



Tavistock United Reformed Church

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Loving God Encouraging Questions Welcoming All

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December 2015

- SUNDAY 6th** 10:00am Worship led by Mr Mike Dennis, followed by Holy Communion
6:00pm Salvation Army (**Note:-Community Carol Service CANCELLED**)
- SUNDAY 13th** 10:00am Farewell Service to Roger, led by Revd Ruth Whitehead
(Synod Moderator)
- SUNDAY 20th** 10:00am Carol Service led by Mr Garth Sanders.
- FRIDAY 25th** 12:30pm – 2pm Christmas Lunch (**Note:- No Christmas Day Service**)
- SUNDAY 27th** 10:00am Worship led by Mrs Janet Dashper

January 2016

- SUNDAY 3rd** 10:00am Worship led by Revd Susan Durber, followed by Holy Communion
- SUNDAY 10th** 10:00am Worship led by Mr Mike Dennis
- SUNDAY 17th** 10:00am Worship led by Revd Iain McDonald
- SUNDAY 24th** 10:00am Worship led by Revd Phyllis Ball
- SUNDAY 31st** 10:00am Worship led by Mr Garth Sanders

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 5th December 10am -12 noon Coffee and mince pies in the church while we put up the Christmas decorations. Come and join us in a festive start to the season.

Sunday 13th December after Roger's Farewell Service:-

11:30am – 12.15pm Journey in the Holy Land by Anne Snook and Phyllis Ball

12.30 lunch. (Please ensure you sign up for your lunch by 6th December)

Tuesday Topics.

5th January 7.30pm Laws of the heart - Sister Joan Chittister looks at the 10 Commandments.

12th January 7.30pm Laws of the heart - Sister Joan Chittister looks at the 10 Commandments.

19th January 7.30pm Laws of the heart - Sister Joan Chittister looks at the 10 Commandments.

26th January onwards – themes to be decided

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

John and Judy Morton:-

'Please publish our contact details in 'The Contact'. We are staying very busy up here and trying to get involved as much as possible, whilst exploring the immediate area. We are still exploring places of worship, and I am weighing up two local Rotary Clubs.

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John and Judy Morton

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Our thoughts and prayers are with **Liz Sanders** and **Sue Cornish** as they undergo their respective therapies; with a poorly **Tony Newell** ; with **Jane Lee** who is recovering from a broken arm; and for any of our church family who need a prayer or two.. May God bless you all.



Congratulations to **Mike and Jenny Dennis** on the safe arrival of their new granddaughter.



Editor's Letters

Dear White Fella

Couple 'tings you ought to know. When I born I black When I grow up I black When I go in sun I black when I cold I black When I scared I black when I sick I black And when I die I black.	You white fella. When you born you pink when you grown up you white When you go in sun you red When you cold you blue when you scared you yellow When you sick you green when you die you grey And you have the cheek to call me coloured
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(Poem supplied by **Tony Newell**)

From **Garth Sanders**

Advice from the USA to retired people (most of us!):

'Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren, and don't feel bad spending your money on yourself. You've taken care of them for many years, and you've taught them what you could. You gave them an education, food, shelter and support. The responsibility is now theirs to earn their own money.'

Rex Harpham recently wrote to the editor of the Methodist Magazine in response to a call to "give thanks for food banks and the relief they will bring.....". His response was:-

'Surely, what we should really be praying for is God`s forgiveness that the Churches throughout this country have been so spiritually weak that such a situation has been allowed to come about. To my mind it is yet another appalling indictment of the apparent spiritual apathy which has passed as `National Christian Leadership`, over many years. We are one of the richest countries in the world yet this situation has been allowed to develop to the extent that people have been driven to suicide because of Government imposed poverty. The poorest and economically weakest are suffering the most!

We have all been told that `austerity is the only way` but we know that there is an unbelievable level of tax evasion, er sorry I mean tax avoidance and obscene levels of pay differentials. If this was corrected it would ensure that no one would go poor and that the NHS, etc., would be adequately funded. It seems to be a question of, if you keep telling people enough nonsense often enough, they will believe anything. Have the Churches been taken in so completely or do they simply not believe it is any of their business save a few token gestures. I could go on but this is simply a follow- up of my letter of September 2012.

Yours in disgust,
Rex Harpham.'

Any items for February/March Contact should be emailed to Maureen Tulloch by the 25th January (maureen.tulloch@homecall.co.uk). Many thanks.