



NEWS SEP 2019

DURSLEY TABERNACLE URC

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Alpha Course

**WEDNESDAYS 7PM UPPER HALL
 FROM 25TH SEPTEMBER**

Everyone has questions

We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view; wherever they are in the world.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. They generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

First up there's Food

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. Our sessions start with food because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

Then a Talk

The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long and delivered over about eleven weeks, there will be a mixture of video and testimony. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith? to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us?

Followed by Discussion

Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

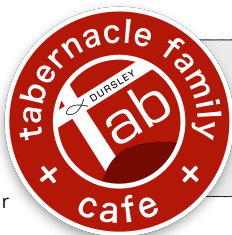
More info and testimonials: <https://alpha.org/>

To register an interest email
minister@dursleytab.org.uk
 or text/phone 07443568242



Wednesday is the new Friday

#TryAlpha



Back on 11th Sep

Tab Cafe open on
 term-time Wednesday
 mornings 10am-1pm
 New volunteers welcomed



HOUSEGROUPS

MONDAY 7.30pm 29 Hill Road GL11 4JQ

Contact Kathryn 542 381

TUESDAY 7.30pm 7a Windsor Rd GL11 4BU

Contact Simon 07443 568 242

WEDNESDAY 8.15pm 17 Burnt Oak, GL11 4HD

Contact Will 297 613

WEDNESDAY 7.45pm Various venues

Contact Heidi 07970 871 471

Worship on Sunday 1st September

Revd Nigel Uden, Moderator of URC
 General Assembly - will be leading our
 worship on 1st September.

Nigel was formerly Moderator of
 Southern Synod and is presently a URC
 Minister in Cambridge.

He says 'As Moderator of General
 Assembly I believe in the value of
 listening - to God, to the world and to
 one another - in order that the URC can
 discern what sort of future will enable it
 to remain worth listening to.'

Thanksgiving Service for Dilys Morgan 10th September 2.00pm

All welcome - refreshments afterwards in
 Community Rooms. Her son Alan writes:

'Special request, it would be great, regardless of
 whether you can join us, if between now and then
 you could think of a memory along the lines of

"....When I think of Dil...."

I'd like to incorporate these into the service to paint
 a picture of how much she meant to people and let
 everyone share their thoughts. If you can contribute
 please get responses to me by Sunday 8th
 September. Much appreciated.'

almorgan@live.co.uk

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Mon 2nd	Funeral Stan Vasey	11.30am
Tue 3rd	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Tue 3rd	Pastoral Elders Meeting	10.15am
Tue 3rd	Knitting Group	2.00pm
Wed 4th	Art Group	1.30pm Comm
Sat 7th	Working Party	9.30-1pm
Tue 10th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Tue 10th	Thanksgiving Service for Dilys Morgan	2.00pm Church
Wed 11th	Art Group	1.30pm Comm
Thu 12th	Memory Cafe	10.30am Church
Thu 12th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm Vibe
Sat 14th	Ride & Stride	all day
Sun 15th	Church Meeting	11.30am Church
Tue 17th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Tue 17th	Women's Guild	2.00pm Church
Tue 17th	Churches Together AGM	7.30pm Dursley Methodist Church
Wed 18th	Art Group	1.30pm Comm
Thu 19th	Prayer Team Meeting	7.30pm
Tue 24th	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel
Wed 25th	Art Group	1.30pm Comm
Wed 25th	Alpha Course	7.00pm
Thu 26th	Fostering Event	7.30pm
Sat 28th	Sisters of Swing Concert	7.30pm
Tue 31st	Prayer Group	9.30am Chapel

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Sunday 1st September 10.30am
Communion Service led by Revd Nigel Uden,
Moderator of the URC General Assembly
Theme: God's hospitality
Readings: Luke 14.1,7-14

Sunday 8th September 10.30am
Morning Worship led by Clare Nutbrown Hughes
Theme: Jesus our teacher.
Readings: Luke 14.25-33; Philemon 1-21

Sunday 15th September 10.30am
Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Helme
followed by Church Meeting
Theme: : Everyone Matters.
Readings: Luke 15.1-10

Sunday 22nd September 10.30am
Morning Worship led by Stephanie Atkins
Theme: : Dodgy Dealings.
Readings: Amos 8.4-7; Luke 16.1-13

Sunday 29th September 10.30am
Harvest Thanksgiving led by Rev Simon Helme
Theme: Feasting and Famished.
Readings: Amos 6.1a, 4-7 Luke 16.19-31

Presenting:
 the **Sisters of Swing**
 All-female big band!

Saturday 28 Sept 2019
 at **Dursley Tabernacle**
 Tarsnace Street Dursley GL11 4EJ

7.30pm
 Doors open 7pm

Tickets £10 on the door
 or email swanwick@stablestudio.co.uk
 Children under 16 FREE
 Refreshments available

www.sistersofswing.co
www.facebook.com/SistersofSw

CHURCH FLOWERS

We love flower donations!

If you're concerned about what your donation is
 being used for please talk to Martine Carter.
 We regularly have floral donations from Marks &
 Spencer which often need adding to; any
 monetary donations in memory of loved ones/
 anniversaries etc will be kept to help fund
 arrangements for larger events like Harvest &
 Easter. Please see Ronnie Harding if you'd like
 to know more about donations.

AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 1st October 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. All welcome.



Worship on Sunday 13th October Visit of Mervyn Thomas CEO of Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Mervyn will be preaching in our morning service and telling us about the work of CSW. CSW has a team of specialist advocates working in over 20 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, to ensure that the right to freedom of religion or belief is upheld and protected. The right to freedom of religion or belief is also known as the 'first freedom' given to humanity by God. It's a touchstone human right, often serving as a 'litmus test' for whether other rights are at risk of being abused

It's a right we must protect, defend and restore. CSW seeks to challenge and change the laws, behaviours and policies which lead to abuses of the right to freedom of religion and belief. They have over three decades of experience advocating for freedom of religion or belief around the world.

Come and hear Mervyn on 13th October!

Harvest Thanksgiving

as per usual gifts of perishable food and flowers will be distributed to the elderly and housebound. Non- perishable gifts will be given to the Foodbank. Ronnie Harding would like gifts of flowers for the Harvest display and also help in distributing them after the service.

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



Annual Ride & Stride

Gloucester Historic Churches Trust
Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride & Stride. This sponsored event takes place on the second Saturday in September (14th). 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. He will not be doing the ride himself this year. More details can be found at <http://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Loaf Meal

Harvest Supper, Saturday 5th Oct, 6pm

Our harvest supper will be a very special evening as we come together for celebration and fellowship in our newly-refurbished upper hall!

Co-ordinated by our Eco Team we will be offering high quality and local food in a 'LOAF' meal - **Locally produced, Organic, Animal Friendly** and Fairtrade, with the opportunity to learn about its production. Organic beef from Berkeley will be on the menu and Ruth Radford from the farm will tell us about how it was reared. Ron Swanwick is providing vegetables and

will be giving us green fingered tips on growing our own food. There will be a vegetarian option. For dessert there will be apple crumble made from locally grown apples.

The meal will be ticketed as there will be limited spaces at £7 per adult, £4 per child or £20 for a family of four. For more details and dietary needs contact Clare or David.

ROTAS	1st Sep	8th Sep	15th Sep	22nd Sep	29th Sep	6th Oct
DUTY ELDER	Emma	Gray	Martine	Gareth	Rod	Gray
VESTRY ELDER	Liz	Martine	Liz	Rod	Gareth	Emma
1ST READING	Carole	Kathryn P	Hilary	Deborah M	Gill	Betty
2ND READING	Ronnie	Emma	Will	John	Victor	Caroline S
AUDIO DESK	Dennis	Christine	David	Andy	Nathan	Rod
FLOWER ARRANGER	Maggie	Ronnie	Gloria	Christina	Joyce	Georgina
FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR	Sylvia	Hilary	Carol B	Maggie	Ronnie	Martine
WELCOME TEAM	Martine Hilary	Gareth Carol B	Graham Gray	Joyce Betty	Martine Hilary	Gareth Carol B
PRAYER TEAM	Simon Betty	Martine Hilary	Peggy Jackie	Gray Elaine	John Kathryn	Simon Betty
COFFEE ROTA	Gloria Mike	Shona Rod	Sylvia Carole S	Edna Pat	Ron Gareth	Gloria Mike
FAIRTRADE STALL	Ron & Liz	Clare & David	Bobbie	Michelle	Clare & David	Ron & Liz
COMMUNION PREP	Caroline S				Rod	
COMMUNION SERVERS	Emma, Liz, Steve, Clare				Dennis, Kathryn, Emma, Rod	



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Be green and keep it on the screen

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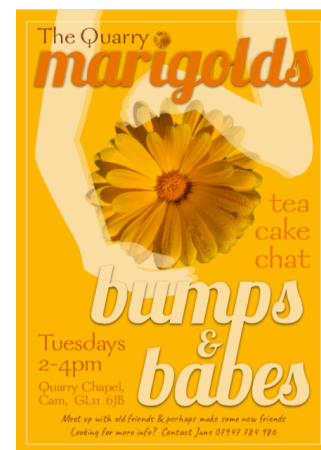
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If possible reduce the font size and margins to increase the number of words on a page. Once finished with try to reuse the paper or send for recycling.

Recycling **1 ton of paper** saves around **682.5** gallons of oil, **26,500** litres of water and **17 trees**.

Tab Working Party

7th September 9.30am at the church. Gordon Moir is leading the morning, various jobs including window cleaning, DIY duties & painting.



Junior Church	1st Sep	8th Sep	15th Sep	22nd Sep	29th Sep	6th Oct
TAB TOO LEADER	Aimee	Bobbie	Emma	Bobbie	Aimee	Bobbie
Tab TOO HELPER	Jackie	Andy	Hannah	Clare	Jo	Barretts
Flexi Helper	Avril	Barretts	Carol B	Carolyn	Jackie	Clare
Creche	Michelle	Debbie	Maggie	Pat	Karen	Martine
Tab Youth Leader	Rod	Vix	Vix	Vix	Vix	Vix
Tab Youth Helper	Gordon	Liz	Heidi	Rod	Gordon	Liz