

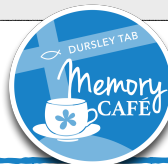


# NEWS MAR 2019

## DURSLEY TABERNACLE URC



Tab Cafe open on  
Wednesday  
mornings 10am-1pm.  
New volunteers welcomed  
Email or chat to Emma for  
more info  
[el.irvine@icloud.com](mailto:el.irvine@icloud.com)



**Memory Café**  
**Thu 14th March**  
10.30am - 12.30pm

**Contact the Minister or Church Secretary**  
Rev Simon Helme  
01453 542 344 07443 568 242  
[minister@dursleytab.org.uk](mailto:minister@dursleytab.org.uk)  
[secretary@dursleytab.org.uk](mailto:secretary@dursleytab.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:k.j.joric@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) 7.30pm** meeting at  
2 Cedar Drive, Dursley, GL11 4EP Contact Peggy Tresise Tel: 543161,  
[ptresise@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ptresise@yahoo.co.uk)

**Wednesdays (fortnightly) 7.45pm** various venues.

Contact Heidi Horn Tel: 07970871471 [heidihorn@rocketmail.com](mailto:heidihorn@rocketmail.com)

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

## 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](mailto:caroleallen28@gmail.com)

CONFIRMATION AND DEPOSITS BY EASTER PLEASE!

**United Evening Services in Lent 2019** Based on the Diocese of Gloucester's 2019 Lent Course "Seeking Shapes for Living"

10th March - Revd. Michael Cozens **Relating**  
17th March - Revd. Fiona Crocker **Praying**  
24th March - Father Philip Beisley **Working**  
31st March - Revd. Phil Summers **Playing**  
7th April - Revd. Simon Helme **Growing**

*Coffee, Tea & Biscuits will be served at the close of the last service*  
*All at Dursley Methodist Church, 6pm*



### 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](http://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.

This play has been commissioned by Gloucestershire Quakers in support of Stroud Women's Refuge. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the issues involved and the support given by Stroud Women's Refuge (the only women's refuge in Gloucestershire) and as a way of raising much needed funds for the work of Stroud Women's Refuge.



### AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE

LAST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH 2.00pm (26th March)

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.



**Joanna Tom-Kargbo is coming to Dursley:**

Wednesday 20th March, 7.30pm  
Dursley Tabernacle

3 Parsonage Street, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 4BW  
Join us for a presentation, refreshments, and a chance to talk to Joanna and get inspired!



Peggy would like to thank everyone for saving their Christmas stamps - a 1kg box is heading to the Leprosy Mission this week



## CHURCH FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY WERE KINDLY GIVEN BY  
Carole & Ronnie Gill & Vic Watts, Funeral of  
Gladys Marriott, Eileen & Phil Denning  
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.

## MARCH CALENDAR

Fri 1st Mar	<b>World Day of Prayer</b>	2.30pm	St Barts
Sat 2nd	<b>Work Party</b>	10.00am	
Mon 4th	<b>Bible Study</b>	7.30pm	Vibe
Tue 5th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 5th	<b>Pastoral Elders Meeting</b>	10.15am	
Tue 5th	<b>Knitting Group</b>	2.00pm	
Wed 6th	<b>Art Group</b>	1.30pm	Comm
Mon 11th	<b>Bible Study</b>	7.30pm	Vibe
Tue 12th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am	Chapel
Wed 13th	<b>Art Group</b>	1.30pm	Comm
Wed 13th	<b>Music Group</b>	7.30pm	Church
Thu 14th	<b>Memory Cafe</b>	10.30am	Church
Thu 14th	<b>Elders Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Vibe
Sat 16th	<b>Synod at Sutton Coldfield</b>		
Tue 19th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 19th	<b>Women's Guild</b>	2.00pm	Church
Wed 20th	<b>Art Group</b>	1.30pm	Comm
Wed 20th	<b>Delivering Hope, Christian Aid</b>	7.30pm	Church
Sat 23rd	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	10am	Comm
Mon 25th	<b>Bible Study</b>	7.30pm	Vibe
Tue 26th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 26th	<b>Communion Service</b>	2.00pm	
Wed 27th	<b>Art Group</b>	1.30pm	Comm

## MARCH WORSHIP

**Sunday 3rd March 10.30am**

**Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme:** Walking the Way: Call to Discipleship  
Readings: Isaiah 6.1

**Sunday 10th March 10.30am**

**First Sunday in Lent led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme:** Walking the Way: Resisting Temptation.  
Readings: Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16; Luke 4.1-13

**United Lent Service led by Revd Michael Cozens at Dursley Methodist Church 6pm**

**Sunday 17th March 10.30am**

**Second Sunday in Lent led by Carole Allen, preacher Liz Swanwick**

**Theme:** Walking the Way: Loving Our Enemies.  
Readings: Psalm 27 Luke 6.27-36

**United Lent Service led by Revd Fiona Crocker at Dursley Methodist Church 6pm**

**Sunday 24th March 10.30am**

**Third Sunday in Lent led by Liz Swanwick, preacher Clare Nutbrown Hughes**

**Theme:** Walking the Way: Judging Others.  
Readings: Psalm 63.1-8; Luke 6.37-42

**United Lent Service led by Father Philip Biesley at Dursley Methodist Church 6pm**

**Sunday 31st March 10.30am**

**Mothering Sunday led by Revd Simon Helme**

**Theme:** Walking the Way: Forgiveness. Readings: Psalm 32; Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

**United Lent Service led by Revd Phil Summers at Dursley Methodist Church 6pm**

**Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 30th March**  
10.00am  
Cooked breakfasts & Jumble



## eco tip#6

Create a climate of change

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Instead of giving up chocolate this Lent, could you take up a challenge to change your lifestyle for the climate? Individual actions can have a

huge cumulative impact on addressing pressing environmental issues. Living Lent, of which the URC is a partner organisation, has six set challenges to choose from such as committing to an 'electricity-free' hour every day, giving up single-use plastics or shopping and living locally.

You can find out more and sign up to a challenge at [www.livinglent.org](http://www.livinglent.org).

Each day of Lent you will receive an email of encouragement and inspiration as part of a Living Lent community. As we journey through Lent together, towards the hope of Easter, could you explore what God's world-changing transformation can look like for us as individuals and church family?



## Shapes for Living Lent Course

Jesus says, 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full' (John 10:10).

As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called 'to work for the flourishing of all people and the flourishing of the whole of creation'. 'Life in all its fullness' is the gift God wants for all of us. But if we are to live that calling well we will need to find a sustainable, nurturing shape for our own lives, so easily over-busy with the stressful and overwhelming demands of modern living. This course offers a fresh way of exploring what is traditionally called a *Rule of Life* is about the whole business of being alive - with ourselves, each other and God is a way of growth, transformation and flourishing helps to hold us true to our beliefs, values and priorities.



A Lent Course for the Diocese of Gloucester

The course has been designed by the Diocese of Gloucester. There is a resource pack for families and *Shapes for Living* materials are offered to their church schools.

'*Shapes for Living*' is an idea inspired by St Benedict, a Christian living in Italy in the Dark Ages, who wrote some simple and practical guidelines to help people develop the nurturing, securing and sustaining shapes for living that the dark times sorely needed.

*Benedict's Rule of Life* has been used by communities and individuals around the world ever since. Benedict's Rule is associated with the life and work of Benedictine monks but was originally written for ordinary people seeking to be faithful disciples of Christ in the midst of the challenges and dilemmas of daily living.

Each week will have a different theme - *relating, praying, working, playing and growing*. There are fun activities, reflections and prayers for every week.

Simon Helme will be leading a group at the Quarry Chapel 11am Mondays March 11th, 25th, April 1st, 8th, 15th.

The group will also resource parents for sharing faith at home. Other groups will be available through Churches Together.



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



## Challenge for Hope Sportive 2019

If anyone would like to help please come to our planning lunch on **Sunday March 10th** after church service - pizza salad and cake! The Sportive event is taking place on Saturday 13th April and we'd love more volunteers. Come and join a cracking team! Or come and get on your bike and join the ride - 25, 40 or 70 mile way marked routes. More info from Ron Swanwick [swanwick@stablestudio.co.uk](mailto:swanwick@stablestudio.co.uk)

Raising much needed funds for **The Peace & Hope Trust**.

## Parents' Curry Night

Tab parents of school-age children are invited to dig into a dahl or nibble on a naan at the home of Clare and David Nutbrown-Hughes in Thornbury on Thursday **March 28th from 7.30pm**. There will be a range of curries on offer and a chance to catch up with other Tab parents at this purely social event. More details to follow - see David or Clare if you have any questions

## Group of the Month

**Group:** Tab Social Group

**When:** Every 2 months

Do you have any ideas of fun events the Tab could hold that would help boost our coffers too? Could you help lead them? Ron Swanwick has offered to coordinate an annual social calendar for the Tab and is appealing for members to help him live out the vision of staging entertaining events for both the Tab family and non-Tab folk. The events would be a draw in themselves but would also welcome new people and raise funds.

Three different music concerts are already planned for the end of the year; a swing band, the popular Cheltenham Silver Band and the Tyndale choir and friends. Other ideas are a poetry recital, a quiz night.....

If you can help in any way, including volunteering on the nights themselves, please contact Ron. [swanwick@stablestudio.co.uk](mailto:swanwick@stablestudio.co.uk)

# Delivering hope.

Sierra Leone is the most dangerous place in the world to become a mum.

Ten women die every day in childbirth.

Joanna is passionate about bringing change in her country.

Come and hear her stories about how your fundraising and legacies are saving lives in Sierra Leone and find out what more needs to be done in Christian Aid Week, May 2019



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