



NEWS FEB 2019

DURSLEY TABERNACLE URC

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Getting to Grips with the Bible

A URC 5 week course to help you understand the Bible better

Mondays in the Vibe 7.30pm Starting February 11th

Sessions include:

- Looking at a library: a trip around the Bible
- The story of biblical times
- Language and literature of the Bible
- Analyzing the Bible
- Who says? – Authority

On Saturday 2nd March 10am to 3.15pm there is an option of taking part in a synod-wide study day at Bournville URC in conjunction with this TLS course. More details see Simon.

Tab House Groups Winter 2019

'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 Meeting at 29 Hill Road, Dursley GL11 4JQ
 Contact Kathryn Palmer Tel: 542381 k.j.joric@gmail.com

Wednesdays (fortnightly) 7.30pm meeting at 2 Cedar Drive, Dursley, GL11 4EP
 Contact Peggy Tresise Tel: 543161, ptresise@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesdays (fortnightly) 7.45pm various venues.
 Contact Heidi Horn Tel: 07970871471 heidihorn@rocketmail.com

Wednesdays (fortnightly) at 8.15pm Meeting at 17 Burnt Oak, Dursley, GL11 4HD
 Contact Will Barrett Tel: 297613 wmbarratt60@hotmail.com

AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE

LAST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH 2PM (26th Feb)

We are trying out an experimental afternoon service once a month. It will be a communion service in the church, in the round, a traditional format and quiet contemplative style. Refreshments served at the end of the service. All welcome. Please let Gareth know if you need help with transport.



Tab Cafe open on
 Wednesday
 mornings 10am-1pm.
 New volunteers welcomed
 Email or chat to Emma for
 more info
el.livine@icloud.com



Memory Café
14th February
 10.30am - 12.30pm

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Tue 5th	<i>Pastoral Elders Meeting</i>	10.15am
Tue 5th	<i>Prayer Group</i>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 5th	<i>Knitting Group</i>	2.00pm
Wed 6th	<i>Art Group</i>	1.30pm Comm
Thu 7th	<i>Elders Meeting</i>	7.30pm Vibe
Mon 11th	<i>Bible Study</i>	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 12th	<i>Prayer Group</i>	9.30am Chapel
Wed 13th	<i>Art Group</i>	1.30pm Comm
Thu 14th	<i>Memory Cafe</i>	10.30am Church
Mon 18th	<i>Bible Study</i>	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 19th	<i>Prayer Group</i>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 19th	<i>Women's Guild</i>	230pm Church
Wed 20th	<i>Art Group</i>	1.30pm Comm
Sat 23rd	<i>Coffee Morning</i>	10am Comm
Mon 25th	<i>Bible Study</i>	7.30pm Vibe
Tue 26th	<i>Prayer Group</i>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 26th	<i>Communion Service</i>	2.00pm
Wed 27th	<i>Art Group</i>	1.30pm Comm
Fri 1st Mar	<i>World Day of Prayer</i>	2.30pm St Barts

CHURCH FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR JANUARY WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY
 Carol & Ronnie for Joan Kingham,
 Ron Heathman, Sally Lavis, Baldwin Family
 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.

Flower arrangers are always welcomed onto the team - training or guidance happily given.

Rock and a Hard Place

by Journeyman Theatre Company
Sunday 3rd March, 4.00pm, Chantry Centre, Dursley
 Tickets: £7.50, concessions £5.00.
www.Eventbrite.co.uk; or 'Inches', 39 Parsonage Street, Dursley, 01453 545644

All profits from the play will be used to support the work of Stroud Women's Refuge

Church Meeting Sunday 17th February 11.30am to 12.30pm An important meeting which will include a decision on the tender process for work on the upper hall, kitchen and Parsonage upper floors; the Local Mission and Ministry Review report and Vision 2030



The Giving Machine™

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!!



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

FEBRUARY WORSHIP

Sunday 3rd February 10.30am

Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme

Theme: 1 Corinthians: Love is....

Readings: Psalm 71.1-6; 1 Corinthians 13

Sunday 10th February 10.30am

led by Revd Simon Helme

Theme: 1 Corinthians: Order in Worship.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 14.1-5, 26-40

Sunday 17th February 10.30am

led by Revd Simon Helme followed by Church Meeting

Theme: 1 Corinthians: For this life only.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-20

Sunday 24th February 10.30am

Led by Rod Irvine

Theme: 1 Corinthians: Dead or Alive?

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.35-50



Coffee Morning
Saturday 23rd Feb
10.00am



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Use your LOAF!

Food plays a central part in our life, it also contributes to the impact we have on the earth and on other people. The decisions we make about our food have far-reaching effects for example transporting one kilo of apples from New Zealand adds one kilo of carbon dioxide emissions to the atmosphere. Fruit from local trees emits none.

When thinking about food, the acronym LOAF can be useful to help assess how ethical yours is:

L - local,
O - organic,
A - Animal friendly and
F - fairly traded.

Tab Church Holiday

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June 2019

Hill House, Otterhampton, Bridgewater, Somerset. <https://hillhouse.org.uk>

After some extensive consultation amongst the church family, we have booked another weekend at Hill House in Somerset next June. We hope that this return to a summer date will be a positive move as we will be able to take full advantage of the lovely Hill House grounds and, hopefully, the swimming pool! Last year in October more than 50 of our church family enjoyed a memorable weekend at Hill House and we have every hope that this year's visit will be equally special. If you haven't experienced a Tab Family Holiday and would like to get a flavour of what goes on, do check out the pictures and film clip on the Tab website.

If you are interested in going pick up a booking form from the memorial table in church or speak to Carole Allen caroleallen28@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION AND DEPOSITS BY EASTER PLEASE!

Churches Together Concert

featuring our local talented musicians and other artistes at St James' on Saturday 2nd February at 7pm. raising money for the Convenor's Charity: Beyond the Streets, a Christian organisation working with women trying to escape from prostitution and sex trafficking.

Access to the Tab site

For security reasons all our door/key access codes need to be changed on a regular basis and all our current codes will be changing on 1st February 2019. Carolyn Jones, as Site Administrator, will be informing people of the new codes between January 18th and February 1st. She will be keeping a register of all those who know the various codes.

Key pads are:

Reception Room, Main Key safe, Vibe Alarm, Community Rooms

If you think you need a code for any of these, please see Carolyn Jones to be given the new number(s) before February 1st. Codes will not be emailed or written down for you. Please make sure that if you write any codes down you treat them like your PIN number and record in a way which can not be identified.

Group of the Month

Group: Tab Eco Group

When: Every 2 months



With members aged 16 to 65 and a remit from Traidcraft to toilets, the eco-group is possibly the Tab's most diverse group. It is a new group, established in 2018, to ensure we protect God's creation and its people as much as possible. With the threat of catastrophic climate change and global inequality growing ever more urgent, we aim to be - and encourage others to be - responsible stewards.

Our initial focus has been on enrolling the Tab into A Rocha's Christian environmental scheme, Eco Church, and we have already gained bronze status and are now aiming for silver. We will have green energy across the whole premises by the end of the year, have taken steps to improve energy efficiency in the church building, started weekly eco-tips in our communications, are investigating the use of eco-friendly products in the Tab, started schemes to encourage wildlife in the Tab grounds, are starting a group to lobby decision-makers on ecological and global justice issues, are developing ideas to extend the Traidcraft stall to include a refill service for detergents and are planning 'green' worship and study sessions to name just a few of our activities.

So if you love bees and butterflies, want to use less plastic, feel passionate about Fairtrade, want to lower your carbon footprint or call for action to prevent further suffering of communities impacted by climate change, then come and join us! We meet every couple of months and there's room for people with a whole range of different interests. As partners in God's creative and renewing activity we believe the church has a key role to play in bringing about change towards a more just world.

For more details contact the group's chair David Nutbrown-Hughes on nutbrown.hughes@virgin.net