be asked to play cards, darts or table tennis with members; organise table top games; join in art and craft sessions; support members at a range of singing and dancing events; help with the tuck shop; or just sit and chat. We also go to shows occasionally and have an annual day out. You would be invited to come along to these events. Helpers are not expected to come to club every week but are welcome and we would appreciate any time that you can spare. We are interested in new ideas for club nights so if you have a particular talent let us know.

As a driver you would go on a rota to take members to and from club probably once or twice a month. The area we cover is Dursley, Cam, Berkeley and Wotton-under-Edge.

If you are interested in being a helper or driver please contact Lesley Cooke on 01666 890261 or email her at lesley.cooke@live.co.uk and she will be happy to tell you more.

Caretaker Position for the Tab We are looking for a new caretaker for the Tab. Initially this will be for 3 hours per week at the rate of £10 pounds per hour. General duties will include oversight of church furniture setting needs, programming of heating, waste management, liaison with the fabric panel regarding minor repairs, oversight of site security with the possibility of on call arrangements, and the overseeing of the ordering and delivery of cleaning materials. We need someone who is reliable and honest with an appreciation of the church ethos and the skills required for these tasks. In the future the job may be extended to include caretaking duties for the new youth centre.

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be please contact Liz Swanwick on 01453 511790 for more information and an application form. Closing date 14th October.

IGNITE is a two day conference at Dursley Tabernacle URC Friday 17th – Saturday 18th October 2014 exploring the person and work of the Holy Spirit from a Reformed Church Perspective.

The conference will be led by Revd Paul Stokes, a URC Minister currently serving at Plymstock United Church, and a national director of the Dunamis Project (visit www.dunamis.org.uk)

On Friday 17th October 7.30 – 9.15pm the evening session will look at *Introducing the Spirit*: looking at experiences of the Holy Spirit at work, our worldviews and how they affect our views; and who not what the Spirit as the third person of the Trinity is.

On Saturday 18th October the first morning sessions 10am to 11.15am will focus on *Understanding the Spirit*: Great Expectations – our need and Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit; Antiquity – the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament; Epiphany – the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. The second morning sessions 11.30am to 12.45pm will be about *Encountering the Spirit*: Pentecost – the Spirit's work in the early church; Encompassing – what the Holy Spirit does in our lives; Clothed and Inhabited – biblical distinctions about the Spirit's activity.

After a lunch break the final afternoon sessions 1.55 – 4pm will explore *Co-operating with the Spirit*: Growing in the Spirit's power; Welcoming the Spirit's gifts.

The Conference is open to all

No Admission Charge, though an offering may be taken for expenses

If you would like ***child care for the Saturday sessions***, please contact the Church Office ASAP for further information: 01453 542344. More details from www.dursleytab.org.uk

CREDO: I BELIEVE... This Autumn and Spring in our adult education we are looking at the topic of Belief. What do we believe as Christians in the Reformed Church? Can we give a reason for the belief we have if someone were to ask us? Many of us have had diverse Christian backgrounds and church experiences: what is the Reformed faith and its special emphasis? There is an opportunity to discuss some of these issues in small house groups. These give an opportunity to meet with others for friendship, laughter, discussion and encouraging each other in our faith. Most of the groups are looking at Christian Belief this autumn: helping us discover what we believe in the Reformed Church. The course is called 'Credo: I believe...' We will be looking at topics such as the Bible, humanity, salvation, the sacraments, heaven and hell. Contact the group leader below for further details or speak to the minister, Simon Helme, (0744 356 8242) minister@dursleytab.org.uk.

Simon Helme, the Minister at the Tab will also offer a series of monthly central meetings, open to all (whether you are part of a housegroup or not, part of the church or not!) to supplement the housegroup themes. He will take a number of Christian beliefs and make his own personal reflections on them and invite discussion and an opportunity to bring issues raised in the housegroups. The Credo Conversations will kick off on Thursday 23rd October at 8pm when the topic is 'I believe in the Bible'.

DURSLEY TABERNACLE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS 2014/15

TUESDAYS 7.45pm for 8pm Leader: John Palmer Tel: 542381;
kayjay@joric.freeserve.co.uk

Venue: 20a Tiltdown, Dursley GL11 5QL starts Sept 30th

7.45 for 8pm Leader: Heidi Horn tel; 07970871471; heidihorn@rocketmail.com
Various venues: starts at 17 Burnt Oak, Dursley, GL11 4HD started on Sept 16th

WEDNESDAYS 2.30pm Leader: Shirley Welsh tel: 543549;
mandswelsh@googlemail.com

Venue: 12 Shelley Rd, Dursley, GL11 4OD started on Sept 17th

7.30pm Leader : Peggy Tresise tel: 543161; ptresise@yahoo.co.uk
Venue: 2 Cedar Drive, Dursley, GL11 4EP started on Sept 24th

THURSDAYS 2.30PM Leader: Liz Swanwick tel: 511790;
liz52crocker@binternet.com

Venue: Arundel Villa, 4 Old Brookend, Berkeley GL13 9SQ starts 2nd Oct

Church Family Weekend Away Sheldon, Devon 26th –28th June 2015

Once again we have booked the Sheldon Centre in Devon for our church family weekend away next summer. Information and booking forms are available from the table in the sanctuary or by emailing caroleallen28@gmail.com and asking Carole to supply you with a form electronically. There are 50 places available on a strictly first-come-first served basis. A deposit of £30 per adult is required to secure a place. The full cost of the weekend is £100 per adult, but we try to honour our intention that children under 18 in full time education go free. Additional voluntary contributions may be requested, depending on the ratio of adults and children who sign up. If you are interested in assisting with the planning and delivery of the weekend in any way, please see Carole.

The Giving Machine: Christmas Is Coming....

As you begin to think about your Christmas shopping, holidays and travel arrangements, don't forget that many purchases you make online can raise free cash for the church if you create an account with The Giving Machine, select Dursley Tabernacle URC as your beneficiary and connect to one of the many popular retailers in their scheme to make your purchase. Setting up an account is easy, and privacy settings ensure you won't get spammed. Once set up, it really only takes a few extra seconds when shopping and costs you nothing. If you don't shop online yourself, many of your friends and relatives will do so – please persuade them to support us. All money collected goes to The Parsonage Project. Many transactions only generate donations of a few pence, but one individual transaction which someone made on eBay this summer generated a massive donation of £52.79 for the church, and it all adds up! For more information or help setting up an account, ask Carole.

Churches Together Christian Aid Community Partnership – Burkina Faso

At the Churches Together Forum last month we agreed as Churches in Cam and Dursley to support a Christian Aid Community Partnership scheme in Burkina Faso for the next few years as the Convenors Charity. We have to raise a minimum of £5,000 and the EU will match that fivefold. Below are brief details about the partnership:

As each year passes, families in Burkina Faso continue to suffer from the devastating effects of drought. Many struggle to grow food and earn an income, and experience hunger on a daily basis. But hope is emerging. In November last year, our partner ODE began work that will help thousands of people lift themselves out of poverty and transform their lives by turning arid land into fruitful harvests. The project you're supporting will help communities in 45 villages in northern Burkina Faso. It will support the poorest and most vulnerable families, who continue to struggle following the devastating drought in 2012. The project's ambitions are rooted in the needs of the community, making them not only achievable but sustainable. By increasing the quality and quantity of harvests families will be able to achieve security for the future. Not only will they be able to produce enough to eat, but they can then sell on the remainder to pay for vital schooling, healthcare and a variety of foods, improving nutrition for her whole family. See the website for more and fuller details:

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/communitypartnership/burkina-faso-new.aspx>

Rotas for October 2014

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

Date	5 th October	12 th October	19 th October	26 th October	2 nd November
Duty Elder	David Pritchard	Rod Irvine	Lionel Jones	Ronnie Harding	Lionel Jones
Vestry Elder	Lionel Jones	Kathryn Palmer	Rod Irvine	Liz Swanwick	Carole Allen
First Reading	Terry Larkham	Emma Irvine	Malcolm Harris	Tarina Cieciora	Will Peacocke
2nd Reading	John Harris	Rod Irvine	Hazel Harris	Lilla Jones	Gill Watts
Door Duty	Carol Bye Ronnie Harding	Mary & Michael Weedon	Gloria & Mike Pritchard	Betty & Iain Hearn	Mary & Michael Weedon
Audio Desk	Andy Spears	Steve Dowle	Carole/Dennis Allen	Christine Welsh	Andy Spears
Flower Distribution	Maggie Sweeting	Hilary Green	Martine Carter	Sylvia Woods	Shirley Welsh
Welcome Team	Tarina Cieciora Julia Dowle David Pritchard	Helene Dalrymple Carol Bye Malcolm Harris	Iain Hearn Martine Carter Hilary Green	Helene Dalrymple Carole Bye Malcolm Harris	David Pritchard Peggy Tresise
Prayer Team	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Peggy Tresise Elaine Jones	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora

Communion Preparation: Rod Irvine

Communion Servers: Liz Swanwick, Carole/Dennis Allen, Lionel Jones, Rod Irvine

Laughing with Tom Elliott – Comedien, Magician, Christian Communicator

Saturday 18th October 7.30pm, The Bacon Theatre, Cheltenham

My name is Tom Elliott and I live in Stroud. I recently took on the role as youth minister at Minchinhampton Baptist Church. (Part time). The other half of my time is spent as an itinerant evangelist who uses a blend of comedy & illusions as a tool for engaging with non believers. The evening is lighthearted, non threatening and yet a great opportunity to share the gospel with those who do not know Jesus.

'Brilliant Humour, Brilliant Tricks, Go and see him' - Adrian Plass

On the 18th October, I am recording a DVD of the show that I have performed across the UK and abroad. I have been blessed to have a top quality film company producing the DVD and to be using the beautiful Bacon Theatre in Cheltenham as our venue. Paul Kerensa (Christian comedian & gag writer of 'Miranda' & 'Not Going Out') will be my support act for the evening. I'd love for you and the churches you are connected with to be a part of this exciting event and future 'faith sharing' resource.

Tom Elliott www.laughingwithtom.co.uk 07716997153

'Refractions of the Baroque cello' at Owlpen on 24th October

American cellist Jennifer Morsches came to Owlpen in July to perform a highly anticipated concert as part of the 70th Cheltenham International Music Festival, playing on a rare five-string piccolo cello with Brazilian harpsichordist Bruno Procopio to celebrate the anniversaries of JP Rameau and CPE Bach. Unfortunately, all the tickets were sold out before they came on public sale and hardly anyone from the neighbourhood was able to attend. Jennifer has therefore very kindly agreed to perform a fascinating solo programme entitled 'Refractions of the Baroque cello' at Owlpen on 24th October, introducing works by pioneering Baroque composers and cellists, including JS Bach, Domenico Gabrielli, Francesco Galli and GP Telemann. Tickets at £13.50 including drinks are available by post from: Prue Vernon, Stokes Cottage, Rockstowes, Uley, Gloucestershire GL11 5AF enclosing cheque with SAE made payable to: "Holy Cross Church, Owlpen" . email: pruevernon@btinternet.com telephone: 01453-860329

Also in person from Uley Village Shop or Owlpen Estate Office.

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