



NEWS OCT 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/>

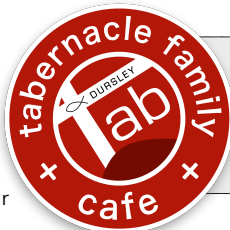
To register an interest email

minister@dursleytab.org.uk
 or text/phone 07443568242

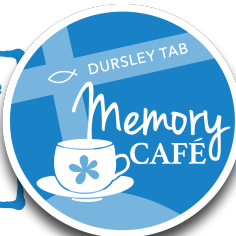


Wednesday is the new Friday

#TryAlpha



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



HOUSEGROUPS

Mondays 7.30pm Meeting fortnightly at 29 Hill Road, Dursley GL11 4JQ
 Contact Kathryn Palmer Tel: 542381
k.j.joric@gmail.com

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Currently taking part in the Alpha course so no meetings for now.

Contact Simon Helme Tel: 07443568242 smhelme@gmail.com

Wednesdays 7.30pm

meeting fortnightly at 2 Cedar Drive, Dursley, GL11 4EP

Contact Peggy Tresise Tel: 543161,
ptresise@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesdays 7.45pm

Currently taking part in the Alpha course so no meetings for now.

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 wmbarrett60@hotmail.com

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. We would like gifts of flowers for the Harvest display and also help in distributing them after the service please :)

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.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tue 1st	Prayer Group	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 1st	Pastoral Elders	10.15am	Chapel
Tue 1st	Communion Service	2.00pm	
Wed 2nd	Alpha Course	7.00pm	Upper Rm
	<i>Who is Jesus?</i>		
Sat 5th	Plant Sale	10am - 1pm	
Sat 5th	LOAF Meal	6.00pm	Upper Rm
Tue 8th	Prayer Group	9.30am	Chapel
Wed 9th	Alpha Course	7.00pm	Upper Rm
	<i>Why did Jesus die?</i>		
Thu 10th	Memory Cafe	10.30am	Church
Thu 10th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm	
11-12th	Synod in Birmingham		
Tue 15th	Prayer Group	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 15th	Women's Guild	2.00pm	Church
Wed 16th	Alpha Course	7.00pm	Upper Rm
	<i>How can I have faith?</i>		
Tue 22nd	Prayer Group	9.30am	Chapel
Wed 23rd	Alpha Course	7.00pm	Upper Rm
	<i>Why & how should I pray?</i>		
Tue 29th	Prayer Group	9.30am	Chapel

OCTOBER WORSHIP

Sunday 6th October 10.30am

Harvest Thanksgiving Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme, followed by the official opening of the refurbished Upper Hall

Theme: Just get on with it!

Readings: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Luke 17.5-10

Sunday 13th October 10.30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Helme
 Mervyn Thomas CEO of Christian Solidarity Worldwide will be preaching.

Theme: Free to Believe!

Readings: To be confirmed

Sunday 20th October 10.30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Helme including the commissioning of the Prayer Team

Theme: What are you fighting for?

Readings: Genesis 32.22-31; Luke 18.1-8

Sunday 27th October 10.30am

Morning Worship led by Rod Irvine, Preacher, Gray Strutt

Theme: It's not a competition.

Readings: Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22; Luke 18.9-14



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!

Serving @ The Tab...

We have an increasing number of gaps in the roles that make things go smoothly at Tab on a Sunday morning.

If you feel that you could volunteer to help, please talk to Simon, Rod or Emma. We'll be very grateful to have more folk on board... especially with refreshments after worship!! Thanks in advance :)

Volunteering with young people

If you're interested in exploring serving at the Tab in our work with children & young people, we'd be happy to hear from you. It would be amazing to broaden the team of volunteers who support on a Sunday - both morning and evening.

DBS (old CRB check) would be required.



Plant Sale

Saturday 5th October 10am - 1pm

Christina Bye would love any of contributions to this sale. Bring any plants or produce from your garden or allotment: Cuttings, seeds, divisions from herbaceous plants, clumps of bulbs, garden equipment & unwanted containers all will be welcome.



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

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

fingertips 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.



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How energy efficient is your home?

It will not be long before temperatures drop and the heating will be going on. Our carbon footprint can be reduced by making our homes more energy efficient.

A quarter of heat is lost through the roof in an un-insulated home. Insulating your loft, attic or flat roof is a simple and effective way to reduce heat loss and your heating bills. Often existing insulation is too thin, a thickness of 270 mm is recommended.

The Energy Saving Trust provides advice on how to insulate your home and on possible support to do this..

energy saving trust

Painting Dursley Pink!

Can you help paint Dursley pink?!

Breast Cancer Awareness Week is 29th September - 5th

October 2019 and Ronnie Harding is appealing for help to raise awareness across the town.

Help is needed by knitting the breast cancer logo, donating bras with life left in them and donating pink material to make bunting and yarn bombing.

For more details contact Ronnie on 547080



Flower Arranging Workshop

With Eve from Daisy Belle

Flowers Sunday Oct 6th, 11-2pm at The Quarry

£15 to include flowers, coffee/cake on arrival and jacket potato/salad lunch.

Contact Jane Allen 07973 254331 to book a place/more info.

ROTAS	29th Sep	6th Oct	13th Oct	20th Oct	27th Oct	3rd Nov
DUTY ELDER	Rod	Gray	Steve	Liz	Emma	Martine
VESTRY ELDER	Gareth	Emma	Clare	Gray	Liz	Steve
1ST READING	Gill		Peggy	Liz	Zoe	Graham
2ND READING	Victor	Caroline S	Terry	Iain	Peggy	Jayne P
AUDIO DESK	Nathan	Rod	Dennis	David	Christine	Andy
FLOWER ARRANGER	Joyce	Georgina	Maggie	Ronnie	Gloria	Christina
FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR	Ronnie	Martine	Enid	Sylvia	Hilary	Carol B
WELCOME TEAM	Martine Hilary	Gareth Carol B	Graham D Gray	Joyce Betty	Martine Hilary	Gareth Carol B
PRAYER TEAM		Simon	Martine Hilary	Peggy Jackie	Gray Elaine	Simon
COFFEE ROTA	Ron Gareth		Shona Rod	Sylvia Carol S		Ron Gareth
FAIRTRADE STALL	Clare & David	Ron & Liz	Bobbie	Michelle	Ron & Liz	Clare & David
COMMUNION PREP	Rod				Sally	
COMMUNION SERVERS	Dennis, Gareth, Emma, Rod				Martine, Liz, Gray, Emma	

Junior Church	29th Sep	6th Oct	13th Oct	20th Oct	27th Oct	3rd Nov
TAB TOO LEADER	Aimee	Bobbie	Carolyn J	Emma	Bobbie	Aimee
Tab TOO HELPER	Jo	Barretts	Carol B	Hannah	Andy	Jackie
Flexi Helper	Jackie	Clare			Aimee	Barretts
Creche	Karen	Martine	Michelle	Carol B	Karen	Jane L
Tab Youth Leader	Vix	Rod	Vix	Vix	Rod	Carole
Tab Youth Helper	Gordon	Liz	Heidi	Carole	Liz	Heidi