

Tavistock United Reformed Church

Russell Street, Tavistock PL19 8BD
Loving God Encouraging Questions

Founded 1652
Welcoming All



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| SUNDAY 3 rd | 10:00am | Service led by Revd. Phyllis Ball with Holy Communion |
| SUNDAY 10 th | 10:00am | Service led by Mr Mike Dennis |
| SUNDAY 17 th | 10:00am | Service led by Mr Garth Sanders followed by a Church Meeting |
| SUNDAY 24 th | 10:00am | Service led by Dr. Peter Fox |
| SUNDAY 31 st | 10:00am | Service led by Revd. Phyllis Ball |



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Saturday 9th July -- Barbecue at Stella and Raz Rasdall's home at 10 Morwellham Cottages, Morwellham, PL19 8JL at 12.30pm. Cost £7 per person. See their lovely garden above. Please sign the list in the church if you plan to come.

Monday 25th July – Wednesday 28th July a new Boiler is being installed; ninety nine per cent of the work is in the boiler room and will not affect our hirers.

Saturday 30th July. The church will have a stall at the TASS Charity Bonanza Sale in the Panier Market. Anne Snook would be grateful for offers of help on the day and also for any items of bric-a-brac for the stall.

Tuesday Topics (all at 7.30pm in our church).

05 July For the Bible tells me so - Daniel Karlake - Can love between 2 people ever be an abomination?

12 July Faith Forever Singing - Hymns for the 21st century from New Zealand

19 July Paul: an appealing of appalling apostle? John Dominic Crossan

26 July Beginning all over again - Don Cupitt

Church Family News

The newsletter from **Muriel Midgley's** niece, Kate, is up on the noticeboard for all to see. Wonderful to hear that Muriel is enjoying being with Kate and Dave – she does seem so happy.

Great to see **Marlene** feeling better and back in church again. We've missed you!

Tony Newell has lost his favourite aunt, Jean, from Abbotsfield Hall. He and **Thelma** have much less reason to visit Tavistock now as Jean expected two games of Scrabble on three afternoons every week, including Friday and Sunday. Our thoughts are with them both after Jean's death. May she rest in peace.

Thelma is gradually improving after her fall, concussion, additional deafness and damaged coccyx. Her memory is coming back and she can now sit for a short while without a pillow. We wish Thelma a quick and complete recovery (and more comfort!).

Editor's Letters

Poem for July (with thanks to Dorothy Woodyatt)

<i>You are who you are for a reason, You're part of an intricate plan. You're a precious and perfect unique design Called God's special woman or man.</i>	<i>You look how you look for a reason. Our God made no mistake. He knit you together within the womb, You're just what he wanted to make.</i>
<i>The parents you had were the ones He chose, And no matter how you may feel, They were custom-designed with God's plan in mind, And they bear the Master's seal.</i>	<i>No, that trauma you faced was not easy. And God wept that it hurt you so: But it was allowed to shape your heart So that into His likeness you'd grow.</i>
<i>You are who you are for a reason, You've been formed by the Master's rod. You are who you are, beloved, Because there is a God!</i>	<i>By Russell Kelfer</i>

A prayer for July

(written in response to the shootings in Orlando but it is also fitting after the death of Jo Cox and the awful sufferings of the people of Syria)

God of peace,
amid confusion and fear, will you show your face;
where all is grief and shock, may your grace be gently known.

Jesus, as you wept over a city's sorrow,
as you shared human suffering and pain,
will you come near to those who weep today.

Holy Spirit of unity and understanding,
as a nation and a world handle news and hate and anger,
will you help us to build bridges of hope
and to act for healing
in our day and in your world.
Amen.

John Proctor (From the URC website)

Any items for August CONTACT should be emailed to Maureen Tulloch by the 26th July (maureen.tulloch@homecall.co.uk). Many thanks.