



# CONTACT

News & Views from  
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## JANUARY 2008

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

**EPIPHANY**

10:00am

Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Rog

6:00pm

Salvation Army Meeting - Rev Rog

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am

Worship - Rev Rog

**Church Members' meeting**

6:00pm

Salvation Army Meeting -

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am

Revd Phyllis Ball

6:00pm

TACT united service @ St Eustachius + AGM

**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am

Worship - Rev Rog

6:00pm

Salvation Army Meeting -



# LOOSE ENDS FROM 2007 .....



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the November Church Members Meeting, it was unanimously agreed to hold church meetings every other month - alternating with the Elders meetings. Both meetings will normally be held on the SECOND Sunday of the month unless other events dictate otherwise eg Remembrance Sunday. Any matters of an urgent nature will be discussed as and when the need arises!

So for those of you who want something to write in your brand new diaries here are the dates!

**CHURCH MEMBERS** : Jan 13<sup>th</sup>; **Mar 9<sup>th</sup> AGM** ; May 4<sup>th</sup>; July 13<sup>th</sup>; Sep 14<sup>th</sup>; Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**ELDERS** : Feb 10<sup>th</sup>; Apr 13<sup>th</sup>; June 1<sup>st</sup>; Aug 10<sup>th</sup>; Oct 12<sup>th</sup>; Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

RAISING THE ROOF .....and other fund raising events!

Advent Sunday Lunch : £61.77p  
Saltash Augmented Choir : £81.85p  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Market Stall : £78

The amount raised for the Roof Fund so far is

**£32,410** - this includes promised grants .



This is a splendid start but we need to think of and organise events for 2008 - preferably ones where we can include the wider community. If you have a bright idea, please share it with Rev Rog or Mrs Anne Snook who convenes the fund raising committee.

We are delighted that in addition to their hall hire charge, several of our hirers have either given a donation or organised a special event within their group to help our fund.

The ladies from Tavistock Flower Club (who last year nominated the URC as one of their charities), have offered to organise a **FLOWER FESTIVAL** to be held in the Church over the May Bank Holiday weekend with all profits going to the Roof Fund.



## MIDWEEK MEETINGS

The Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies will recommence on JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm held at BookWorm Alley 36 Brook Street.

The next FILM NIGHT will be on TUESDAY JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church. Lights out at 7:30pm!



# week of prayer for christian unity : 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> january

2008 is a special year, marking the 100th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Theme for 2008 :  
"Pray Without Ceasing."

The Week of Prayer was first marked by Father Paul Wattson, an Episcopal Franciscan priest in the USA. The resources have therefore been produced in this centenary year from within the United States of America. The image is from Ground Zero and symbolises the sense of praying for peace and reconciliation, both within the Church and the world.



The aims are:

- \* To pray as Christ prayed "that they may be one".
- \* To pray for the unity of all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry.

Readings and meditations will focus on Paul's advice to "pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians 5 v17.

The Week of Prayer offers opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations in your locality. Often new local initiatives emerge out of meeting and praying together in this way. This year Tavistock Area Christians Together (TACT) have organised a UNITED SERVICE to be held on SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY at 6:00pm in the parish church of St Eustachius, Tavistock. This will be followed by the A.G.M. ALL WELCOME !



• Week of Christian Unity •

# NEW YEAR - NEW COMPUTER COURSE!!

The first course held in conjunction with HIGH MOORLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION was a great success and 7 students "graduated" with their certificates a week before Christmas.

A new course will start on **TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** from 1:30pm - 4:30pm in the Church for 6 weeks / 18 hours.

The course is designed for adults of ALL ages who have little or no experience of a computer - or those who need a refresher course!

A small group enables you to have as much or as little help as you need. The cost is £40 for the 6 weeks and £10 is refunded on completion (£15 if you've had a lot more birthdays!!).

Names are being taken **NOW** and limited places are on a first come first served basis - so don't miss out!!!

Please telephone the Manse on 01822 614613 (or give your details to Rev Rog )to get YOUR name included!!



**TAVISTOCK U.R.C. CHURCH DAY (- and a half!!)**

**“Fresh Expressions of Church”**

**Saturday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am - 4pm**

**Sunday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am service**

**led by the Revd Paul Snell  
(SW Synod Evangelism Enabler)**

**All members & friends welcome to attend.**

**Cost £5 to include Saturday lunch .**

**Names on the list in the Vestry please by Sun Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

65 people sat down on CHRISTMAS DAY for a superb lunch under the guidance of head chef **Mrs Joy May** followed by entertainment.  
THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped in any way and especially to individuals, charities and businesses who offered money/goods /services towards the day.  
**We hope to see you all again next Christmas!!**





## Extracts from the NEW HOPE VILLAGES ANNUAL REPORT 2007.

2007 has seen another active year for NEW HOPE VILLAGES. NHV is a programme that takes destitute families, who live in plastic shelters in the open places around the city of Harare, to the New Hope Agricultural Training Village, and trains them for two years in Agricultural Self Sufficiency. Once fully trained, the families are resettled on their own land in the Government Resettlement Scheme. NHV applies for land for the Graduate Trainees. Once on the land the Graduates are given full support for one year, to enable them to resettle successfully. The support includes the provision of accommodation, toilets, borehole and hand pump, food, and all agricultural inputs. The children are placed in local schools and all costs are paid by NHV.



We continued to put school furniture, books and stationery into many schools in the area surrounding the village. Thank you to OPERATION SUNSHINE and CHRISTIAN AFRICA RELIEF TRUST in England for sending hundreds of desks, chairs, shelving, cupboards and the other items, in pre-paid containers for the schools. Such a blessing! Children and staff who once sat on bricks on the floor are now comfortably seated behind desks. We are grateful for the many agricultural and building tools which came in the containers, which have been hugely appreciated by the rural people to whom they have been distributed. Many have received clothing and seeds from time to time from the containers, as well as sewing machines.



The year ended with a Christmas Meal for our children, sponsored by UTMOST MISSIONS. On the day 1222 children arrived for the Meal, others being prevented by swollen rivers and continuous rain in the area. All morning they sang and listened to choirs and testimonies among the various church groups attending. They loved it all and enjoyed eating plentiful and lovely food cooked by our church women. An ox was bought as well as chickens and rice. Even the sweets brought from outside the country were sufficient. It was a great testimony in the area to God's provision in hard times, and many good reports about it came in.



The good rains we are currently experiencing are a promise of better things to come, the drought having broken. It remains to thank God for his bountiful provision and protection in harsh economic times. We do all to His glory and in His strength and provision.

Thank you to all who support this work by their giving ..... the poor are given New Hope and the lost are being found.

In His Service ..... Bryony and Team.