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News & Views from
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MAY 2008

SUNDAY 4th

ASCENSION SUNDAY

10:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Rog
Church Members' meeting
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting - Major Joyce Holmes.

SUNDAY 11th

PENTECOST

9:30am **TACT United Service - Bedford Square.**
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting - Col Joan.
10:00am Worship - Mr Peter Sweeting (Wesley/Sherwell)
6:00pm United service for Christian Aid - Abbey Chapel.
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting: visit of new officers.
10:00am Café Church - Rev Rog
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting - Col. Joan.

SUNDAY 18th

SUNDAY 25th



The Tavistock Corps of the Salvation Army invite anyone interested to a special afternoon focussing on

CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

to be held in the URC

on **FRIDAY MAY 2nd** from **2:00pm - 5:00pm.**

The guest speaker - John Holtam- will lead discussions in community care ministry; focussed therapy; listening skills & pastoral visitation in home and hospital. Please let Col Joan know asap if you intend to come.

COME AND BE INFORMED AND ENCOURAGED!



Don't forget to go to Operation Sunshine's **ANNUAL PLANT SALE** to be held in Whitchurch Village Hall on **SATURDAY MAY 3rd** from 10am - 12:30pm. If you have plants/seedlings/ etc to sell please contact Margaret Philpott (610484)

A time of continuous prayer has been organised in the week leading up to

PENTECOST to be held at the **ABBEY CHAPEL.**



The 24 hour/7 day prayer will start on **Sunday May 4th at 12 noon**

All are welcome to come and share.

Each 24 hour section will be led by members from the following churches:

Sunday 4 th	: Bere Alston UM
Monday 5 th	: tba
Tuesday 6 th	: Abbey Chapel
Wednesday 7 th	: St Eustachius
Thursday 8 th	: St Andrew's
Friday 9 th	: King's Community
Saturday 10 th	: Tavistock Methodist



At 7:30pm each evening there will be an act of worship at the following venues:

Sunday 4 th	: Tavistock Methodist
Monday 5 th	: King's Community
Tuesday 6 th	: Abbey Chapel
Wednesday 7 th	: St Andrew's Whitchurch
Thursday 8 th	: St Eustachius
Friday 9 th	: United Reformed Church (concert)
Saturday 10 th	: Quaker Meeting House.



**PENTECOST
SUNDAY MAY 11th**

**A united service for all Christians to celebrate
the official birthday of the Church !!**

9:30am in Bedford Square.

Preacher: Mark Tailour





Fundraising Results

The recent concerts have raised the following amounts:

Stannary Band : £260.76p

Burraton MV Choir : £242.43p

Okehampton Gospel Choir : £227.45p

These have been a most enjoyable way of raising the roof! More ideas now wanted!!!

Thank you to all those who provided & served refreshments and helped with the preparation and clearing up for these occasions.

We have also received a further £100, via Backwell's funeral directors, in memory of Mary Jane.

ANOTHER GOOD CAUSE TO SUPPORT!!

Although a member of St Eustachius Church, Mrs Eileen Hooper is a regular face at the URC - attending concerts, & helping out at the Lower Deck Café and Christmas Day lunches.

On September 27th, she is undertaking a sponsored climb of BEN NEVIS* to raise money and



awareness for CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE. This charity supports those people who do not have the privilege to worship freely as we do.

Eileen writes: "At 76 years of age, I will no doubt experience pain and tiredness but nothing will compare to what our

fellow Christians suffer under unjust imprisonment, horrendous torture and often death."

If you would like to sponsor Eileen in her venture, please visit her web page at www.justgiving.com/eileenhooper or she can usually be found at the Lower Deck Café. She will be very grateful for any donation - large or small - but requests LARGE amounts of prayers!!

*BEN NEVIS is the highest peak in the British Isles measuring 4,409 feet - or 1,344 metres! (Doesn't sound as high in metres!!!) Good luck Eileen - our prayers are with you!



LOWER DECK CAFÉ



Over the past few months we have been indebted to the culinary skills of MRS JOY MAY and MRS JEAN CATON who have been cooking in the Lower Deck almost every week. We are now advertising and appealing urgently for more **VOLUNTEER COOKS** so that a rota can be re established and our hardworking cooks can go on holiday!! If you - or anyone you know - can offer to help out on a regular basis, please let Mrs Isobel Houldin know as soon as possible (tel: 618448).

Don't wait to be asked - do it **NOW** !!!!

Thank you!



GERALDINE LATTY.

Geraldine was born in Crewe, Cheshire to West Indian parents, George and Loleta Latty.

Steeped in the Pentecostal tradition, Geraldine has also spent a number of years being a part of the Methodist church.

She completed her music degree and qualified as a secondary school teacher, working for twelve years at a Catholic School in Bristol.

In 2000 she left teaching to 'see what God wanted to do with her time' and has found that invitations, opportunities to serve have continued and grown.

Whether it is giving vocal coaching to teenage mums or heading up the music teams in church at Cairns Rd, running a community gospel choir, or leading worship at

national conferences - the passion of her heart is to be one who knows she is pursued and loved by God, and to shout out loud that as God loves her so God loves and welcomes everyone. Everyone.

Her musical outpourings and creativity, involvement and leadership serve to see that dream realised.

Geraldine is coming to Tavistock on **SATURDAY 17th MAY** to lead a **WORSHIP WORKSHOP** at the Methodist Church in Chapel Street. The day starts at 9:30am - bring your own

lunch - until 4:30pm and costs £5. (Students and those on benefits free). Please book your place via the Methodist Church office by May 9th. From 7:00pm - 8:30pm there will be a fun gospel singing session - to which all are welcome! Free tickets are available in advance.



PRAYER IN THE SQUARE

The Vision: To reach out beyond our church doors into our community and touch people's lives with God's love and concern for them. **How?** By offering to pray with people on the streets, for healing, for their concerns, or for anything they want to have prayer for!

Where and When?

Bedford Square.

Saturday May 17th from 1000 to 1500, and, hopefully, every other Saturday from then until the school holidays.

Who?

Anyone from a TACT affiliated church who feels called. You will need to be authorised by your Church Leader. Experience is not essential, a willingness to step out is! Training will be given. If you want to be involved, but don't feel that praying on the street is for you, then interceding for the project would be valued.

Contact

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"MIND THE GAP"

For those who receive this magazine on Sunday 27th April, a reminder that this new course starts on TUESDAY 29th APRIL at 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the Church. ALL ARE WELCOME!

As this course is very important for all members and friends to attend, Revd Phyllis has offered to run a repeat on a WEDNESDAY afternoon from 2:30pm - 4:00pm starting on WEDNESDAY MAY 7th in the Church.



Do try and come to one of these sessions if you can! Your input is important to us!!!

HOME BIBLE STUDY



Following on from the Lent Course, a new group started in April, meeting at the home of Sue & Mike Silcox. The purpose of the group is to share our faith experiences and by studying the Bible, discussion and prayer to widen our knowledge of our faith. Everyone is welcome to join us. Meetings will be fortnightly, and the next meeting will be on **Thursday 8th May** at 14 Heather Close from 10am -12noon. Future times and places are subject to confirmation, so listen out for further information in the Sunday notices, or contact Rev Phyllis.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: May 11th - 17th.

The theme this year is "EMPOWERING PEOPLE"
As Pentecost is early this year, the united service for Christian Aid will be held at the END of the week rather than the beginning - on SUNDAY MAY 18th at 6:00pm in the ABBEY CHAPEL.

Watch out for the red envelope coming through your letterbox!!



As you may be aware, at the end of July, Lieutenant - Colonel Joan Williams comes to the end of her two years as Officer in charge of the Tavistock Corps.

The new officers who will be sharing the oversight of Tavistock with Congress Hall in Plymouth are coming to visit!

So if you would like a sneak preview you would be welcome to come and meet Major Carol Lockhart and Captain Penny Sullivan on **SUNDAY MAY 18th at 6:00pm.**

NEWS FROM OPERATION SUNSHINE.

The Spring newsletter is now available and it is good to learn that within the first 3 months of 2008, OS South West had sent two 40' containers to Tanzania & Zimbabwe. A third container headed for Zambia, is due to leave on MAY 17th - so a last minute search and shop around to fill up the blue box in church would be appreciated! Items always needed include sheets, blankets and towels; bolts of fabric and knitting wool; bandages, dressings & antiseptics; toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and candles; tools of all kinds esp chisels; and Wellington boots! If you have any large/ heavy items eg sewing machines, complete computers, etc please tel 614343 and speak to Ann Tregarthen.



THANK YOU!

Stella & "Raz" Rasdall invite you to a
GOURMET GARDEN PARTY
at their home , 10 Morwellham Cottages, Morwellham
in the beautiful Tamar Valley
on **SUNDAY MAY 25th** 12:30 FOR 1:00pm
Cost £15 in aid of Tavistock URC Roof Fund
rsvp by May 19th - Tel 832806



The **ANNUAL CHARITY BONANZA** is being held on **SATURDAY MAY 31st in the Pannier Market** and we shall be sharing a stall with the Salvation Army. Last year the URC collected signatures from local people in support of our claims for grants etc from charitable organisations etc.

This year we are going to sell !

If you have any good quality items for sale please bring them to church or telephone Anne Snook (614801) or Rev Rog (614613). **THANK YOU!**

If you could offer help in manning / womanning the stall please let Roger know.



Tavistock Flower Club present a flower festival

“IT’S A WONDERFUL WORLD”

- a celebration of the natural world.

In the United Reformed Church, Russell Street on

Saturday 24th May 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 25th May 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Monday 26th May 10:00am - 4:00pm

Entrance by programme - 50p
Light Refreshments on sale

Proceeds for Tavistock U.R.C. Roof Fund



WE SHALL BE HELPING OUT THE FLOWER CLUB LADIES WITH THE REFRESHMENT SIDE OF THE FESTIVAL. IF YOU CAN OFFER TO BUY OR BAKE CAKES/ SCONES OR COULD OFFER SOME TIME TO HELP SERVE TEAS ETC PLEASE LET MRS PEARL PEARSON (612064) KNOW OF YOUR INTENTIONS. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE FLOWER CLUB FOR ORGANISING THIS FESTIVAL AND WISH THEM CROWDS OF PEOPLE !! (please fold over this paragraph and use as a poster for your car /windows!!)

