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News & Views from
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NOVEMBER 2007

SUNDAY 4th	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Phyllis
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting	- Col Joan
SUNDAY 11th		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	9:30am	Morning Worship	- Rev Rog
	11:00am	Civic Service of Remembrance	.
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting	- Col Joan
SUNDAY 18th	10:00am	Morning Worship	- Mr Clifford Doidge
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting	- Col Joan
SUNDAY 25th	10:00am	Morning Worship	- Rev Rog
		Church Members' meeting	
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting	
			- Majors Cliff & Jean Bradbury





GOOSE FAIR 2007

“What a happy day!” This was the comment heard most often from many people who helped with the URC’s contribution to Goose Fair. The weather was perfect - although if it had been a little colder we could have sold more hot soup!!!

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who organised / shopped / came / donated / set out tables / sorted and priced bric a brac / baked / made sandwiches or soup / cooked / served / cleared away / washed up / cleaned the toilets / swept floors / vacuumed carpets etc etc not forgetting Ginsters for generously donating 144 pasties!

After expenses were deducted the amount raised was as follows.....

Lower Deck Café	-	£573.80p
Vestry Café	-	£119.96p
Bric a Brac	-	£281.90p
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Under the will (1674) of NICHOLAS WATTS a sum of money was invested - the income from which - £56.52p - is allocated each year by the Watts Charity to a different place of worship within Tavistock. This year is the turn of Tavistock United Reformed Church. It was the wish of Nicholas Watts that the money be used for purchase of Books of Divinity.



CONCERT BY DEVON SINFONIETTA Saturday Oct 27th



This orchestra of Grade 8 young musicians from all over Devon demonstrated their talent and musicianship at a concert in the URC following a 4 day half term course at Mount House School. Conducted by Scott Stroman, the programme of Gershwin’s “American in Paris” and Haydn’s Symphony no 104 (London) was much enjoyed and appreciated. Donations for the Roof Fund amounted to £212. Thanks to everyone!

The concert to be given by the Tavistock Stannary Band had to be postponed. They will be coming next year! Thanks to Peter Jones for organising the orchestra to come instead.



COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH
10am - 12noon
at the Parish Church Centre
Admission £1 (includes tea/coffee & cake!!!)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS IN THE CHURCH.

The poinsettia plants bought last Christmas from Tavistock Pannier Market were much admired and greatly appreciated by those lucky enough to receive one at the Christmas Day Lunch.

We would like to do the same this year and so if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of a plant please give it to Rev Rog by **Sunday November 25th** so that we can get them for Advent Sunday. Thank you !



TAVISTOCK AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER have two committees which organise meals at the Ordulph Arms followed by a speaker. These are open to all **but tickets need to be booked in advance.**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (for men) meets on Monday October 29th with Revd Tim Wilkinson (RN) speaking on "There aren't many atheists when the bullets fly". Tel Martin Watts (852400).

TASTE AND SEE (for women) next meet on Tuesday December 4th when guest speaker Jo Wright - a local mum, teacher and singer songwriter with a heart for Africa - will speak on "Our times in His Hands" and perform some of her compositions. Tickets can be ordered from Linda Medland (615940)

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

TUESDAY DECEMBER 25TH

Last year 85 people sat down for lunch and entertainment. The preparation has already begun for this year's Christmas Day Lunch for those who would rather not be on their own. Letters have been written to charities and supermarkets asking for donations and we await their replies! There is a wide variety of jobs to suit all tastes and a meeting will be held soon for all those wishing to help. In the meantime all enquiries/ offers to Col Joan (617740) or Rev Rog (614613)



CHURCH FLOWERS for NOVEMBER

4th : Mrs Pam Dixon

11th : Mrs Stella Rasdall

18th : Mrs Anne Snook

25th : Mrs Isobel Houldin

NB the Church is in use from 12:30 - 3:30pm every Friday in November

As fresh flowers at this time of year are quite expensive, Church flowers for December ie Advent & Christmas will be poinsettia plants around the windowsills and Sue will do a silk flower arrangement on the shelf. However if anyone wishes to provide a fresh flower arrangement for the Communion Table, please sign the flower list as usual! Thank you.



Every Christmas time we put out an appeal for gifts to the Church of cleaning materials. This year, with the premises in use every day of the week stocks are running low, and so we are appealing a bit earlier than usual!! Our particular plea is for loo rolls and toilet cleaner, black dustbin bags with tie handles, swing bin liners with tie handles, Fairy washing up liquid, J cloths & Bounty kitchen roll. THANK YOU!

Thanks to Sabrina for cleaning the Lower Deck each week and to the rota of cleaners who keep the Church looking good.



MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARIES!!!

ADVENT SUNDAY LUNCH -

Sunday December 2nd at 12:30pm in the Lower Deck Hall.

Look out for the list to sign!

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC - Saturday December 8th at 7:30pm in the Church. A concert by the Saltash augmented choir conducted by Phil Taylor. In aid of the Roof Fund.

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The LEONARD LAITY STOATE CHARITABLE TRUST has promised us £1000 for the Roof Fund.

Vision4Life

Transforming the church

WHAT IS Vision4Life?

- A further phase of the United Reformed Church's 'CATCH THE VISION' process
- A four-year process offered for development in each local United Reformed Church
- Self-refreshment of each church's engagement with the Bible, prayer & evangelism
- Materials & support from denomination & synods to enable local design & development

HOW HAS IT COME ABOUT?

A consultation group on spirituality and evangelism, with members from across the URC's theological spectrum, found a shared excitement about new approaches to the Bible that include the whole people of God in the task of interpretation. We believe every URC could use these approaches to seek fresh, enabling engagement with the Bible. We can picture whole congregations developing their skills of storytelling, listening and conversation in ways that ought to connect the ancient texts with their current situation and stimulate a new confidence in who we are and what we believe. We wondered whether the same range of faith-telling skills, might enable the renewal and strengthening of each church's shared 'tent of beliefs' if also used in support of prayer and evangelism. Might this be how our churches could renew their vision for life? Might we all then bring these skills to 'big tent believing' - being a diverse, lively, interactive denomination ready to speak & act & attract fresh generations of diverse believers?

WHAT WOULD IT MEAN FOR A LOCAL CHURCH?

Each congregation is invited to set up four conversations between May & August '08 to explore 'the big picture' and their own local story with regards to: 1. The future of the church; 2. The effectiveness of the Bible in their church; 3. The role prayer plays in the life of their church and its members/adherents; 4. Their preparedness to talk about their faith to each other and to outsiders. After these conversations each participating church will then decide whether they wish to commit to developing (with a lot of shared materials and support) their own 3-year programme to renew their engagement with The Bible, with Prayer and for Evangelism.

THE PROJECTED TIMETABLE...

- Initial presentation about the proposals at General Assembly 2007
- Advance promotion at Synods and in churches through Autumn 2007
- Introductory materials with support events for ministers available from February '08
- **Each church arranges 4 conversations and a decision between May & August '08**
- Year One materials with support events for planners available from September '08
- Local church planning & promotion of their own year one programme thro' Autumn '08
- **Advent 2008 - Year One, focussed on the Bible, begins...**
- Year Two materials with support events for planners available from September '09
- **Advent 2009 - Year Two, with an added focus on Prayer, begins**
- Year Three materials with support events for planners available from September '10
- Advent 2010 - Year Three, adding a focus on faith-telling for evangelism, begins

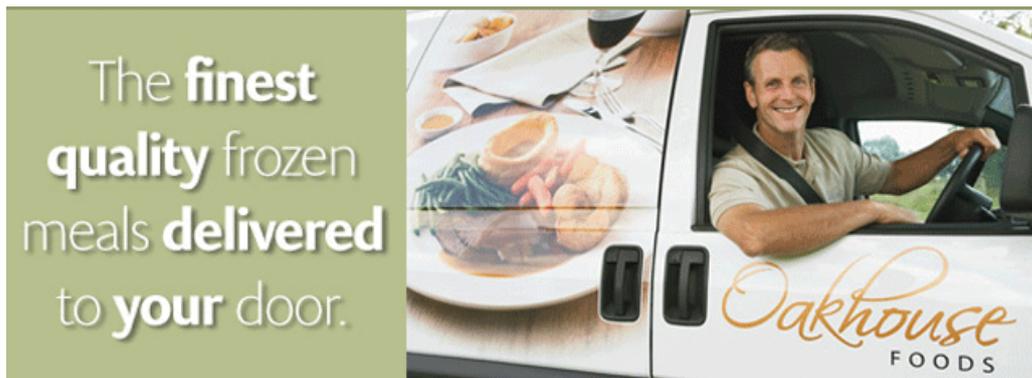


TUESDAY NIGHT IS U.R.C. FILM NIGHT!

The weekly series of films has so far seen the lives of David and Solomon and continues with Jeremiah.

Lights out at 7:30pm!

On **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6th** there will be a special film night with a **FISH & CHIP SUPPER** followed by a film: Joseph of Nazareth. This will start at **6:00pm** and cost **£5** per person. This will include fish & chips, apple pie, tea/coffee and the film! If you would like to come, please sign the list in the church so that an order can be put in.



OAKHOUSE FOODS (formerly Home Farm Foods) provide the perfect service if you find it hard to shop and cook for yourself on a daily basis, but still want delicious food, excellent service and reasonable prices or you may have a friend or relative who would benefit from their service.

Don't worry, you don't have to order huge amounts to have them deliver. Just order what you want - there's no minimum order value - and no delivery charges.

You aren't committed to weekly deliveries either - with Oakhouse Foods, you have complete flexibility. You can order weekly, fortnightly, monthly or just when you fancy it.

They are committed to providing a caring, customer - centred approach and won't let you down.

There are some free brochures at the back of the Church for you to look at - please take one!

A free taster session is being organised in our church. Details to follow.

