



## Christmas!

This Christmas we will be supporting Christian Aid's appeal. They are not only supporting the work of everyday peacemakers in countries such as Colombia, South Sudan and Lebanon, but are also tackling the source of conflict by putting pressure on the UK Government to consider what it can do to build peace more effectively.

Closer to home we will be pledging to act for peace whether it is through building trust, showing friendship, saying sorry or forgiving and we will of course be praying and singing for peace too.

Everyone is welcome to join us this Advent or at any of our special Christmas services - we pray it will be a peaceful one for the people of Cam and Dursley and wider afield.

Collections for Christian Aid will be taken at the Tab's Christmas services to help support the charity's work with children and adults who are suffering from trauma, homelessness, poverty and other effects of war and violence.

If you wish to send Christmas cards internally to other people in the church, there is a postbox in the church vestibule to place your cards. In return we would ask you make a donation to the Christmas appeal. Last Sunday for posting is Dec 16th.

Collection from Dec 23rd.



## Cheltenham Silver Band

will be playing their Christmas Concert at the Tab again on  
**Sunday 9th December at 7pm**

Book the date for what is usually a great night of festive music and a good fundraiser for the Tab. Tickets from Karen Hall.

## Coffee Morning

Saturday Dec 22nd

Gloria and Mike will be hosting a coffee morning selling homemade cakes, table decorations and holly ready for Christmas.

**Community Rooms, 10am until 12pm**



**UPROOTED**  
 We need to talk about displacement

A moving photographic exhibition featuring stories of people displaced in Nigeria, Kenya and Iraq. Come along to meet people like Falmata (pictured) and hear their voices.

Dursley Tabernacle  
 Parsonage Street  
 Open:

Sunday 2nd Dec during 10.30am service & 7.30-8.30pm  
 Also Weds 5th Dec 10am-1pm & Thurs 6th 10am-4pm

Contact Clare Nutbrown-Hughes via [secretary@dursleytab.org.uk](mailto:secretary@dursleytab.org.uk) for more details

 Find out more at [caid.org.uk/uprooted](http://caid.org.uk/uprooted)

## Uprooted Photographic Exhibition

Sunday 2nd - 6th December

Contact Clare Nutbrown Hughes for more information

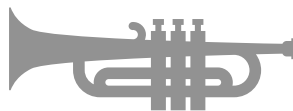


**The Giving Machine™**

Have you started your Christmas shopping? 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!!



Tab Cafe is will have it's Christmas Special on Wednesday 12th December  
**ALL WELCOME** - We'd love to see you there 10-1. Cafe will re-open on Wednesday 16th January



## DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun 2nd	<b>Soul Café</b>	7.30pm Church
Mon 3rd	<b>Alpha Course</b>	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 4th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am Chapel
Thu 6th	<b>Bible Class</b>	7.30pm Church
Sun 9th	<b>Cheltenham Silver Band</b>	7.30pm
Mon 10th	<b>Alpha Course</b>	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 11th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 11th	<b>Women's Guild</b>	2.00pm Church
Thu 13th	<b>Elders Meeting</b>	7.30pm Vibe
Mon 17th	<b>Alpha Course</b>	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 18th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 18th	<b>Knitting Workshop</b>	2.00pm Church
Tue 18th	<b>Open Door Carol Service</b>	7.30pm
Fri 21st	<b>Tyndale Carole Concert</b>	7.30pm Church
Sat 22nd	<b>Tab Festive Coffee Morning</b>	10am-12pm
Mon 24th	<b>Family Service round the tree</b>	5.00pm
	<b>Candlelit Service at Quarry</b>	11.30pm

## DECEMBER WORSHIP

**Sunday 2nd December 10.30am**

**Advent Communion Service**

**led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme:** : Peace on Earth: Coming Peace and Justice

**Readings:** Luke 21.25-36; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

**Sunday 9th December 10.30am**

**Second Sunday in Advent led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme:** : Peace on Earth: Preparing for Peace.

**Readings:** Malachi 3.1-4; Luke 3.1-6

**Sunday 16th December 10.30am**

**Third Sunday in Advent led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme:** : Peace on Earth: Doing Peace.

**Readings:** Luke 3.1-6; Philippians 4.4-7

**Sunday 23rd December 10.30am**

**Nativity Service led by Revd Simon Helme and Junior Church**

**Theme:** Peace on Earth: The Prince of Peace.

**Readings:** Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.36-55

**Service of Lessons & Carols by Candlelight, 6.00pm**

**Christmas Eve Service 5.00pm**

Service around the Christmas tree - a service for all ages

**Candlelight Service**

at the Quarry 11.30pm

**Christmas Day 10.00am**

**United Service led by Rev Simon Helme,**  
 Dursley Methodist Church

## CHURCH FLOWERS

**FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY**  
 Brian Gadd Family, John Harris, Margaret Vincent,  
 Joan Whiting, Shirley Welsh *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*

## Bible Class - ECCLESIASTES



Thursday 6th December 7.30pm in the Chapel. A chance to reflect on one of the most philosophical and cynical books in the Old Testament. What does Ecclesiastes say about life, it's meaning and futility, and where God is in all that?

## Creche Hosts

We have just installed an audio-visual link to the Vibe with the intent to improve our creche facilities and support parents with small children. They have a place to go where they can still be in touch with the main worship but also a place that gives greater freedom for them to be with their children as well as being with other adults.

We are now looking for adults who would be willing to host the creche each Sunday morning. You would go out half way through the service when the children leave and be a responsible adult in the creche. This may enable some parents (provided there was at least another adult present and safe ratios of adults to children were met) to leave their child and return to the main service. As a host you would thereby offer care and support to those parents and their young family.

**Please speak to Karen**  
Hall kazhall75@btinternet.com  
if you are interested or want to know more details.

### Christmas Carols

with members of  
Tyndale Choral Society and Friends

**Dursley Tabernacle Church**  
**21 December 2018, 7.30pm**

Free admission ☺ donations welcome  
Mince pies & mulled wine



## CHEL TENHAM SILVER BAND

*Festive Concert*

**Sunday 9th December**  
**7.00pm**

Dursley Tab URC  
Parsonage Street, Dursley

Tickets £8.00 for adults  
£6.00 for under 16s

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

FUNDS RAISED EQUALLY SPLIT BETWEEN BAND & CHURCH




We haven't  
ever had it so  
good...have  
we?

Speakers - Peggy Tresise &  
Aimee Cockram

Jacket Potatoes  
Dursley Vibe  
BYOB

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
8.00 - 9.30pm



Come  
**GROW**  
with  
**US**

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



## eco tip #3

It is estimated 1.5 billion  
Christmas cards a year are  
thrown away by UK households!

You can **reduce** the number of  
Christmas cards you send by  
sending a card to a group (for  
example the Tab!) rather than individuals  
or by sending an e-card; perhaps giving the money saved to  
charity. When buying Christmas cards look out for the FSC  
logo, indicating the paper is from a sustainable source. Even  
better buy cards made from recycled materials (It requires  
70% less energy to recycle paper compared to making it  
from raw materials).

Christmas cards and wrapping paper can be recycled at  
Sainsbury's or in household recycling. Cards with any glitter  
or embellishment should have it removed or be placed in  
household waste. Even better than recycling, reuse the  
cards, for example by using them as gift tags next year.

## Group of the Month

**Group:** Knitting Group  
**Where:** Community Rooms  
**When:** Second Tuesdays 2.00pm

The Tab Knitting Club has crafted countless  
teddies, blankets and premature baby matinee  
coats since it was formed in April 2014.

Meeting each second Tuesday of the month at  
2pm in the Community Rooms, members come  
from churches across the district and knit for a  
range of charities or work on their own  
projects. People of all skill levels are welcome -  
including those who crochet - with members  
happy to give support and advice to  
beginners. The group meets for two hours,  
including tea and biscuits, and asks for a  
contribution of £1.

Everyone is welcome to December's special  
meeting on the 18th December when  
members will be joined by a bona fide yarn  
bomber! For more information see Ronnie  
Harding or Sally Larkham.



The Alpha  
Course

**Monday  
evenings in  
the Vibe**

**7.30-9pm**

