



Prayer for December

Lord, help us to focus on you, remembering that the gift of Christ, Immanuel, is our most treasured gift for the whole year through.

Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. You never leave us.

Thank you for your daily presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Help us to hear your call.

Thank you that you surround us with love. In Jesus' name, amen.

CHELtenham SILVER BAND
Festive Concert

Sunday 10th December
7.00pm

Dursley Tab URC
Parsonage Street, Dursley

Tickets £8.00 for adults
£4.00 for children under 16

Tickets available from Tab Family Cafe (Wednesday mornings)
Karen 01453 899199
Sally 01452 724125
Mandy 07770 211001

FUNDS RAISED EQUALLY SPLIT BETWEEN BAND & CHURCH

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Thu 30th	Memorial Service for Eve Fellowes	1.30pm
Fri 1st	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Sat 2nd	DAYS Concert	7.00pm Tab
Mon 4th	Alpha Course	7.30pm Tab
Tue 5th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Wed 6th	Colour Me Calm	1.30pm Comm
Thu 7th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm Vibe
Fri 8th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Sun 10th	Silver Band Concert	7pm Tab
Mon 11th	Alpha Course	7.30pm Tab
Tues 12th	Women's Guild Christmas Tea	2.30pm Tab
Wed 13th	Tab Cafe Nativity	11.00am
Tue 12th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Wed 13th	Colour Me Calm	1.30pm Comm
Fri 15th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Tue 19th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Tue 19th	Open Door Carol Service	7.30pm
Wed 20th	Colour Me Calm	1.30pm Comm
Fri 22nd	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Fri 29th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Sun 31st	Christian Aid Banquet	12.00 Tab



The Giving Machine™

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? If you're doing any internet shopping, please consider doing so through **The Giving Machine** - generating essential pennies for the Tab is only a few clicks away!!

Fresh from the Word **IBRA** International Bible Reading Association which the church uses for devotional reading, Facebook postings and in our worship planning/sermons, can be ordered online from www.ibraglobal.org. A kindle/IPad version can be ordered from Amazon.

Church Housegroups

Offering a chance to make friends and find fellowship. Groups usually meet alternate weeks:

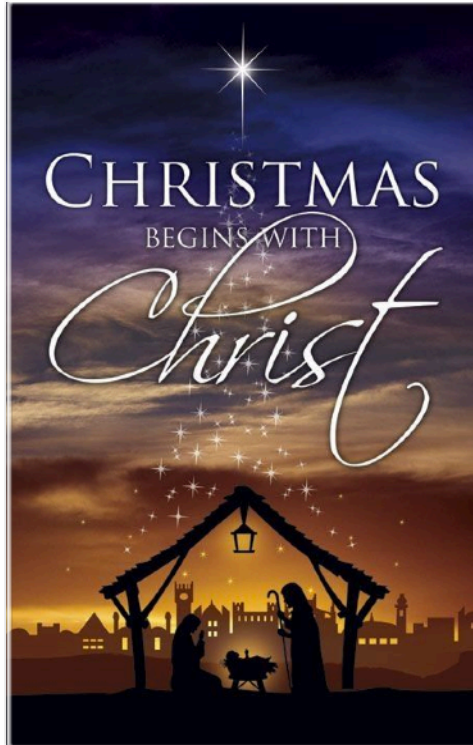
Tuesday Evening: 5 Dursley Court, Cedar Drive, Dursley. Contact John Palmer: 542 381

Wednesday Afternoon: 31 The Quarry, Cam. Contact Shirley Welsh 543 549

Wednesday Evening: 2 Cedar Drive. Contact Peggy Tresise 543 161

Or Glenside, Church End, Slimbridge

Contact Heidi Horn 07970 871 471



cafe volunteers
always welcome!
See Emma for
more info :)

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

DECEMBER WORSHIP

Sunday 3rd December 10.30am

Advent Sunday Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Advent 1.

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

Sunday 10th December 10.30am

Led by Rev Simon Helme including the baptism of Bronwen Fryer

Theme: Advent 2.

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; Mark 1.1-8

Sun 17th December 10.30am

Nativity Service led by the Junior Church

Theme: Advent 3.

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; John 1.6-14

Carol Service by Candlelight 6.00pm

Followed by seasonal refreshments

Sun 24th December

Christmas Eve service around the tree 5.00pm

For all ages, led by Carole Allen

Christmas Eve Candlelit Midnight Service 11.30pm

Service led by Carole Allen in the Quarry Chapel

Mon 25th December

Christmas Day United Service 10.00am

At the Tab URC, led by Revd Phil Summers

Sun 31st December

New Year's Eve Banquet Service

Led by Liz Swanwick & Carole Allen



Raising funds for Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal

CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS *Banquet*



Sunday 31st December
10.30am - 2.30pm

bring your donations...
food & financial!

Café Style Worship
Followed by a **bring & share** lunch

All Welcome
EVEN SPROUTS + MINCEPIES!



**Enough
for Everyone**
Christmas Appeal 2017



For every pound you
give, the UK Government
will also give a pound

CHURCH FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY
John Harris & Family & Ann Shillitoe, Shirley Welsh,
Joan Whiting, Kathryn Palmer, Carol Bye Thank you

Donations of money, flowers or foliage are welcomed for the church flowers - the flowers form an important part of the ministry at the Tab; at the end of the service they are distributed to those who are unwell in our community.

Please see Ronnie for more information

Tab Christmas Appeal

This Christmas at the Christmas services and in lieu of Christmas Card postage, offerings will go to Christian Aid's Christmas appeal:

Every day, children in South Sudan and Burkina Faso are dying from hunger. They are bearing the brunt of ongoing conflict and climate change.

At Christmas, a time of plenty, when we come together with family and friends to celebrate, relax and often overindulge, it feels particularly unjust that so many families will go without food, security and hope.

More than three years of devastating conflict in South Sudan has displaced nearly four million people, disrupted harvests, food prices have soared and the economy has collapsed. Half of the population urgently need food.

In Burkina Faso, a series of droughts and floods have devastated rural farming communities. And at the heart of the destruction are families like ours, who no longer have enough food to survive.

This Christmas, every pound given to this Christian Aid Appeal the UK Government will match. Please give generously.

More info: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal>

