



# NEWS Nov 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.

#### HOLY SPIRIT DAY

**Saturday 30th Nov 9.30am to 12.30pm**

Come and find out more about who and what the Holy Spirit does in our lives and how we can be filled by the Spirit.

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

To register an interest email

[minister@dursleytab.org.uk](mailto:minister@dursleytab.org.uk)

or text/phone 07443 568 242



**Wednesday is the new Friday**

#TryAlpha



**Dursley Tabernacle**



### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**16TH NOVEMBER 2019 10.00AM - 12.30PM**

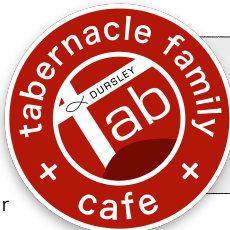
**TEA, COFFEE AND SEASONAL  
 REFRESHMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS STALLS**

**FREE ADMISSION - COME AND ENJOY A  
 MORNING**

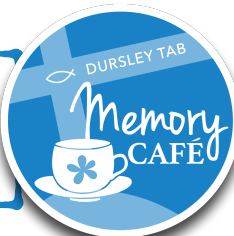
**WITH FRIENDS**

**COME AND MEET FATHER  
 CHRISTMAS**



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

**Memory Café  
 Thurs 14th  
 November  
 10.30am - 12.30pm**



#### HOUSEGROUPS

**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 7.30pm

Currently taking part in the Alpha  
 course so no meetings for now.  
 Contact Simon Helme Tel:  
 07443568242 [smhelme@gmail.com](mailto:smhelme@gmail.com)

#### Wednesdays 7.30pm

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



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

### 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.

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tue 5th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 5th	<b>Pastoral Elders</b>	10.15am	Chapel
Wed 6th	<b>Alpha Course</b>	7.00pm	Upper Rm
	<i>How and why should I read the Bible?</i>		
Tue 12th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 12th	<b>Knitting Group</b>	2.00pm	Church
Wed 13th	<b>Alpha Course</b>	7.00pm	Upper Rm
	<i>How does God guide us?</i>		
Thu 14th	<b>Memory Cafe</b>	10.30am	Church
Thu 14th	<b>Elders Meeting</b>	7.30pm	
Sat 16th	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	10am-12.30pm	
Tue 19th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 19th	<b>Women's Guild</b>	2.00pm	Church
Wed 20th	<b>Alpha Course</b>	7.00pm	Upper Rm
	<i>How can I resist evil?</i>		
Sat 23rd	<b>Eco Church Day</b>	10.00am	Church
Tue 26th	<b>Prayer Group</b>	9.30am	Chapel
Tue 26th	<b>Communion Service</b>	2.00pm	
Wed 27th	<b>Alpha Course</b>	7.00pm	Upper Rm
	<i>Does God heal today?</i>		
Sat 30th	<b>Alpha Course Holy Spirit Day</b>		
Sat 30th	<b>Cheltenham Silver Band</b>	7.30pm	
Sun 1st	<b>Soul Cafe</b>	7.00pm	

### NOVEMBER WORSHIP

**Sunday 3rd November 10.30am**

**Communion Service led by Revd Simon Helme,**

followed by retiring collection for the Leprosy Mission

**Theme:** 2 Thessalonians - Something to boast about

**Readings:** Isaiah 1.10-18; 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12

**Sunday 10th November 10.30am**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Worship led by Revd Simon Helme,**

**Theme:** 2 Thessalonians - Don't be shaken.

**Readings:** Job 19.23-27a;  
 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

**Sunday 17th November 10.30am**

**Morning Worship led by Rev Simon Helme followed  
 by Church Meeting**

**Theme:** Thessalonians - Pull your weight.

**Readings:** Malachi 4.1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

**Sunday 24th November 10.30am**

**Morning Worship led by Revd Alex Mabbs**

**Theme:** Care for creation

### AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tuesday 26th November 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.



**CHELTENHAM SILVER BAND**  
*Festive Concert*

**Saturday 30th November 7.30pm**

Dursley Tab URC  
Parsonage Street, Dursley  
Tickets £8.00 for adults  
£6.00 for under 16s

Tickets available from Tab Family Cafe (Wednesday mornings)  
Ron 07855 966564  
Sally 07881 936105

FUNDS RAISED EQUALLY SPLIT BETWEEN BAND & CHURCH

**Quarry Chapel**

**MINDFUL Stretch**

18TH NOV MONDAYS 6.15PM

A low impact, all levels class focusing on flexibility and muscular strength, utilising the Pilates disciplines of alignment, balance & core activation.

Subsidised for first 4 weeks, £4 per person

The Quarry Chapel, The Quarry, Cam, GL11 6JA  
More info: thequarrychapel@gmail.com

**soul cafe**

A place for folk to gather + eat

Catch up, hang out  
Hear from a cross-section of local speakers with different perspectives on a variety of relevant issues

Sunday 1st December 7.00pm  
Speaker, Clare Nutbrown Hughes

Simple supper of pitta bread, hummus & olives  
Dursley Tab

oh little town of Bethlehem

A presentation and discussion of Clare's educational visit with the URC team to the Holy City in October 2019

eat chat engage be

Soul Cafe is a space to think + be  
It is part of Dursley Tab URC



## eco tip#14

### Keeping it Cool in and Over-heating World

Feel like you need to know more about the Climate Crisis and our response to it?

Join us for two free workshops, led by Revd Alex Mabbs

**23rd November 10am - 4:30pm**

Sessions designed to help us find a positive way forward towards a more sustainable world. In the morning we will bring ourselves up to date with the state of the environment and explore approaches and actions that can make a difference.

The afternoon will draw on themes from Christian thought and will include a presentation from Gloucestershire participants in the Eco Church scheme.

**Let's seek out a path of living well in an over-heating world - a path that is joyful, hopeful and life-giving. Everyone is welcome, with a bring and share lunch.**

Alex Mabbs is a minister in the United Reformed Church, whose Brighton-based church was the first in the UK to divest from fossil fuels. He was a founding member of Brighton Climate Action Network and speaks regularly on environmental themes.



And as for you, brothers and sisters,  
**NEVER TIRE OF DOING WHAT IS GOOD.**

### 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.**

ROTAS	3rd Nov	10th Nov	17th Nov	24th Nov	1st Dec	8th Dec
DUTY ELDER	Martine	Rod	Gareth	Gray	Martine	Steve
VESTRY ELDER	Steve	Martine	Clare	Gareth	Rod	Emma
1ST READING	Graham	Lionel	Carole	Kathryn	Hilary P	
2ND READING	Jayne P	Gordon M	Ronnie	Emma	Will P	John
AUDIO DESK	Andy	Nathan	Dennis	Christine	David	Andy
FLOWER ARRANGER	Christina	Joyce	Georgina	Maggie	Ronnie	Gloria
FLOWER DISTRIBUTOR	Carol B	Maggie	Ronnie	Martine	Enid	Sylvia
WELCOME TEAM	Gareth Carol B	Graham Gray	Joyce	Martine Hilary	Carol & Allan	Maggie Ronnie
PRAYER TEAM	Simon	John & Kathryn	Martine Hilary	Peggy Jackie	Gray Natalie	Hilary G Hilary O
COFFEE ROTA	Ron Gareth	Mike & Gloria	Shona Rod	Sylvia Carole S	Rod & Emma	Ron Gareth
FAIRTRADE STALL	Clare & David	Michelle	Bobbie	Ron & Liz	Bobbie	Clare & David
COMMUNION PREP	Sally				Gloria	
COMMUNION SERVERS	Martine, Liz, Gray, Emma				Gareth, Steve, Rod, Kathryn	

## SOUL CAFE

### A Journey to Bethlehem

On Advent Sunday (Dec 1st) Clare Nutbrown-Hughes will share her experiences of travelling to Bethlehem and other parts of the West Bank. Everyone is welcome to this special Soul Café session which will include pitta and hummus and olives alongside insights from those living and working in the occupied Palestinian Territory. As we enter Advent, it's an opportunity to consider how 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem' reflects or contradicts the current reality of life in the place where Christ was born. **Café opens at 7pm.**

Junior Church	3rd Nov	10th Nov	17th Nov	24th Nov	1st Dec	8th Dec
TAB TOO LEADER	Aimee	Bobbie	Emma	Bobbie	Aimee	Bobbie
Tab TOO HELPER	Jackie	Clare	Jo	Barretts	Carol B	Jackie
Flexi Helper	Barretts	Aimee	Jackie	Carolyn J	Clare	
Creche	Jane L	Carol & Allan	Debbie	Karen	Maggie	Pat
Tab Youth Leader	Carole	Vix	Vix	Carole	Vix	Vix
Tab Youth Helper	Heidi	Gordon	Liz	Vix	Heidi	Gordon