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News & Views from
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FEBRUARY 2008

Saturday 2 nd	10am-4pm	Fresh Expressions of Church - Church Day.
SUNDAY 3rd	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Revd Paul Snell
		Culmination of Church Day : Fresh Expressions of Church.
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting - Col Joan
Wednesday 6 th		ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS
SUNDAY 10th		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
	10:00am	Worship - Rev Rog
		Elders' meeting.
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting - Major & Mrs A. Green.
SUNDAY 17th		SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
	10:00am	Worship - Revd David Evans
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting - Col Joan
SUNDAY 24th		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
	10:00am	Worship - Rev Rog
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting - Col Joan



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ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF
TAVISTOCK URC AND THE
SALVATION ARMY ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL
CHURCH DAY

“FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH”

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

on **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2ND**

in the Church from 10:00am - 4:00pm

and on **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3RD**

for the 10:00am service.

Cost £5 per person including Saturday roast lunch !!

THEME : “MIND THE GAP!”

- 10am Opening devotions – Roger
- 10.15 **Session 1** – What is the gap? (a look at society and how the church relates – or doesn't)
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.20 **Session 2** – Bridging the Gap (the process of coming to faith)
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 **Session 3** – Bridging strategies (understanding and developing the role of church outreach activities)
- 2.30 Wriggle break
- 2.40 **Session 4** – Ideas in the Gap (a look at Fresh Expressions of church)
- 3.30 Q&A
- 3.45pm Closing devotions – Paul



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME PLEASE SIGN THE LIST IN CHURCH OR TELEPHONE REV ROG (614613) **TODAY** - Sunday Jan 27th.

We are grateful to the [Make A Difference Café Project](#) who will be hosting the lunch in the Lower Deck.

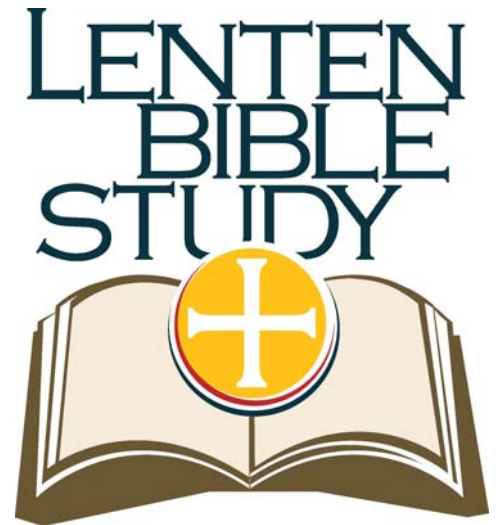
"LISTENING TO GOD'S WORLD" : ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE 2008

This is a different kind of Lent course, written to help churches of any denomination listen to what people think about the Church and about God. It aims to help participants reflect on how the Christian faith is viewed by society and consider why so few people now come to Church.

The course is part of preparation for the celebration of the 1100th anniversary of the Diocese of Exeter - a celebration all Christians in the county are urged to share in. It is hoped that the course will help our churches to take a new and creative place in the ongoing life of our county.

"Listening to God's World" has 5 sessions looking at how people still seek a spiritual life and why they see the church as unnecessary. It will consider how patterns of belief have changed and how we can reconnect with our communities through expressing our faith in fresh ways. Each session uses a video presentation and Bible study related to the theme of the week. (There are no booklets to buy !!)

Tavistock URC is starting this course on **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12th at 6:00pm** in the Church and is an ideal follow up from the Church Day discussions. The course will be led by Revd Phyllis assisted by Rev Rog . **EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

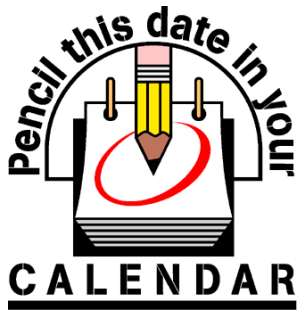


PLEASE NOTE: The Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies at BookWorm Alley will not be meeting through Lent and will start again after Easter.



COFFEE MORNING @ BookWorm Alley
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22ND
10:00am - 1:00pm
In aid of child sponsorship in India.





Here are some dates for your diaries of future fund raising events.

Please support where you can - and invite others too!!

Sunday March 2nd : Church Gift Day with free lunch!(who says there's no such thing??) Donations for the lunch welcome!!!

Saturday March 15th : Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir.

Saturday March 29th : Tavistock's Stannary Band.

Saturday April 12th : Burraton Male Voice Choir

Saturday April 19th : Okehampton Mens Forum Gospel Choir.

Saturday May 24th - Monday 26th : Tavistock Flower Club Flower Festival.

Sunday May 25th : Bank Holiday Lunch hosted by Stella Rasdall @ her home in Morwellham.

Other events without definite dates/times as yet include:

June - Strawberry Tea hosted by Pearl Pearson

July - Ploughmans Lunch hosted by John & Judy Morton

Saturday August 9th - Coffee Morning hosted by Janet Dashper

Sunday September 28th : Harvest Lunch - cook needed!!

Wednesday October 8th : Tavistock Goose Fair

Sunday November 30th: Advent Sunday Lunch

Don't forget the bric a brac cupboards are opened every Friday during Lower Deck Café and Anne Snook also sells items on a stall in the Pannier Market when available - so clean, good quality items are always welcome! THANK YOU.

Thousands of miles away in Africa, there is a greater need for the most basic items we take for granted. Please do not forget the blue box in the Church for **OPERATION SUNSHINE**. There is a container going out on February 2nd to Bishop Mpango in Tanzania and collecting for the next container starts again!

Items particularly wanted on a regular basis include:

Good clean clothing ; sheets, blankets & towels ; bandages, dressings & antiseptics; soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste; candles & matches; tools of ALL kinds - especially scissors of all sizes ; pencils , crayons and paper ; and plastic mugs , bowls , plates & cutlery.



Knitted jumpers and blankets are vital! One small blanket will keep 3 small children warm at night and protect against mosquitos. The 2 greatest killers of little children are pneumonia and malaria. So carry on knitting!!

Operation Sunshine's next fund raising event is a **FONDUE PARTY** to be held at the Parish Centre on Friday April 11th at 7:30pm. Tickets are already on sale priced £8.50p and you can bring your own wine!

Then there will be a **PLANT SALE** on Saturday May 3rd from 10am - 12:30pm at Whitchurch Village Hall. So if you have any plants left over from your gardening then they would be gratefully received by the organisers. These fund raising events provide the cash necessary to pay for the containers to be sent to their destination - so all financial donations are welcome!

HIRE OF THE PREMISES

Please note that the Church will be in use every Tuesday from Jan 29th for the next Computer course. There is one place available - so ring 614613 if you would like it!!

We have a new hirer in the Hall starting on Thursday February 21st from 1:00 - 3:00pm. "Happy Hands" is a group for pre school children doing art and craft work.

An up to date list of regular hirers is on the Vestry & Hall noticeboards. Please try to avoid interrupting their sessions. Ring Sue if you want up to date confirmation!! Thank you.

