

# September 2012

## Wot's On

### at Dursley TabernacleURC

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**Sun 2 Sep 10.30am Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme. with prayers for healing**  
**Theme: Doers of the Word. Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9; Psalm 15; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23**

Tue 4 Sep 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises, we hope to see you.

Tue 4 Sep 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

**Wed 5 Sep 7.30PM LEADING WORSHIP – PREACHING COURSE** – Next meeting . See Simon for further details.

Wed 5 Sep 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Thu 6 Sep 7.30pm Elders Meeting in the Upper Hall.**

**SAT 8 SEP GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE -PLEASE SUPPORT DENNIS ALLEN**

**Sun 9 Sep 10.30am Family worship led by Revd Simon Helme Theme: Looks aren't everything.**

**Readings: Isaiah 35.4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2.1-17; Mark 7.23-37**

**3pm Church Family Walk to North Nibley**

Tue 11 Sep 9am Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises, come and join us.

Tue 11 Sep 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 12 Sep 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Sun 16 Sep 10.30am BIG WELCOME SUNDAY - led by Revd Simon Helme Theme: Word Play.**

**Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-9; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-38**

Tue 18 Sep 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on the church premises.

Tue 18 Sep 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church everyone is welcome.

**Tue 18 Sep 2pm Women's Guild with speaker Janet Bannister 'Past Swimming Opportunities'. All are welcome.**

Wed 19 Sep 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**Sun 23 Sep 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving led by Revd Simon Helme Theme: Harvest of peace. Readings: Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 54; James 3.13-4.8a; Mark 9.30-37**

**5pm Harvest Tea followed by 6pm Harvest Evening Communion Service-all welcome**

Tue 25 Sep 9am onwards Fabric Panel meet to work on church premises.

Tue 25 Sep 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church.

Wed 26 Sep 10-1pm Family Café in the main sanctuary of the Tabernacle. Helpers needed.

**SAT 29 SEPTEMBER 9.30AM-11.30AM THE SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING HOSTED BY GILL & VIC WATTS, OFFERS OF CAKES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE STALLS WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND YOUR SUPPORT ON THE DAY WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.**

**Sun 30 Sep 10.30am Family worship led by Revd Simon Helme followed by church meeting**

**Theme: A safe place. Readings: Numbers 11.4-6,10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19.7-14; James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50**

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

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

**Sun 5 Aug** Joan Kingham **Sun 12 Aug** Gladys Marriott **Sun 19 Aug** The Veale Family

Thank you to all who have responded to appeals for flowers, and thanks also to those who arrange them and those who deliver them to our housebound, and sick folk.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE – SATURDAY 8TH SEPT** - Support Dennis Allen in raising funds for the charity and our own FURY Group – do the cycle

ride yourself – be part of the rota offering refreshments to those visiting the church.

**THE CHURCH SOUND DESK ROTA IS SHORT OF STAFF** and in need of more volunteers. 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.

### **The Fabric Panel**

For many years the Fabric Panel led by Ron Heathman have saved the Tabernacle around £3000 a year in maintenance costs. Sadly some of the work is becoming beyond our physical abilities. In order give the same service in the future we require more help from able bodied members. If there is anyone interested in joining our 'Happy' little group please contact Ron who would be pleased to here from you and we will be glad to see you too.

### **GARDEN OF REST**

Message from the gardeners after a meeting held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be responsible for a small area in the Garden of Rest or help someone with their plot, we would love you to come and help us. Just a few hours during the year to help keep the garden always looking good for those who use it.

We shall look forward to talking with you. Christina Bye, John and Jean Harris, Edna Mellerup, Frances Neale, Gloria and Mike Pritchard and Mary Weeden.

### **BIG WELCOME SUNDAY – 16TH SEPTEMBER**

The Big Welcome, “there's a space for you” is a simple church facing campaign to encourage Christians to invite someone they know to something they love. This free church initiative, a partnership between Elim, The Methodist Church and the Baptist Union is about making people feel really welcome in any church activity. Many URC's are also using the campaign. We will be giving out invites and hope that you will pass them on to people you know and encourage them to receive a welcome at any of our church events, not just Sunday worship.

### **News of the church family**

Gwynneth and Glyn Goulden would like to say how much they appreciated the beautiful flowers given to them from the church and to thank you all for the good wishes and prayers.

We have all been deeply concerned about Jan Strutt in the past month. She is now

to have treatment which we pray will be a great help to her and pray for God's healing power. We thank God for her great faith in that power.

We think too of Glyn Goulden who is awaiting further treatment and for Gwynneth in her concern for him.

We have heard that Peter Strange is at present in hospital in Leicester, where he was taken ill when visiting his son. We hope to hear better news of him from his son in the near future.

Ken Bloodworth is now home from hospital, but is still in need of our prayers.

We hear that Doris Biddle is probably moving to Stinchcombe Manor. We do hope she will feel more settled there.

Charles and Jean Jukes felt well enough to be with us at church and it was good to see them both.

How good to see Eve Fellows in the Tabernacle once more, also Audrey Stewart back in her place, although we know she still awaits her postponed hip operation. Pip Whittard, too, is out and about again, and helping as usual with our Coffee Mornings. Ron Heathman says he is feeling better too.

We welcome little Mollie the new daughter of Liz and Danny Hecht it was lovely to see them in church.

Congratulations to Malcolm Harris who will reach his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We don't believe it, Malcolm! Have a great day.

Keith and Maureen Mitchell, who left Dursley last year to support Keith's mother in Bournemouth when she became ill, rang recently to thank us for our prayer support since her death earlier this year. They will be moving to Freshwater East, near Pembroke in Wales, in September where Keith has a new job with the local bus company. Maureen will be looking for work and we offer them our love and prayers as they make another new start and find a church near their new home.

We were saddened to hear that our dear friend Marilynne Williams died on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Marilynne was a Dursley girl, brought up in our Sunday School and later taught in our Junior department. She and her husband Arthur were married in the Tabernacle. Arthur was living in Dursley too, and with encouragement from our minister of the time the Rev. Frank Nunn, he felt called



to the ministry and they moved to Bristol where Arthur trained as a Baptist minister. Marilynne trained as a teacher. Through the years Arthur has conducted worship in the Tabernacle on many occasions and also spoke at our Woman's guild meetings. Marilynne always accompanied him and they were very much loved and respected. They also joined us on our last visit to Lindisfarne. Our thoughts and prayers turn to Arthur in his sad loss of a wonderful wife and supporter of his ministry. She will be greatly missed by many and we assure Arthur of our loving sympathy.

**CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS** will recommence in mid September. They meet every fortnight for fellowship and discussion, laughter and prayer. They are a great way of getting to know other members of the church. They run until the end of May, with a break for Lent. If you would like to be involved, please contact the leader (s) to

sign up for a group and be part of the discussions about days, times and venues for meeting. For any general enquiries about the groups and their activities contact Carole Allen on 542807 or Kathryn Palmer on 542381.

**Carole and Dennis Allen 542807**

Evening group to run at 18 Knapp Lane, Cam.

**Zoe Avastu 07880 767537**

Evening group formed last year from an Alpha group. Venue varies.

**Helene Dalrymple 549209 and Ronnie Harding 547080**

Daytime group. Venue varies.

**Peggy Tresise 543161 and Jan and Gray Strutt**

Evening group meeting in Cedar Drive, Dursley.

**Shirley Welsh 543549**

Daytime group usually meeting at 12 Shelley Road (Home of Angela Jones) on Wednesday afternoons.

**The main course of study in the autumn period will be looking at the book of Genesis and the great biblical themes it covers. Linked with the house groups will be monthly minister led discussions on a number of key contemporary issues. The first will be on Thursday Sept 27th - Science and faith - discussion about Genesis accounts of creation and the debate about science and religion. 7.30pm in the church.**

**Dates for your diaries**

**Sat 8 Sep 9am to 12pm FOODBANK COLLECTION AT SAINSBURY'S** – . If you can help by asking for and collecting in donated food items from Sainsbury shoppers on Saturday 8th Sept then please see Simon Helme\_\_\_\_\_

**Sat 8 Sep The Gloucestershire Historic Trust annual "Ride and Stride" event.**

**SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER AT 3PM- CHURCH FAMILY WALK TO NORTH NIBLEY** – A stroll along the Cotswold Way to North Nibley, starting at the Tab , walking over Stinchcombe Hill and having a picnic tea at North Nibley Congregational Church, and a short act of worship roughly at about 5pm. Then either walking back or catch a lift in a car! All welcome. See Simon for more details. Event subject to the weather of course!

**THU 20 SEP 7PM QUARRY CHAPEL THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CAM AND DURSLEY AND DISTRICT – AGM**

**SHARPNESS HARVEST SUPPER - SATURDAY 22ND SEPT, 7.30PM SHARPNESS VILLAGE HALL.**

An open invitation to friends in the pastorate to join in a Harvest Supper followed by entertainments (hopefully a beautiful slide show accompanied by inspiring music).

Retiring collection.

**Sun 23 Sep BIG WELCOME** - invite your friends and neighbours to church - invites will be out soon (Harvest)

**Fri 28 Sep from 7-10pm**

**Quiz Night. The local Save the Children Fund committee are organising a Quiz Night at Dursley Tabernacle**

.Teams of 6 people maximum, tickets £7.50 each includes Ploughman's Supper, available from Lilla Jones 543396, or from Armstrong & North, opticians, Parsonage st. 545816.

**Sat 29 Sep 9.30am - 11.30 am Saturday Coffee Morning hosted by Gill**

**and Vic Watts**, all are welcome. Gifts of cakes and any items to sell would be very much appreciated.

Make a note in your diary so you won't miss it, we need your support.

**Sun 30 Sep Church Meeting after the service.**

**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 the young people of our church who will be starting school or moving on to a new school; for those starting their university course or beginning their career. May they know the Tabernacle will always be a welcoming place.
2. We pray for the town and for all the organisations which seek to make it a happier place, Dursley in Bloom, Day Centre, Training Unit, Food Bank, the Open Door Club, the various lunch clubs and all who work with young people.
3. We pray for those people in lands where freedom of speech is threatened, where religion is persecuted, where little children starve and are denied access to clean water. We pray to all agencies of care who are working to bring better conditions for all.

### **Church Notices during September**

If you have any additional church notices that are not in Wot's On in September contact Liz for 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rod for 9<sup>th</sup> and Carole for 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If possible try to give notices to them in advance and avoid giving notices to them just before the service. Thank you.

### **September Rotas**

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

Duty	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	9 <sup>th</sup> September	16 <sup>th</sup> September	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	30 <sup>th</sup> September
Duty Elder	Hilary Green	Rod Irvine	Jan Strutt	Ronnie Harding	Carol or Dennis Allen
Vestry Elder	Kathryn Palmer	Shirley Welsh	David Pritchard	Kathryn Palmer	Lionel Jones
First Reading	Victor Watts	John Harris	Lionel Jones	Gwyn Goulden	Joan Kingham
Second Reading	Hazel Harris	Iain Hearn	Jayne Parsons	Terry Larkham	Gill Watts
Door Duty	Enid Fullard John Harris	Eric Murray Mike Pritchard	Carole Bye Ron Heathman	Lita Heathman Alan Simpson	Eric Murray Ronnie Harding
Welcome Team	Shirley and Matt Welsh Ronnie Harding	Kathryn and John Palmer Ron Swanwick Tarina Ciercura	Iain Hearn Martine Carter Hilary Green	Chris Purnell Malcolm Harris Carol Bye	Dave Pritchard Joan Kingham Helene Dalrymple Emma Byrne
Flower Distribution	Hilary Green	Carol Bye	Ronnie Harding	Helene Dalrymple	Shirley Welsh

**September Communion Preparation:** Angela Simpson

**Communion Servers:** Carol or Dennis Allen, Ronnie Harding, Martine Carter, Lionel Jones

**Tue 30 Oct – at the Carrs Lane URC Centre, Birmingham, 10.30 to 4.30.**

**A day with Russ Parker - "Where Eagles Dare: growing Jesus' Healing Ministry"**

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

in the Christian Healing Ministry. Russ is the author of a number of books which include: "Healing Dreams", "Healing Death's Wounds"; "Free to Fail", "Forgiveness is Healing", and "The Wild Spirit" and "Dream Stories" "Healing Wounded History," "Healing Wounded History

Russ travels extensively around the UK and abroad, lecturing and teaching in issues connected with the Christian Healing and Healthcare, Reconciliation and Church Transformation.

Russ was a Baptist Pastor from 1972 –77, ordained in the Church of England in 1981. He is also a co-founder of the Community of Aidan and Hilda whose mother house is situated on the holy island of Lindisfarne.

He is a founder member of the Fellowship of Christ the Healer (UK and USA) which exists to resource leaders of residential healing and healthcare initiatives.

He is co-founder of Wholecare an initiative to support and resource Christian healthcare professionals within the NHS. He has a post graduate degree in Phenomenology and Theology from Nottingham University in which his thesis was entitled Dreams as a Religious Phenomenon. Russ was awarded a Doctor of Divinity from Columbia Evangelical Seminary in the United States in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Christian ministry and for his many writings and his teaching abilities. In particular it was given for the standard of scholarship in his latest book "Healing Wounded History" which is about reconciling peoples and healing places.



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