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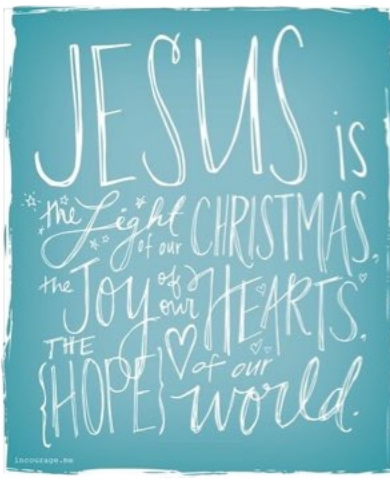
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Prayer for December

Jesus: As an angel prepared Mary to be your Mother, prepare our hearts and minds to receive you that, at this glad and solemn season each heart may be a manger and each home a Bethlehem. Amen.



Experience Christmas

An interactive way of exploring the Christmas story for children & adults.

Like the Easter experience, six stations will be created in the church for children and adults to visit as an interactive and stimulating way of exploring the Christmas message.

In a time of busyness and frantic preparations, a chance for some quiet reflection on the meaning of the season.

The Church will be open 2-9pm on Wednesday and Thursday 21-22 December. *No charge*

ANY INFORMATION FOR TAB NEWS SHOULD BE GIVEN OR EMAILED TO EMMA IRVINE BY THE 3RD SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH



Tab Family Cafe is open on Wednesdays 10am-1pm (term time)

Men's Group Curry Night

7th December 7.30pm at 7a Windsor Rd, Dursley.

Four of our chaps are cooking home-made curry and an invitation is for other men to come and eat it.

Bring a bottle. All men welcome
Contact Simon Helme for more details.
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Women's Guild

Women's Guild will be having their Christmas Tea and Entertainment on Tuesday 13th December at 2.00pm. All welcome

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun 4th	<i>Holy Land Report</i>	4.30pm
Tue 6th	<i>Prayer Group</i>	9.30am Chapel
Wed 7th	<i>Mens Group Curry</i>	7.30pm
Wed 7th	<i>Colour Me Calm</i>	1.30pm Comm
Thu 8th	<i>Elders Meeting</i>	7.30am Vibe
Fri 9th	<i>House of Prayer</i>	7.30pm Chapel
Sun 11th	<i>Cheltenham Silver Band</i>	7.00pm
Tue 13th	<i>Women's Guild</i>	2.00pm Sanctuary
Tue 13th	<i>Prayer Group</i>	9.30am Chapel
Wed 14th	<i>Colour Me Calm</i>	1.30pm Comm
Fri 16th	<i>House of Prayer</i>	7.30pm Chapel
Fri 16th	<i>Fury Party</i>	7.30pm Manse
Sat 17th	<i>Coffee Morning</i>	10-11.30am
Tue 20th	<i>Prayer Group</i>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 20th	<i>Open Door Service</i>	7.30pm Sanctuary
21-22nd	<i>Experience Christmas</i>	2-9pm Sanctuary
Wed 22nd	<i>Colour Me Calm</i>	1.30pm Comm
Sat 31st	<i>New Years Eve Party</i>	8.30pm

Holy Land Pilgrimage Report

Sunday 4th December 4.30pm in the church.

A chance to see the pictures and hear the story of the Tab's Holy Land Pilgrimage. All welcome.

Not to be missed!!

Cheltenham Silver Band Concert
Sunday 11th December 7pm

Back at the Tab, by popular demand, the Silver Band give a fantastic concert which is appreciated by all ages. A great start to the Christmas season. Tickets £8 for adults, £4 for children. Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

More details from Karen Hall tel: 899 199

Tab New Year's Eve Party

a party for all ages to welcome in the New Year at the Tab 8.30pm to after midnight. This year Europe has been the big question so our New Year's Eve Party will celebrate the various New Year's Eve customs of our European neighbours. From smashing pomegranates, to jumping off chairs, from whacking with sticks to eating grapes - we are going to have fun alongside the usual mix of dancing and games. Bring your own drink (alcohol is allowed) and some food to share (either/or a savoury or sweet dish).

No charge - but if you are hoping to come let Simon or Debbie Helme know for numbers
smhelme@gmail.com 07443568242

RAFFLE DONATIONS

for the Silver Band Concert please

a great way to raise a little extra money!

Chat to Karen Hall

PLEASE DON'T FORGET!!

The Giving Machine!!

Free money!

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

Tab gets £££ for free each time you shop on the internet...got to be worth a try!

CHRISTMAS

Friends At Christmas are looking for a new co-ordinator for 2017 and a cook for this year!

DECEMBER WORSHIP

Sun 4th December 10.30am

Second Sunday in Advent
Communion Service

led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Waiting - The Prophets: Waiting for the Day of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 9.1-7, Zephaniah 3.14-20

Sun 11th December 10.30am

Third Sunday in Advent

Service led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Waiting - John the Baptist: Waiting between the times

Readings: Luke 1.13-17, 7.18-28

Sun 18th December 10.30am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Featuring the Junior Church :)

Service led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Waiting - Mary: A lifetime of waiting

Readings: Luke 1.26-38

Sun 18th December 10.30am

Carols by candlelight: a service of sessions and carols followed by seasonal refreshments

Sat 24th December 5pm

Christmas Eve service around the tree - a special all age service

Sat 24th December 11.30pm

Christmas Eve candlelight service at the Quarry Chapel

Sun 25th December 10.00am

Christmas Day Worship - United Service at Dursley Methodist Church

Sun 1st January 10.30am

New Year's Day All Age Communion Service



FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY Jim & Val Smith, Betty Paige & Victoria Dixon, Joyce Longman, Joan Whiting & Jean Harris Family
Thank you

Would you like to dedicate flowers in Tab in memory of a loved one or a special celebration?

You wouldn't have to arrange them! We would really appreciate some help towards the cost of flowers at the Tab.

Please see Ronnie for more information.



Christmas Appeal

This year the money raised at special Christmas services and through the money donated in lieu of postage for posting internally of Christmas cards, will go towards Christian Aid's Christmas appeal for their work with those fleeing violence.

Celebrating Jesus, the light who came into the world, at Christmas we fill our homes with light and laughter, family and friends.

But for more than 65 million people who are fleeing from conflict and crises, a joyful home is a distant memory. Forced out by the darkness of violence and fear, they're searching for safety and refuge.

This Christmas 2016, another human being needs a beacon of hope.

You can be the one to shine the light towards a brighter future.

You can light the way.

See more at <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal>

A Thank You

Jean Jukes would like to say how much she appreciated the flowers and fruit from the Harvest Festival Service - and especially for the thought and effort put into it by willing helpers.

Thank you

Youth Work

Christmas Party

Friday 16th December
7.30-9.30pm

at The Manse, 7a Windsor Rd.

Food & Games

and a chance to say thank you to Emma for seven years as our youth worker.

TAB HOLIDAYS

We are offering two church holidays in 2017 and full details with booking forms will soon be available for both. Please complete a booking form and return it to Carole Allen as soon as possible to secure your place.

Nicholaston House

Back by popular request, we are offering a quiet retreat led by Simon Helme at Nicholaston House on the Gower from the evening of **Tuesday 2nd May** until after breakfast on **Friday 5th May 2017**. This retreat will be suitable for adults and the cost will be approximately **£204** per person, full board.

www.nicholastonhouse.org

Hill House

After five wonderful years at Sheldon, we are moving our church family weekend to the larger site of Hill House in Somerset which has a wider range of activities.

Accommodation will be in shared family rooms and a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities and discussion sessions will be available.

The weekend will take place from **22nd to 24th Sept 2017**. Costs will be in the region of **£130** per adult. Under 18s go free.
<https://hillhouse.org.uk>

Church Membership

If you're interested in becoming a church member, please talk to our minister, Rev Simon Helme

ROTAS	4th Dec	11th Dec	18th Dec	25th Dec
DUTY ELDER	G Strutt	R Irvine	M Carter	
VESTRY ELDER	H Green	R Harding	K Palmer	
1ST READING	E Irvine	L Jones	G Watts	
2ND READING	C Stables	R Harding	V Watts	
AUDIO DESK	C Welsh	D Allen	A spears	
FLOWER ARRANGER	Chr. Bye	G Pritchard	G Pritchard	
FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR	M Sweeting	Not needed	Not needed	
WELCOME TEAM	S Welsh M Welsh	I Hearn M Carter	A Moirez T Cieciura	
PRAYER TEAM	M Carter H Green	G Strutt J Perrin	P Tresise E Jones	
COFFEE ROTA	R Swanwick G Jenkins	A Lamming B Lamming	G Pritchard M Pritchard	
COMMUNION PREP	S Larkham			
COMMUNION SERVERS	H Green, W Barrett, C Allen, R Harding			

FURY + TAB TRIBE	4th Dec	11th Dec	18th Dec	25th Dec
TAB TRIBE LEADER	J Pritchard	Blackburns	B Spears	
HELPER 1	A Lamming	A Moirez	E Mellerup	
HELPER 2	C Bye	L Hecht	K Tearle	
Fury Leader		R Irvine	Z Avastu	
Fury Helper			H Horn	