

## Inherit the Earth

A Christian Aid photographic exhibition 'Inherit the Earth' will be on display in the church from Sept 23rd-30th as part of our harvest reflections on our role in nurturing creation and its people.



Stunning photographs of the Bolivian rainforest sit side by side with examples of Christian Aid's local work with indigenous communities where simple orange wooden boxes with solar panels are transforming lives.

A **Soul Café** session will be held in the church to open the exhibition at 7.30pm on Sept 23rd.



## Raising Christians

Start the new school year with an informal gathering of Tab parents of school age children for an opportunity to eat nibbles/pray/consider how we can best encourage faith in our children and support one another along the way.

Any queries - including needing a babysitter - contact Clare.

**Thursday 6th September 7.30pm**

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## The Alpha Course

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 07443 568 242. Meetings are in the Vibe on

**Monday evenings 1st October to 17th December.**

## Tab House Groups

*'And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another'*

Hebrews 10.24-25

**Mondays 7.30pm**

29 Hill Road, Dursley GL11 4JQ

Contact Kathryn Palmer Tel: 542 381  
k.j.joric@gmail.com

**Wednesdays (fortnightly) 7.30pm**

2 Cedar Drive, Dursley, GL11 4EP

Contact Peggy Tresise Tel: 543 161,  
ptresise@yahoo.co.uk

**Wednesdays (fortnightly) 7.45pm**

various venues. Contact Heidi Horn Tel:  
07970 871 471  
heidihorn@rocketmail.com

**Wednesdays (fortnightly) at 8.15pm 17**  
Burnt Oak, Dursley, GL11 4HD (starts  
5th Sept)

Contact Will Barrett Tel: 297 613  
wmbarratt60@hotmail.com

## Bible Class:

**Ephesians - Monday 10th September**  
**7.30pm in the Chapel**

An opportunity to explore deeper Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Did Paul write it and when and to whom? How do we understand predestination, election and call? What does it mean to be 'saved by grace' and to be 'united to Christ'? Church unity - an unrealised dream? Should wives submit to their husbands in everything (5 v 24)? How can we avoid giving ourselves over to sensuality and impurity (4 v 19)? Is it Ok to have slaves (6.5-9)? And lots more....



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Mon 3rd	Funeral of M Henderson Williams	12.30pm
Tue 4th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Thu 6th	Kitchen Table	7.30pm Manse
Mon 10th	Bible Class	7.30pm Chapel
Fri 7th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Tue 11th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Thu 13th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm Church
Fri 14th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Sun 16th	Church Meeting	11.30am Church
Tue 18th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Tue 18th	Churches Together AGM	7.30pm
Wed 19th	Worship Team Meeting	7.30pm
Fri 21st	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Tue 25th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Sat 22nd	Big Tab Sleepover	6.30pm Church
24th-30th	Inherit the Earth Exhibition	
Fri 28th	House of Prayer	7.30pm Chapel
Sat 29th	Churches Together Quiz Night	
<b>Next Church Meeting</b>		
<b>Sunday 16th September</b>		

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

**Sunday 2nd September 10.30am**

Communion Service led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Readings in Mark

Readings: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9;  
Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

**Sunday 9th September 10.30am**

Service led by Rev Simon Helme

Theme: Hosea.

Readings: Hosea 1.1-11; 2.14-23

**Sunday 16th September 10.30am**

Service led by Rev Simon Helme followed by Church Meeting

Theme: Hosea.

Readings: Hosea 6.1-11; 11.1-11

**Sunday 23rd September 10.30am**

Service led by Gray Strutt

Theme: Readings in Mark - Arguing on the Way.

Readings: Mark 9.30-37; James 3.13-4.3,7-8a

**Sunday 30th September 10.30am**

Harvest Thanksgiving led by Revd Simon Helme

Theme: Readings in Mark - God Unlimited

Readings: Mark 9.38-50; James 5.13-20



## 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 will throw open it's doors on the 12th September for a new term of good coffee, cake and a safe space to meet, chat and play.

## 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**.

**The theme is Walking the Way: living the life of Jesus today.**

Linking in with a national URC initiative, we will consider the topic of discipleship - how we walk the way of Jesus at home, at work/school and at church- in our public life and in our private life. We will share the challenges we face in being followers of Jesus and the adventure of following him.

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.

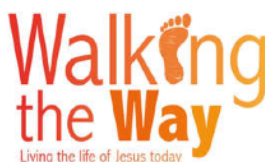
## Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust



**On the second Saturday in September**

## Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride

This sponsored event takes place on **Saturday 8th September**. Participants visit as many churches as they wish on foot, by bike, on horseback or by whatever means of transport they choose. Half the money raised comes back to us and the other half supports the work of the GHCT, from whom we have received several generous grants in the past. Interested? Please see Dennis Allen to obtain a sponsor form, or just sponsor him directly if you can't participate yourself.



## CHURCH FLOWERS

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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*

## 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 Secretary Email**  
**[secretary@dursleytab.org.uk](mailto:secretary@dursleytab.org.uk)**

Please email notices for Sunday announcement  
by Thursday lunchtime