



# NEWS JUN 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**  
**Thursday 13th June**  
10.30am - 12.30pm

**Martine & Steve's Wedding**  
We are getting married at the Tab  
at 3.00pm on June 29th. We are so  
pleased to have our families and  
friends at the church but would  
love our Tab family to join us too.  
Everyone is welcome

**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 Spring 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 fortnightly at 29 Hill Road, Dursley GL11 4JQ Contact Kathryn Palmer Tel: 542381  
[k.j.joric@gmail.com](mailto:k.j.joric@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays (fortnightly) 7.30pm** Meeting fortnightly at 7a Windsor Rd, Dursley GL11 4BU Contact Simon Helme Tel: 07443568242 [smhelme@gmail.com](mailto:smhelme@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays (fortnightly) 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  
[wmbarrett60@hotmail.com](mailto:wmbarrett60@hotmail.com)

## Tab Church Holiday

**Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June 2019**  
Hill House, Otterhampton, Bridgewater, Somerset.  
<https://hillhouse.org.uk>

The theme of this year's church weekend builds on last year's Walking the Way of Jesus by looking at the role the Holy Spirit plays in our Christian life. Following Jesus is hard but he has given us his Spirit to empower us and help us. The weekend will give opportunity amid the usual fun and fellowship to explore the way the Holy Spirit helps us find joy in following the Christian faith, making our lives fruitful with God's grace and gifting us for ministry in Jesus name.

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)

## Sultan and the Saint

**Saturday 15th June**

It will be held at St Lawrence's Church in Stroud on Saturday 15 June at 6pm, starting with Taize worship, followed by the first local film showing of **The Sultan and The Saint**.

The Sultan and the Saint tells one of the great, lost stories from history. Set in a past period of East-West conflict, it speaks with urgency to our present. Two men of faith, one an itinerant Christian preacher, the other the ruler of a Muslim Empire, bucked a century of war, distrust, and insidious propaganda in a search for mutual respect and common ground. See Simon Helme for more details.

**Saturday evening**  
**June 15th**  
**St Lawrence's Church**, The Shambles, Stroud  
Two events - come to one or both:  
**6pm Taize service**, featuring music, chants, icons, scripture readings & meditative silence  
**Refreshments 7.30pm** a screening of the Emmy Award-winning docudrama film:  
**The Sultan and the Saint**  
This marks the 800th Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's meeting with Sultan Malik al-Kamil during the Crusades - one of the seminal moments of peacemaking through inter faith encounter in history. Following the one hour film there will be a short discussion session for those who wish to reflect together on the film

## PARTY INVITATION

*Twenty five years ago we got married! We'd love to celebrate our silver anniversary with our Tabernacle family as well as friends and family from other places.*

*Please join us on*

**July 6th from 7pm**

*in the Tabernacle Garden - or inside if it's wet. Here are the Plans for the Party...*

*Arrivals from 7.00 pm*

*Saxophone band 7.00 - 8.00pm*

*Hog Roast 8.00 - 9.00 pm (Please let us know if you'd like a veggie alternative)*

*The Disclaimers (live music) 9.00 - 10.30pm*

*Everyone is very welcome - for catering purposes it would be great if you could let us know if you plan to come by 31.5.19 to my email at [djhelme@gmail.com](mailto:djhelme@gmail.com)*  
*Love, Debbie Helme*

## JUNE CALENDAR

Sat 1st	<b>Elders Away Day</b>	9.30am-4pm
Tue 4th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 4th	<b>Pastoral Elders Meeting</b>	10.15am
Wed 5th	<b>Art Group</b>	1.30pm Comm
Thur 6th	<b>Prayer Ministry Training</b>	7.30pm
Tue 11th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 11th	<b>Knitting Group</b>	2.00pm
Wed 12th	<b>Art Group</b>	1.30pm Comm
Thu 13th	<b>Memory Cafe</b>	10.30am
Thu 13th	<b>Elders Meeting</b>	7.30pm Vibe
Thur 13th	<b>Prayer Ministry Training</b>	7.30pm
Tue 18th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 18th	<b>Women's Guild</b>	2.00pm Church
Wed 19th	<b>Art Group</b>	1.30pm Comm
Thur 20th	<b>Prayer Ministry Training</b>	7.30pm
21-23rd	<b>Church Weekend, Hill House</b>	
Tue 25th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am Chapel
Tue 25th	<b>Communion Service</b>	2.00pm Church
Wed 26th	<b>Art Group</b>	1.30pm Comm
Sat 29th	<b>Martine &amp; Steve's Wedding</b>	3.00pm

## JUNE WORSHIP

**Sunday 2nd June 10.30am**

**Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme with thanksgiving for the birth of Ada Atkins**

**Theme:** Early Church Mission

**Readings:** Acts 16.16-40

**Sunday 9th June 10.30am**

**Pentecost Sunday Worship led by Rev Simon Helme**

**Theme:** Pentecost

**Readings:** John 14.8-17, 25-27; Acts 2.1-21

**Sunday 16th June 10.30am**

**Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Helme**

**Theme:** Galatians- Life in the Spirit

**Readings:** Galatians 1

**Sunday 23rd June 10.30am**

**Morning Worship led by Brian Lammings**

**Theme:** Galatians- Life in the Spirit.

**Readings:** Galatians 3.23-29

**Sunday 30th June 10.30am**

**Morning Worship led by Clare Nutbrown Hughes**

**Theme:** Galatians- Life in the Spirit.

**Readings:** Galatians 5.1, 13-25

*On Sunday 9th June, if you have a green way to get to Tab, give it a go! Get your bike out, your walking shoes or even your horse! We all have a part to play in looking after our planet...*



## AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 25th June 2.00pm

Communion service in the church, in the round, a traditional format and quiet contemplative style. Refreshments served at the end of the service.



*Interested in becoming a Church Member? Please speak with Rev Simon*



## eco tip#9

Monitoring butterfly populations has been described as 'taking the pulse of nature' because of their very quick reactions to changes in their environment. It seemed appropriate then for our Eco Team to arrange to take part in the 'Big Butterfly Count' in the Tab gardens between July 19th and August 11th this summer. By recording our local wildlife we can start to monitor changes in biodiversity.

Please contact Carole Allen before the end of June if you are interested in taking part. Carole would also be interested to hear from anyone interested in taking part in a broader wildlife survey on our site during that time.

Ongoing, there is a book in the church reception where you can record any bird sightings in the Tab gardens, please do feel free to add to the records!



**Butterfly Conservation**

## Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meeting Wednesday 5th June

*Thy Kingdom Come* is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. During the 11 days of *Thy Kingdom Come*, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

Simon will host a prayer meeting at the Quarry on Wednesday 5th June from 7.30pm to 9pm. People can drop in at whatever time - there will be prayer stations to help focus on prayer for people to find faith in Jesus and God's kingdom to come. There will be a corporate act of prayer at 9pm to close the evening.

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)



**THY KINGDOM COME**

*"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Justin Welby*

## Building Work

Stevensons Building Contractors have started work on the renovation of the upstairs kitchen, upper hall and upper Parsonage and will be on site until the end of August 2019. They will be using the Garden of Rest as their main site entrance and access in other areas should not be affected.

It is possible that Community Rooms users will encounter construction staff on the path between the road and the garden entrance, or in the garden itself, during working weekday hours. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the activities of the builders or the impact of the construction work on their activities, they should contact Carole Allen on 07790 354 111.

ROTAS	2nd June	9th June	16th June	23rd June	30th June	7th July
DUTY ELDER	Gareth	Steve	Emma	Gray	Liz	Emma
VESTRY ELDER	Emma	Gareth	Martine	Steve	Clare	Liz
1ST READING	Graham	Lionel	Carole A	Hilary P	Kathryn P	Peggy
2ND READING	Jane P	Ronnie	Gordon	Will P	John H	Emma
AUDIO DESK	Andy	Nathan	Dennis	Christine	David N-H	Andy
FLOWER ARRANGER	Ronnie	Georgina				
FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR	Hilary	Enid				
WELCOME TEAM	Martine Hilary	Joyce Betty	Gray Carol B	Graham Gareth	Joyce Betty	Martine Hilary
PRAYER TEAM	Simon H Betty	Gray Elaine	John Kathryn	Martine Hilary	Peggy Jackie	Simon Betty
COFFEE ROTA	Shona Rod	Edna Pat	Ron Gareth	Gloria Mike	Sylvia Carole S	Shona Rod
FAIRTRADE STALL	Michelle	Ron & Liz	Clare & David	Bobbie	Michelle	Ron & Liz
COMMUNION PREP	Gloria				Sally	
COMMUNION SERVERS	Gray, Emma, Gareth, Dennis				Clare, Liz, Steve, Kathryn	

## Group of the Month

**Group:** Chop & Chat

**When:** Thursday Lunchtimes, 6 week block sessions

The Chop and Chat programme is a partnership between the Tab, Stroud District Foodbank and the agency P3 which aims to provide healthy eating advice and develop cooking and social skills for vulnerable clients and members of the wider community.

After a pilot programme funded by the Tab, external funding has since enabled the programme to continue with a further eight blocks of the six-week course. The course, which helps people create low-budget, healthy and tasty meals such as enchiladas, veggie meatballs and spinach and potato pie, is run in the Vibe and timed to coincide with the Foodbank on Thursday lunchtimes.

Currently we have funding until the end of the year and soon we will be beginning to consider how/whether the programme should continue. Course participants have included those recently bereaved or about to move out of the family home as well as people experiencing social isolation, a lack of confidence or mental health issues.

Participants sit and eat lunch together after they have prepared it, helping to develop a sense of achievement as well as provide a social opportunity. The courses have undoubtedly made a difference in people's lives and we are beginning to gain referrals from other agencies around the district.

Tab folk involved in the programme are Carole Allen, Emma Irvine and Carolyn Jones.



Junior Church	2nd June	9th June	16th June	23rd June	30th June	7th July
TAB TOO LEADER	Carolyn J	Emma	Bobbie	CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY	Aimee	Bobbie
TAB TOO HELPER	Hannah	Clare	Jo		Barretts	Carol B
Flexi Helper	Jackie	Avril	Clare		Betty	Aimee
Creche Host	Carol B	Jane L	C&A Brookes		Debbie	Maggie
Tab Youth Leader	Vix	Vix	Vix		Rod	Vix
Tab Youth Helper	Carole A	Gordon	Rod		Heidi	Gordon