

# October 2012

## Wot's On

### at Dursley TabernacleURC

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**Tue 2 Oct 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.** They would appreciate the help of anyone who is willing to give a little of their time, even an hour. Please speak to any of the team of Ron Heathman, Lionel Jones, Matt Welsh or Mike Pritchard or just call in on a Tuesday morning they would really appreciate your help.

**Tue 2 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.** Please get in touch with us if you need us to pray for a loved one or friend.

**Wed 3 Oct 10-1pm Family Café** in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Sun 7 Oct 10 30am Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme with reception of new church members and prayers for healing**

**Theme: Unclean: Power to Heal. Reading: Psalm 30; Matthew 8.1-4**

**6pm The Tab plays host to a Celebration Service for the Gloucestershire Area of the 40th Anniversary of the United Reformed Church. (see dates for diary for more details).**

**Tue 9 Oct 9am Fabric Panel** meet to work on church premises.

**Tue 9 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group** meet in the church.

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

**Thu 11 Oct 7.30pm Elders Meeting in the Upper Hall**

**Sun 14 Oct 10.30am Family service led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme: Sick! Officer's Orders. Readings: Psalm 96; Matthew 8.5-13**

**Tue 16 Oct 9am onwards Fabric Panel** meet to work on the church premises.

**Tue 16 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group** meet in the church everyone is welcome.

**Tue 16 Oct 2pm A United Women's Guild** meeting with speaker Revd Janet Bromley, subject 'Icons' Everyone is welcome. **We now meet in the church each month.**

**Wed 17 Oct 10-1pm Family Café** in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Sun 21 Oct 10.30am Morning family worship led by Revd John Palmer Theme; The other Lord's Prayer Readings John 17: 1-13; John 17 14-26.**

**Tue 23 Oct 9am onwards Fabric Panel** meet to work on church premises.

**Tue 23 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group** meet in the church.

**Wed 24 Oct 10-1pm Family Café** in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**SAT 27 October 9.30AM-11.30AM THE SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING HOSTED BY Lilla Jones, with SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CARDS, WRAPPING PAPER AND DIARIES. There will also be a SUPER COOKED BREAKFAST cooked by SALLY AND TERRY. Offers of cakes and other items for the stalls would be appreciated and your support on the day would be most welcome.**

**Sun 28 Oct 10.30am Morning Family worship led by Mr Neil Grecian.**

**Tue 30 Oct 9am Fabric Panel** meet to work on church premises.

**Tue 30 Oct 9.30am Prayer Group** meet in the church.

**Wed 31 Oct 10-1pm Family Café** in the church.

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

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

**THE CHURCH SOUND DESK ROTA 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.

**WE THANK THOSE WHO KINDLY GAVE THE FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER :-**

Sept. 2 Hilary Green    Sept. 9 Reg Gunston and Family    Sept.16 Sally Larkham  
Sept. 23 Harvest Flowers and Nella Wintle    Sept. 30 Jean Cockran

**Thanks to all who gave fruit and flowers, and tins and jars for our Harvest Festival**, those who decorated the Church so beautifully and to all those who kindly delivered flowers and fruit to the housebound and sick on the Monday following. The church was a picture and we are very grateful for your generosity. The tins and jars were piled high for the Food Bank who so appreciate all that is given to help those who find themselves in great need at difficult times.

## **News of the church family**

Margaret Powell would like to thank Simon and all friends at the Tabernacle for the many cards and best wishes sent on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. All very much appreciated.

Anne and Michael Easey would like to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes too on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

We have all been concerned for Jan Strutt and Glyn Goulden as they continue their treatment, and hold them in our prayers.

We rejoice with Tarina Cieciura as she hears good news about her health.

Peter Strange is now in the Vale Community Hospital. He has had several falls breaking his collar bone and several ribs. Hilary and Wil Peacock have just returned from holiday in Athens where both have been quite poorly. Hilary spent some time in hospital. We do hope they will soon feel really fit again. Ken Bloodworth is home now but not well. Doris Biddle and Mabel Lucas are still in the Hollies Care Centre. Dilys Morgan and Sally Larkham have both had rather painful skin treatments. Mary Sherratt has also been unwell. Joan Goulding is now in Ilsom House Tetbury following a spell in hospital. Joy Strong tripped and fell sustaining facial injuries while delivering Harvests gifts, We think of all these friends and also continue to remember Margaret Pengelly, Eve Fellows and Peggy Tresise, and hope to have better news of them soon.

It was good to see Pip Whittard and Audrey Stewart back in the Tabernacle.

We have just heard that our dear friends Angela and Alan Simpson are moving to Chelford in Cheshire on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We are glad they have found the home they wanted but very sad to see them go. They will be greatly missed in so many ways. They have done so much for our church. We wish them every blessing in their new home, and hope they will find a church where they can settle happily.

### **Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning.**

A very big thank you to all the supporters of the Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning in August. £858.70 was raised or given and together with gift-aided donations, the grand total was £903.70. Mr Hewis says "many leprosy affected people around the world will have cause to give thanks because of you".

### **Dates for your diaries**

**Sun Oct 7th at 6pm the Tab plays host to a Celebration Service for the Gloucestershire Area of the 40th Anniversary of the United Reformed**



**Church.**

Churches in our area have been invited to gather together to mark the inauguration of the URC 40 years ago. There will be participation from a number of churches, a variety of music, and a sermon from our own minister 'On reaching 40 !'.

If you would like to be part of a scratch choir you are invited to arrive early at 5pm when Maz Allen, minister at Cheltenham group of URCs will put you through your paces.

Coffee and cake will be served at the end. (Donations of cake will be much appreciated!)

**Sat 13th Oct West Midlands Synod meets at Redditch United Church**

**Sat 20 Oct at Gloucester Cathedral**

The Spirituality Network of Gloucestershire invite you to hear Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin (Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen and to the Speaker of the House of Commons.) She will speak on Faith - fit for Purpose; "Public and Private" The time of the event is 10.00am-3.00pm and the cost of the day is £12. Details on Mission Notice Board.

**Sat 27 Oct 9.30am-11.30am The Saturday Coffee Morning hosted by Lilla Jones** with Save the Children Xmas cards etc. and other stalls too. Cooked breakfast by Sally and Terry. **Make a note in your diary and come along and support us.**

**A day with Russ Parker - "Where Eagles Dare: growing Jesus' Healing Ministry" Tuesday 30th October 2012 – at the Carrs Lane URC Centre, Birmingham, 10.30 to 4.30.**

Rev Dr Russ Parker has been Director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation since 1995, which exists to resource & educate the church in the Christian Healing Ministry.

**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.

**Sat 17th Nov at 9.30-11.30am The Early Christmas Fayre**, See Gloria for more details and please let her know if you can help on the day. Make a note in your diaries and come and buy your Christmas presents early.

**Dec 9th Next Church Meeting**

## **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** **Martine Carter 890432**  
**8pm at 18 Tilnor Cres, Norman Hill**

**Wednesday Afternoon** **Shirley Welsh 543549**  
**2.30pm at 12 Shelley Road Dursley**

**Wednesday Evening** **Carole and Dennis Allen 542807**  
**8pm at 18 Knapp Lane, Cam.**

**Wednesday Eve** **Peggy Tresise 543161 and Jan&Gray**  
**Strutt Meeting in Cedar Drive, Dursley**

**Thursday Afternoon** **Helene Dalrymple 549209**  
**2pm at 11 Shakespeare Road, Dursley.**

**Thursday Evening** **Hannah Jelf 548367**  
Group formed last year from an Alpha group. Venue varies.

### **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 monthly, 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**

## **Lighthouse Bookshop:**

The Lighthouse Bookshop originated out of a vision to serve God, the town and the Churches, with the Scriptures, cards, gifts and also refreshments. It became a traidcraft shop, and recently became a foodbank collection point. We also have available useful local information and Church magazines, and we display Church and other posters.

The Lighthouse Bookshop which has charity status, is run by a Trust of 1/2 dozen people. The shop is currently manned by 8 volunteers, some who are regular workers and some are relief workers, and we would very much welcome more volunteer workers to. help maintain the smooth running of the shop.

We are especially also currently looking for a new Manager to work on a voluntary basis, having recently lost the last fairly new Manager because of family illness, job share will be considered. Otherwise, we do not have long now before having to give Philip Walker notice regarding giving up the shop. We would be sad to see the Lighthouse close, it will be like a light going out in the town.

We are looking for 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@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lis.palmer@tiscali.co.uk)

Regards Teresa

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

**Please pray for the following items in the coming month.**

1. Please pray for those continuing to seek a solution to the problem of the floor in our community rooms. May they find inspiration and give our church a long awaited

completion date.

2. We pray for those in our town feeling bereaved for the loss of John Evans such a hard working individual but we are also pleased for the town with the result for the hard working team of the town's Dursley in Bloom group.

3. We pray for those people in our cities and the wider world who receive shock and disbelief that such atrocities could happen in their neighbourhood. We pray for all agencies of care and social justice, who are working to bring better conditions for all.

**October Rotas Please swap any duty you are unable to do and amend the rota in the reception room. Thank you.**

Duty	7 <sup>th</sup> October	14 <sup>th</sup> October	21 <sup>st</sup> October	28 <sup>th</sup> October	4 <sup>th</sup> November
Duty Elder	Shirley Welsh	Kathryn Palmer	Ronnie Harding	Jan Strutt	Lionel Jones
Vestry Elder	Martine Carter	Shirley Welsh	David Pritchard	Lionel Jones	Shirley Welsh
First Reading	Gill Watts	Tarina Cieciora	Carole or Dennis Allen	Gwyn Goulden	Vivienne Deane
Second Reading	Ronnie Harding	Alan Simpson	Angela Simpson	Glyn Goulden	Michael Weedon
Door Duty	Enid Fullard Michael Weedon	Lita Heathman Farida Barnes	Mary Weedon Ronnie Harding	Gloria Pritchard Michael Weedon	Angela Simpson Joan Kingham Dave Pritchard
Welcome Team	Jan and Gray Strutt Peggy Tresise	Shirley and Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Iain Hearn Martine Carter Hilary Green	Kathryn and John Palmer Tarina Cieriora	Joan Kingham Helene or Emma Byrne
Flower Distribution	Hazel Harris	Mary Sherratt	Peggy Tresise	Enid Fullard	Hilary Green

October Communion Preparation: Caroline Stables

Communion Servers: Rod Irvine, David Pritchard, Lionel Jones, Jan Strutt



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