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Prayer for January

Jesus: Heavenly Father, in this New Year...

Show us new ways of being the light of Christ - and doing the will of Christ in our lives and in your Church. Amen



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

Communication

Help us to spread the Word! Communication is central to our faith (the word comes from the Latin 'to share' and has the same origin as the word 'communion') - and we need your help to make the Tab more effective in sharing what we do with new audiences.

We have a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DursleyTab/) and a Twitter account (@DursleyTab - <https://twitter.com/DursleyTab>) which are updated regularly.

Could you visit these sites and like/follow them - and if you already do, perhaps consider responding to the posts? As well as finding out more about what's going on at the Tab the more you 'like' 'share' 'retweet' or even better 'invite friends to like the page', the more people will have contact with our church family and the work we are doing.

Everyone wins! It's free and effective - and it's easy once you get going, we promise.

And if anyone is at a Tab event/meeting and has a photo they would like to post please email it to Anne Moriez or Simon Helme.



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

JANUARY CALENDAR		
Tue 3rd	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Wed 4th	Colour Me Calm	1.30pm Comm
Tue 10th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Wed 11th	Colour Me Calm	1.30pm Comm
Thu 12th	Elders Meeting	7.30am Vibe
Fri 13th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Tue 17th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Tue 17th	Women's Guild	2.30pm Chapel
Wed 18th	Colour Me Calm	1.30pm Comm
Thu 19th	Mens Group Talk	7.45pm Sanctuary
Fri 20th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Tue 24th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Wed 25th	Colour Me Calm	1.30pm Comm
Tue 31st	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel



A BIG THANK YOU

Cheltenham Silver Band Concert

We were treated to a wonderful evening of music on the 11th December - Cheltenham Silver Band were on top form and they entertained a full church. Huge thanks and congratulations to Karen Hall for organising such a successful evening. A magnificent sum of £1329 was raised - equally shared between Cheltenham Silver Band and the Tab.

Same Sex Marriage Debate

To help the church meeting make an informed decision on the issue of hosting Same Sex Marriage Ceremonies, two URC Ministers will come and give separate talks on the arguments for and against. On **Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm**, Rev Paul Stokes will argue that the Tab should not host same sex marriage ceremonies.

On Thursday 6th April at 7.30pm, Rev Iain McDonald will put the argument for. All church members are encouraged to attend these meetings. More details in due course.

Tab Badminton

from Thursday January 5th up to and including Thursday March 30th. Time; 7pm to 8pm @ Rednock Sports Centre. All welcome. New price for 2017; £2 each (adult or child).

JANUARY WORSHIP	
Sun 1st January 10.30am	New Years Day All Age Communion Service - <i>Gifts for the King</i> - please bring gifts of non-perishable food for the foodbank led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Walking into the New Year with God Readings: Isaiah 60.1-3, Matthew 2.1-12
Sun 8th January 10.30am	Service led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Talking with God - We can talk to God Readings: Psalm 138, Luke 11.1-13
Sun 15th January 10.30am	Service led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Talking with God - keep on praying Readings: Psalm 121, Luke 18.1-8
Sun 22nd January 10.30am	Service led by Rev Simon Helme Followed by Church Meeting Theme: Talking with God. Ways to pray Readings: Psalm 84, Luke 18.9-14
Sat 29th January 10.30am	Service led by Rev Simon Helme Theme: Talking with God -Praying like a child Readings: Psalm 8, Luke 18.15-17

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!



Men's Group Talk
(open to women too!)
Thursday 19th January 7.45pm
'Making Sense of God'

Simon Helme will give a talk in the Vibe summarising Tim Keller's book **'Making Sense of God'** and drawing out the main arguments. The book looks at sceptical objections to faith and enquires about what role can faith and religion play in modern life and can anyone believe in Christianity? Topics to be covered include: Why does anyone need religion? Isn't religion based on faith and secularism on evidence? Religion is more than you think it is: A meaning that suffering can't take away from you; Why can't I be free to live as I see fit, as long as I don't harm anyone? Is it reasonable to believe in God?

People can buy the book and read it in advance or just turn up on the evening and hear Simon talk about it! Due to the topic and interest in the event, the evening will be an open evening for women to attend as well.

Church Housegroups offering a chance to make friends and find Christian fellowship. Groups usually meet alternate weeks:

Monday Evening: 2 Box Rd Aveue, Cam. Contact Martine Carter 890432

Tuesday Evening: 5 Dursley Court, Cedar Drive, Dursley. Contact John Palmer: 542381

Heidi Horns group various venues: Contact Heidi on 07970871471

Wednesday Afternoon: 31 The Quarry, Cam. Contact Shirley Welsh 543549

Wednesday Evening: 2 Cedar Drive. Contact Peggy Tresise 543161

CHURCH FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY
Kath Bloodworth 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.

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

Bible Class 2017

How well do you know your Bible?
Would you like to know more? During 2017 Simon Helme will offer a number of one off evening meetings looking at various books and topics from the Bible linked in to the IBRA Bible Notes that many in the church use.

The evenings will offer an overview of the book or topic, drawing out main themes and issues of interpretation and application for Christian discipleship.

January 26th will look at the Book of Leviticus, much quoted but hardly ever read. In future months we will look at 1&2 Timothy, Atonement, Exodus, Isaiah 1-39, Acts 13-28, Judges, Grace.

To get your own copy of the IBRA notes go to <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B01LXT32FC/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?encoding=UTF8&btcr=1>

It can be downloaded to Kindle or iPad. The Year's list of Bible Readings can be downloaded at <https://shop.christianeducation.org.uk/pdfs/English%20Card%202017.pdf>

ROTAS	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan
DUTY ELDER	R Harding	K Palmer	W Barrett	M Pearcey	G Strutt
VESTRY ELDER	W Barrett	G Strutt	M Pearcey	R Irvine	M Carter
1ST READING	D Allen	K Palmer	H Peacocke	R Irvine	B Page
2ND READING	G Moir	J Palmer	W Peacocke	I Hearn	J Harris
AUDIO DESK	C Welsh	D Allen	A Spears	R Irvine	C Welsh
FLOWER ARRANGER					
FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR					
WELCOME TEAM	C Pernel R Irvine	J Palmer K Palmer	S Welsh M Welsh	M Carter H Green	J Longman A Moirez
PRAYER TEAM	J Pritchard M Carter	M Carter H Green	G Strutt M Carter	P Tresise E Jones	J Palmer K Palmer
COFFEE ROTA	H Peacocke W Peacocke	S Welsh M Welsh	S Woods C Smith	E Mellerup P Hembury	R Swanwick G Jenkins
COMMUNION PREP	G Pritchard				
COMMUNION SERVERS	K Palmer, G Strutt, M Carter, H Green				

FURY + TAB TRIBE	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan
TAB TRIBE LEADER	Family Service	J Pritchard	Blackburn	B Spears	E Irvine
HELPER 1		A Moirez	E Mellerup	A Carter	A Lamming
HELPER 2		C Bye	L Hecht	K Tearle	G Pritchard
Fury Leader		Zoe	Rod	Zoe	Zoe
Fury Helper		Gordon		Heidi	Gordon