



Summer Prayer

Creator God who breathed this world into being, who is discernible within the harmony of nature, the perfection of a butterfly's wing, the grandeur of a mountain range, the soaring eagle and humming bird, thank you for this world which you have created.

Thank you for summer sun, which reminds us that your creative breath is still alive and active. Thank you for the warmth of your love, sustaining this world, your garden.

This world - your creation

Rolled into a sphere

Packaged in sunshine

Gift-wrapped in love

Given to us - thank you

Amen

Raising Christians

Parenting is a huge responsibility and helping our children to explore faith for themselves is an extra challenge for Christian parents. On the evening of Thursday September 6th we will be inviting parents of school-age children to get together to pray for our children in the new school year and explore ways we can support each other. The session will be based on *Care for the Family's Kitchen Table Project*: kitchentable.org.uk

Time and venue TBC! See Clare Nutbrown-Hughes for more information.



Engaging with...

A series of evenings looking at how we as Christians engage with people of other faiths and beliefs.

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm in the church led by Simon Helme

Many Christians are fearful of engaging in conversation with people of other faiths - thinking they may be hostile to Christian beliefs and conversations about the bible.

These meetings are designed to help Christians understand more about other's beliefs and the questions and issues they have about Christian faith and how we can share with them the good news we have.

- ◆ Tuesday 31st July 7.30pm Engaging with Muslims
- ◆ Tuesday 7th August 7.30pm Engaging with Hindus
- ◆ Tuesday 14th August 7.30pm Engaging with Jehovah Witnesses

AUGUST CALENDAR

Tue 31st	Engage with...	7.30pm Church
Tue 7th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
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Fri 10th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Tue 14th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Tue 14th	Engage with...	7.30pm Church
Fri 17th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Sun 19th	Quarry URC Church Meeting	3.30pm
Tue 21st	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Fri 24th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Tue 28th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Fri 31st	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel

Next Church Meeting
Sunday 16th September

AUGUST WORSHIP

Sunday 5th August 10.30am
Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme
Theme: Ephesians: Gifts to all people.
Readings: Ephesians 4.1-16

6pm Churches Together United Service at 3C Community Church

Sunday 12th August 10.30am
Service led by Rev Simon Helme
Theme: Ephesians: Imitators of God.
Readings: Ephesians 4.17-5.2

Sunday 19th August 10.30am
Service led by Rev Simon Helme including baptism of Tyler Bertuca
Theme: Ephesians: Party People.
Readings: Ephesians 5.8-20

Sunday 26th August 10.30am
Service led by Joan Symes and Gray Strutt
Theme: Ephesians: Stand Firm Together
Readings: Ephesians 6.10-20



The Alpha Course

Starting in October

Everyone has questions.

Exploring is good. We're built for it. Explore more about life, faith and meaning with Alpha.

Our annual opportunity to explore some of life's big questions and examine the claims of Christianity.

Open, friendly, relaxed, engaging - these meetings allow dialogue and debate and an openness to each other, sharing questions and answers, life experiences, doubts and faith.

If you're interested in being involved get in touch with Simon Helme minister@dursleytab.org.uk 07443568242. Meetings are still being finalised at going to press but likely to be in the Vibe either on Monday or Thursday evenings.



Vision 2030

and Local Mission and Ministry Review.

The Tab of 2030. What kind of church do you want it to be?

Our church is on an exciting journey - following Christ, led by the Spirit. As we stand on the threshold of drawing up our Vision 2030, we will be circulating a questionnaire to all connected to the church to provide an opportunity for you to help define our priorities, challenges and hopes for the next ten years.

The questionnaires will go out in September. The answers will be shared with a consultation evening for the church as part of a **Harvest Tea on Saturday 6th October**. Please reserve the date now. More details to follow.



Tab Cafe is closed for the summer. Thanks to all who volunteer their time for Tab Cafe - it is much appreciated. Have a wonderful break! We re-open on the 12th September

Church Weekend 2018

This year's Tab Family Holiday weekend will take place at Hill House <https://hillhouse.org.uk/> in Somerset from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th October 2018**.

For those who haven't experienced a Tab Family weekend, photographs and film clips on the Tab website <http://www.dursleytab.org.uk/wplive/index.php> will give you an idea of the kind of fun and fellowship we share, but for more information please talk to Carole Allen or Simon Helme.

Booking for the 2018 weekend is now open; full details are provided on an information sheet which has a booking form on the reverse. Forms can be collected from the memorial table in the sanctuary. Completed forms and deposits must be returned to Carole to secure a place.

The 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 2018/19 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 29th, 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.

CHURCH FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR JULY WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY

David Evans, Betty Paige, Michele Everett, Norris Family, Harris Family, Ronnie Harding 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 contact Ronnie Harding if you would like to know more or donate flowers in memory of a loved one

Working Party Saturday 11th August

Carole is planning a working party on the morning of Saturday August 11th to complete the job of emptying the Upper Parsonage and to begin the work of dismantling the upstairs kitchen. The work will be reasonably physical and involve carrying items up and down stairs and some breaking up of kitchen units etc. It will not be suitable for children. Anyone able to be involved, please advise Carole before the end of July so that she can be sure of appropriate support and book a skip as necessary.

Come
GROW
with
US

Interested in becoming
a Church Member?
Please speak with the Minister!

Church Secretary Email

Clare Nutbrown-Hughes has a new email address for church business:

secretary@dursleytab.org.uk

Please email notices to her for Sunday announcement by Thursday lunchtime

SPONSORED EVENT

Big Supper & Sleepover

*all welcome for supper at 6.30pm
stories at 8pm,
film & bed for youngsters &
parents after that!*




22nd - 23rd September
Saturday 18.30pm - Sunday 9.30am