



## **Wot's On August 2015**

### **At Dursley Tabernacle URC**

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**Sun 2 Aug 10.30am All age Communion Service including items from the Holiday Club led by Liz Swanwick.**

**Tue 4 Aug 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.**

**Sun 9 Aug 10.30am Family Worship led by Will Mansell from Stroud Food Bank.**

**Tue 11 Aug 10.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.**

**Tue 11 Aug 2pm Knitting Group meet in the church. Anyone wanting to learn to knit would be welcome. Donations of double knit wool and sizes 10 and 8 needles would be appreciated.**

**Sun 16 Aug 10.30am Family Worship led by Steve Dowle and Terry Larkham.**

**Tue 18 Aug 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.**

**Sat 22 Aug 9.30am Coffee Morning hosted by the Knitting Group in the Community Rooms all are welcome. Cakes and other items to sell would be much appreciated. Coffee, teas and conversation among friends.**

**Sun 23 Aug 10.30am Family Worship led by Julie Jefferies.**

**Tue 25 Aug 9.30am Prayer Group meet in the church all are welcome.**

**Sun 30 Aug 10.30am Family Worship led by Liz Swanwick.**

**Flowers for July were kindly given by:-**

**06 Gill Watts**

**12 Ann Noden**

**19 Carole Beattie**

**26 The Norris Family**

**Donations for the church flowers are always needed please contact Ronnie Harding if you wish to give a donation.**

**Jean Jukes and family would like to thank Simon for the internment of Charles's ashes, which he did so sympathetically, also to all the kind friends from church that supported them in The Garden of Rest and to Gill for arranging the lovely flowers. Your love and support meant so much to us.**

### **Rev Glyn Jenkins**

It was with great joy and pleasure to welcome Glyn and Sheila back to the Tabernacle on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Glyn is a much loved former minister of the Tabernacle and is now retired living in Ross on Wye.

Glyn led a very uplifting service including communion and he gave a very thought provoking sermon.

We must also thank Heidi Horn who deputised on the organ and played it so beautifully.

This service brought very marvellous memories back to those members who could remember Glyn's ministry in Dursley.

## **Prayers for August**

Holy God,

We are lost without You, barren and without a cause.

The world offers empty trinkets of temporary pleasure;

Temporary pleasures are no substitute for your presence.

Fill us with a passion for your Spirit.

Create an insatiable hunger and thirst that makes us aware of our desperate need to

Live in communion with You.

Draw us to Your Holy Presence and never let us cease to labour for this cause.

We ask for the grace to do Your will and believe that Your grace is sufficient in all circumstance.

Imprint on our hearts the light of Your Word so that we are sustained during times of

Tribulation and are able to witness to a world in darkness that we carry a God of

Compassion, promise and faithfulness.

Lord, guide us in prayer. Lead us in a prayer of heaven and not of selfish gain.

Your will and not ours.

We raise this prayer in and through the mighty name of Jesus.

## **Dates for your Diary:-**

### **September 19<sup>th</sup> Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning in Dursley Tabernacle hosted by Peggy**

Mr Trevor Young will show a DVD and hopes to have a selection of Christmas cards on display from which folk will be able to make out an order. However, Christmas cards will not be available for sale on the day. The usual stalls will be available.

**Fri Sept 25 Coffee Morning hosted by Martine in memory of dear Jan Strutt.** It is part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of McMillan Cancer Support.

## **Arrangements during Simon's sabbatical**

Every 10 years the URC gives its ministers a 3 month sabbatical. After 20 years of ministry Simon will start his sabbatical in July and will be away from us until the end of September. This is a time for study and reflection. Please respect this and do not contact Simon during this time. The church elders have tried to ensure that every eventuality is covered and are here to help at any time of the day or night.

Over the three months worship will be led by a variety of visiting preachers and church leaders. We will continue to have the wonderful services of the music group, holidays permitting, and of course Simon Fullard, our organist when he is available. Our worship for the most part will continue to follow the Scripture Union themes.

Messages left on the Church telephone will be picked up regularly by Liz Swanwick, and responded to 01453 542344.

If you have a particular concern please contact Martine Carter 01543 890432/07891286356 or Hilary Green 01453 547191.

If there is a building issue please contact Martin Pearcy on 07850921684 or Carole Allen 01453 542807.

And for any finance matters please contact Dennis Allen 01453 542807 or Terry Larkham 01453 542175.

For any other matter in the first instance please contact Liz Swanwick on 01453 511790 or 07895480653.

Please pray for our church leaders during this time. Thank you.

## Tab Fellowship Groups 2015/16

**Fellowship Groups:** consist of six to ten people who meet together to study the Bible, share their news and grow in faith together. Four groups are currently run as below. If you would like to join a fellowship group, please talk with one of the leaders or contact Will on [wmbarratt60@hotmail.com](mailto:wmbarratt60@hotmail.com) or 07799.621793.

Leader	Venue	Meeting Time	Group Summary
Heidi Horn & Theresa Barrett	Theresa & Will Barrett's house (17 Burnt Oak, Dursley) with some rotation with others.	7.15pm for a 7:30pm start. Every second Wednesday commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> September.	We have been meeting for almost 2 years now. We catch up with each other over a social drink then work through a series of questions and discussion points, typically based on the previous Sunday's sermon.
John Palmer	To be announced.	7.45pm for 8.00pm. Alternate Tuesdays commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> September.	Currently about 8 -10 adults: a balance of planned Bible studies looking at specific themes or passages together with open discussion and prayer.
Peggy Tresise	2 Cedar Drive, Dursley,	Wednesdays, once a fortnight starting at 7.30pm.	We are a group about 10 in all. We are making a study of St. John's Gospel and will continue with this in the Autumn. We shall be starting with chapter 8. We are a friendly lot and there is a lot of discussion, so we hope folk feel free to join in. We end with tea, coffee and cake.
Liz Swanwick	Arundel Villa, 4 Old Brookend, Berkeley, GL13 9SQ Home of Liz Swanwick – mobile 07895 480653.	10.30 – 12.00 Thursday mornings fortnightly starting 10th of September.	Up to now three of us have met sporadically due to rather busy lives, but I would like to offer a more regular coffee and cake morning session to focus on Simon's sermons and have a general discussion and lots of chat. Informality will be the order of the day rounded with prayer and led by Liz. All welcome, especially newcomers living in Berkeley and Sharpness, and any one from Cam and Dursley who would like to come over this way.

**Prayer Triplets:** A prayer triplet consists of 3 to 5 people who meet together on a regular basis to pray together. They provide an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, spend time with God and offer a chance to share the issues that concern them with close fellow Christians.

Meetings are held at the home of one of the members at a convenient time to the members and are very informal. In the meeting each member may talk about their week, the problems and issues and that which they would like to give thanks for or pray for. Following this, members pray for each other. If you are interested in forming a prayer triplet please contact Martine for more information on 890432 or email [juliamartinecarter@gmail.com](mailto:juliamartinecarter@gmail.com).

### **Training for Learning and Serving (TLS)**

There is a possibility that we will run a TLS Foundation Course group from our church this year. TLS is run by the United Reformed Church and is an excellent contextual theology course aimed at people in church leadership roles. If you are interested, contact Carole Allen ([caroleallen28@gmail.com](mailto:caroleallen28@gmail.com)).

### **Alpha Course**

It is hoped that we run an Alpha Course in the Autumn.

## **TWEMLOW TRUST**

38 May Lane, Dursley, Glos GL11 4HU, 01453 547838

In 1718, the Reverend Joseph Twemlow, then Minister of Cam Meeting, opened a school in Dursley for the children of 'Protestant Dissenters'. When this school closed in 1887, a Trust in the name of Joseph Twemlow continued to support the education of Non-conformist young people in the area. Since 1947, this has been through donating small grants to students in higher education.

Applications are now invited from students in, or about to enter, higher education, for grants for the 2015/16 academic year. Applicants must be from Nonconformist families and resident in the parishes of Dursley, Cam or Uley.

Applications should be made in writing, before August 31<sup>st</sup>, to

The Secretary, The Twemlow Trust, 38 May Lane, Dursley, Glos GL11 4HU. They must give details of the course of study being undertaken and confirm the eligibility of the claim under the terms of the Trust.

## **Fund Raising Event for the Peace and Hope Trust**

**This is a 200mile sponsored cycle ride by Ron Swanwick starting on August 17<sup>th</sup> . Ron proposes to cycle from his home down to the Gower Coast and back again. He will ride from home to Abergavenny via Monmouth on the first day, then onto the Gower the second day. He will take a day's rest and recuperation and then set off for Cardiff on the fourth day with a return home on the fifth day via the Severn Bridge.**

**All the money raised will be for the Peace and Hope Trust who work among the poor in Nicaragua. A good number of young people from the Tabernacle have spent time working with the Trust in Nicaragua in the past.**

**Ron intends to go next year to do three weeks working on a project with the Trust and wants to be able to give some money to them.**

**He intends to pay all his own expenses to get there so any money given will go to the Trust. £10 or £20 goes a long way in Nicaragua.**

**You can donate by sending him a cheque to his home address.**

**Ron Swanwick, Arundel Villa, 4 old Brookend, Berkeley GL13 9SQ**

**Tel 07855966564 [www.ronaldswanwick.co.uk](http://www.ronaldswanwick.co.uk)**

**or by BACS to sort 070116 Ac 14680163 and mark your payment 'Peace' or into his PayPal account using his email address and mark it 'peace' or you can give him a donation when you see him at church.**

## **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 5-12th November 2016.**

Led by Simon Helme, open to the Tab and friends, organised by Worldwide Christian Travel (You can see more at their website: <https://www.christian-travel.com/>). Brochures are available at church: please contact Carole Allen [caroleallen28@gmail.com](mailto:caroleallen28@gmail.com) or tel: 542807 Several people have been asking about the final deadline for signing up to the Holy Land trip. In fact, there is no deadline. The trip will go ahead whether we fill it with our own members and friends or not. If we don't offer enough members, the tour company will simply post it on their website from January to attract wider interest and we will share our tour with some lovely strangers! The trip requires direct booking with our tour company who update us once a month with a list of bookings. Some people are unsure about committing without knowing who else is going, and who they might be able to share rooms with. If you have booked, or are thinking of booking, please advise Carole Allen (preferably by email so there is a record of the communication and it doesn't fall out of her cluttered head!) so that she can liaise between interested parties. This is especially important if you want to avoid the single supplement and find a room partner.

## Rotas for August 2015

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

Date	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	9 <sup>th</sup> August	16 <sup>th</sup> August	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	30 <sup>th</sup> August
Duty Elder	Kathryn Palmer	David Pritchard	Will Barrett	Martin Percy	Hilary Green
Vestry Elder	David Pritchard	Hilary Green	Ronnie Harding	Kathryn Palmer	Graham Strutt
First Reading	Graham Dixon	Emma Irvine	Lionel Jones	Gill Watts	Matt Welsh
2nd Reading	Peggy Tresise	Caroline Stables	Ronnie Harding	Victor Watts	Shirley Welsh
Audio Desk	Andy Spears	Lionel Jones	Rod Irvine	Christine Welsh	Carole/Dennis Allen
Flower Arrangers	Sally Laves	Gloria Pritchard	Peggy Tresise	Gill Watts	Diana Baldwin
Flower Distribution	Shirley Welsh	Carol Bye	Joyce Longman	Ronnie Harding	Enid Foulard
Welcome Team	Iain Hearn Martine Carter Hilary Green	Tarina Cieciora Julia Dowel Anne Moirés	Carole Bye Malcolm Harris	David Pritchard Chris Purnell Michelle Barnes	John Palmer Kathryn Palmer Peggy Tresise
Prayer Team	Jackie Pritchard Tarina Cieciora	Martine Carter Hilary Green	Graham Strutt Julie Perini	Elaine Jones Peggy Tresses	John Palmer Kathryn Palmer
Coffee Rote	Hilary & Will Peacocked	Jean and John Harris	Shirley & Matt Welsh	Sylvia Woods Carole Smith	Edna Miller Pat Hembury

Communion Preparation: Caroline Stables

Communion Servers: Martine Carter, Ronnie Harding, Kathryn Palmer, Terry Lark ham