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News & Views from
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SEPTEMBER 2008

- SUNDAY 7th** 10:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Rog
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:
- SUNDAY 14th** 10:00am Worship - Rev Rog.
Church Members' meeting
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:
- SUNDAY 21st** 10:00am Worship led by Mrs Barbara Baker (Plymouth)
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:
- SUNDAY 28th** **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY !**
10:00am A Harvest for Operation Sunshine
Followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Lower Deck.
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:





Thanks
to Our
Summer Volunteers!

Over the "summer" some major improvements were done. The inner hall doors and the main outer hall door have been altered to have glass panels put in. Thanks to Clifford Doidge, Peter Dixon & Rev Rog for a first class job! Also thanks to Rev Rog and son Matthew - for stripping the polish off the hall floor, cleaning and re-polishing it. This was a longer job than it sounds as it involved starting at 6am to allow for drying times and getting it done in a day and evening between hirers! Hope the aches have gone now!!

FUND RAISING UPDATE

July 12th - John & Judy's Ploughman's and Puddings Lunch : £120
August 9th - Janet's Coffee Morning : £412
Anne Snook's Market Stall : £110

On 23rd June we learned of the death of **NORMAN BAMBURY** at Chollacott Nursing Home - four days after celebrating his 97th birthday. The funeral service was held at Okehampton Baptist Church. However Norman was well known to several churches in Tavistock and his son Philip writes: " I enclose £100 as set out in Dad's will. He has had many years of praise and fellowship at your church in the past and wished to say thank you to God and those worshipping in your church."

Before the summer we set a "challenge" to break through the £40,000 barrier and we have done it!!

The Roof Fund total so far stands at **£40,385.45p !! WELL DONE EVERYONE!**
Ideas for the next few months welcome!!



On Sunday August 10th the Tavistock Corps of the Salvation Army welcomed their new commanding officers - Major Carol Lockhart and Captain Penny Sullivan. Their time is shared between the corps here in Tavistock and at Plymouth Congress Hall.

We wish them God's blessing, extend a warm welcome to them (and their congregation) to join with us for any of our services / activities and assure them of our prayers.



Sullivan

Major Carol Lockhart

Captain Penny

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
28th SEPTEMBER

Many people drop out of the habit of attending church after a change of circumstances in their lives - for instance when they marry, move home, the children grow up or a family crisis arises. Some people have only ever been in for a wedding or a funeral.

The "Back to Church Sunday" campaign invites anyone - whatever the reason - to take the first step in through the church doors.

missing you...

Back to Church Sunday
www.backtochurch.org.uk

TAVISTOCK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, in Russell Street - in conjunction with the "BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY" initiative - would like to invite YOU to join them as they celebrate their annual " **HARVEST for OPERATION SUNSHINE**" on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28th at 10:00am** followed by a **Harvest Lunch in the Lower Deck Hall**. The Church will be decorated with flowers but instead of bringing fruit, veg and the other traditional harvest produce, we bring gifts to send to the people of Africa!



Operation Sunshine is a charity with bases in Folkestone and Tavistock. Helped by individuals, groups and churches, it regularly sends clothing, food, medical equipment, tools, sewing machines, blankets, soap, candles, toiletries, school exercise books, pencils, crayons etc and other necessities to Africa for those in need. Some groups - including us! - busily knit colourful blankets and jumpers too.

The goods collected are stored and then packed into huge containers and shipped off to the people who need it most - and we get news back from them that they receive and use everything we send !!

So why not come along? - or if you are already part of our worshipping congregation, personally invite a friend or neighbour.

Release the stress of the week with a good sing of your favourite Harvest hymns and songs, bring along a gift for Operation Sunshine for the display, and stay for lunch !

You will be made very welcome!

Please tel 614613 or sign the list in church to give us a rough idea of numbers!

ps we would be pleased to see you any Sunday!!!

OPERATION SUNSHINE's latest newsletter (Summer 2008) is pinned up on the noticeboard in Church with the news that the southwest base in Tavistock is now online!

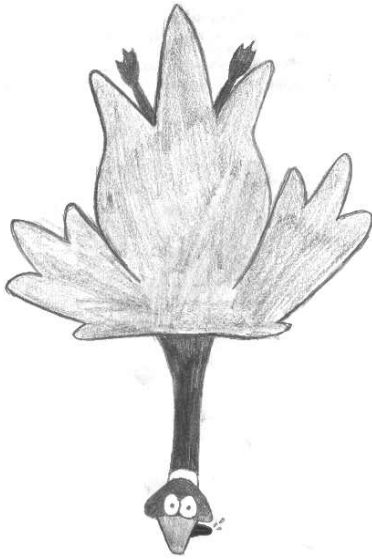
www.opsunshinesouthwest.com has recently been set up - so do surf along and take a look!!

As always - money is the biggest challenge as the cost of sending containers is ever increasing so a new initiative is the Operation Sunshine 100 Club. This hopes to encourage 100 supporters to each raise £100 for Operation Sunshine over a 12 month period. This will generate at least £10,000. If this idea appeals to you then the Op Sun treasurer David Philpott has all the information to get you started - including some ideas!!

Give him a ring on 01822 610484 or email: david.philpott@tesco.net THANK YOU!



THE GOOSE IS READY TO DROP IN FOR THE FAIR !!



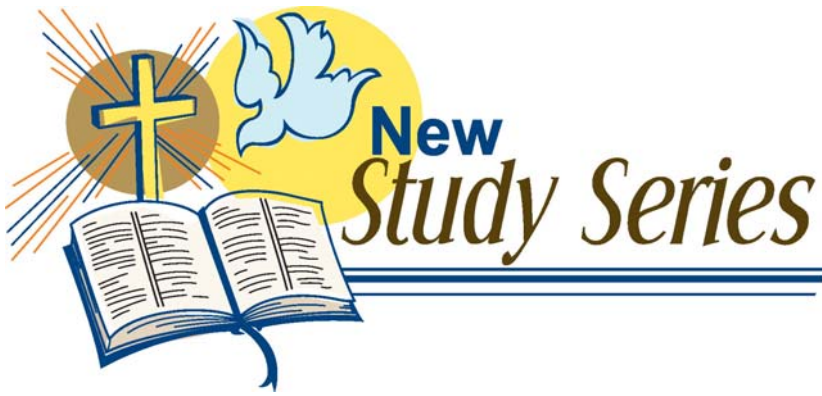
Tavistock's Goose Fair is on **WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER** and plans are in hand for the all day café and bric a brac stalls at Tavistock URC!
Please remember that there is restricted car parking from the Tuesday evening!

We call upon all church members and friends to help in whatever way they can as this day forms one of our major fund raising events of the year.

On **Wednesday 17th September** from 2pm - 3:30pm there will be a meeting in Church for everyone involved. Please try and make this a priority as many hands make light work **ONLY** if they are well organised and know what they are doing !!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP :

- **If you would like to give a cash donation, please give it to Rev Phyllis by **Sunday 21st September**.
- ****Food** - eg soup (vegetable based only - no meat); cakes; scones; fruit pies etc
PLEASE CHECK TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT IS NEEDED BEFORE BUYING/ MAKING AND SIGN THE LIST SO WE KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT!
Please bring your food items on Tuesday 6th October from **10:30 - 12noon** or by 8am on the Wednesday morning. Food preparation will start at **8am** and the café will be open for serving **from 9am - 4pm**.
- ** **Items of bric a brac** . Goose Fair is a good excuse to sort out your cupboards, book shelves, drawers and jewellery boxes!! **NO CLOTHES PLEASE!!**
Ask your relatives, friends and neighbours too!!
All items must be in a good clean condition.
See Anne Snook or telephone her on 614801.
- ** **Help** to set out tables etc on Tuesday 6th October from 9:30am.
Help on the day itself serving either in the Café or Vestry or selling in the Church;
Help to clear away afterwards! (There is a hall hire at 6:30pm and a full day in the church and hall on the Thursday!)
- ** **Pray** for all who help , the visitors who come in through our doors and most important of all a fine day!!! **THANK YOU!**



A new series for September on

“The Teachings of Jesus put to the Test of Time.”

This series offers a wonderful opportunity to explore 4 critical subjects in relation to the person and gospel of Jesus Christ.

They are subject areas that inevitably impact our lives and reveal our deepest convictions. They are personal.....profound.....inescapable.....and how we respond to them has an inevitable effect on our overall well being.

Tuesday 9th September - COMMITMENT

Tuesday 16th September - INNER PEACE

Tuesday 23rd September - MONEY

Tuesday 30th September - FORGIVENESS.

The sessions start at 7:30pm in the Church.

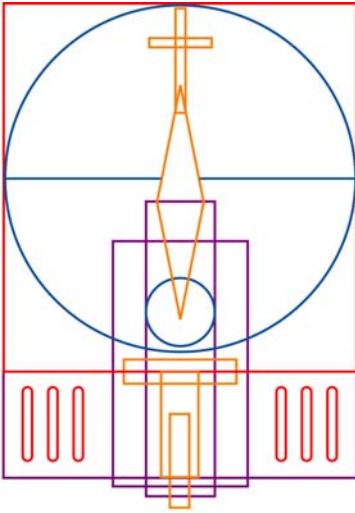
Don't miss it!!!

HIRING THE URC PREMISES

We are very fortunate to have premises that are pleasant and well maintained by members of the church who care so much and give so generously of their time. We thank them for this and really appreciate all that is done. This makes the premises easy to hire out and we often get comments back from our hirers on how much they enjoy coming!! We have a group of hirers who use the premises every week throughout the year. These are then supplemented by our "term time" hirers who fill in the gaps!! This September we welcome Helen Samson-Hill who will be teaching yoga classes on a Monday afternoon and Wednesday lunchtime. The Tavistock Children's Centre c/o Barnardo's have increased their time on a Thursday and now run a very popular "drop in" in the morning and the health visitors have started a baby session in the afternoon. TCC also arrange for baby signing classes on a Monday afternoon. Cards for Good Causes will be back again in the Meeting Room from mid October - mid December.

A timetable of regular users of the Hall and Church is up on the noticeboards and a calendar on the Vestry noticeboard notes down any extra hires as they come in. Please remember to check this *before* you plan to come down to the church to clean, arrange flowers or put something in the kitchen!!





NEWS FROM TAVISTOCK AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

TaviPraise

Thursday 4th September at Tavistock Methodist Church, worship leader Steve Wheeler and band from Plymouth Christian Centre. 7.30pm Coffee & fellowship; 8 - 9.15pm, praise, worship, prayer & testimony. Offering taken for the worship team.

A Celebration of Christian Youth Work

A special service arranged by Catalyst to celebrate and bless the work of all local church youth and children's leaders on Friday 12th September, 7.30pm at St Eustachius.

St Eustachius welcomes Tim Treanor who will be ordained deacon on Sunday 14th September at Exeter Cathedral. The Revd Paula Rennie will be ordained priest on Saturday 27th September at 2.30pm in St Eustachius.

TACT prayer meetings for September

Saturday 20th with breakfast (8.30am to 9.30 am) and Thursday 25th (7.30pm - 8:30pm) - both hosted by St Eustachius .

INTER - CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Humility
a strange thing.
The minute you think
you've got it,
you've lost it.

