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Caring,
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February and March 2011

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 30th January
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 6th February
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 13th February
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev David Ryan
Coffee after the service

Sunday 20th February
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 27th February
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 6th March
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 13th March
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Micah Hopley
Coffee after the service

Sunday 20th March
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare
Coffee after the service

Sunday 27th March
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

From the Manse



Dear Friends,

Much has been written and spoken in the last week or so about the King James' version of the Bible. There was a very good little series on Radio 4 telling the history of its publication. It's been around for so long now that we simply take it for granted but at the time it was a treasonable offence to translate and publish the scriptures into English and many people were executed for it including William Tyndale.

Tyndale was born in Slymbridge in Gloucestershire in 1494 and educated at Oxford and Cambridge. He became for a short time, chaplain in a household in Little Sodbury before moving to London. By now his translation had only got as far as the Gospels but that was enough for him to become a hunted man. He went to Wittenberg where he met with Martin Luther and was encouraged in his work. He was forced to escape to Worms where he had 3000 of his New Testaments printed.

The Church of England in the guise of Tunstall, Bishop of London, and William Warham one-time Bishop and Lord Chancellor, denounced his work and hundreds of his book which had been smuggled into England were confiscated and burned.

One copy, specially printed on vellum was presented to Anne Boleyn who was in favour of the principle of translating scripture into English. Henry VIII, however, was not and his agents were constantly on the search for Tyndale. In 1535 while in hiding in Antwerp he was betrayed by Henry Philips, a Roman Catholic zealot, and imprisoned in the Castle of Vilvorde. On 6th October 1536 following his trial he was strangled and his body burned. And

all for writing a book, a book we now take so much for granted.

170 years later, the politics of the church and of the land were very different. This year sees the 400th anniversary of the official translation into English and publication of King James' vision, a vision which has contributed so much to the culture and language of English-speaking people around the world.

The Bible, in all its forms and translations, remains the world's best-selling book and it also has the dubious reputation for being the world's most stolen book, which should tell us something but I'm not quite sure what!

It could, sadly, also have the unlooked for reputation of being the world's best-seller that nobody actually reads. Sitting on bookshelves gathering dust on its pristine cover, it is overshadowed by well-thumbed dust-free novels which bring transitory pleasure and books which peddle recipes for health, wealth and happiness.

The Church wants us to make this the year of the Bible, King James' Version or otherwise, so why not marinate yourself in the scriptures so that your living can take on the flavour of God's word.

With love and best wishes,

Jim

Pause for Thought

from the Worship Group



This month we look at ASHA which is based here in Worcester.

Further information can be found on their

Website: <http://www.ashawomen.org.uk>

The Asha Centre can be found at 10, Bath Road Worcester, WR5 3EJ.

Who are we?

The Asha Centre is a one-stop shop which helps women referred by other agencies who are isolated by disadvantage to gain access to the resources which they need to help them address their problems and achieve their social and economic potential. The majority of the women who use the Centre typically do not access mainstream services beforehand.

The Asha Centre is an independent local registered charity dependent on funding from trusts and support from statutory services. Since its opening in 2002 it has been identified as a model of good practice in the Department of Health strategy for women with mental health problems and by the Home Office for women offenders has been commended by many other national bodies.

What do we do?

We aim to empower women to take control of their lives offering a personalised programme of support and community learning focused on building confidence and developing the skills critical to break out of the cycle of deprivation in which they are so often otherwise trapped. Partnership working is key to ensuring that women are able to access all the resources and help that they need and that opportunities are available for them to move into

mainstream provision when the time is right. Asha therefore provides information, advice and guidance and acts as a signpost to other services.

What do women say about the Asha Centre?

Case 1:

When I was 6 months pregnant, my partner left. I became homeless and I was completely alone. I had lost all my confidence and became depressed. At Asha I've met supportive women and found an environment where I feel safe to express myself. The crèche is brilliant - without it the courses would be impossible to manage. My young son enjoys it and it's helping him learn to socialise with other children.

I had become dependent on alcohol and left my job because I thought I would lose it anyway. I was at my lowest ebb, having lost all sense of purpose and self worth. Asha helped me to recover the missing structure and routine in my life and their training courses set me on the road to becoming an aroma therapist.

It proves that if you really want something, you can do it. Believe in yourself. Thanks Asha

Case 2:

I am physically disabled and have mental health issues. Before Asha I had no desire to leave my home or even get out of bed. Being introduced to Asha was like having a lifeline thrown to me – they were the difference between going under and survival.

I got so desperate I stole food to give to my children. My probation officer sent me to Asha and although I was anxious about going there, now I would recommend it to anyone – they don't judge you, they just want to help you.

Thanks Asha – I have just got my social work degree and you can take the credit – for giving me back confidence in myself.

A Bible Cake

(Authorised version)

Gas Mark 4/Electric 350 F (180 C)

Make as a single large cake, or in bun tins for small cakes.

Cream together:

4oz Psalm 55 v21

4oz Jeremiah 11 v5

Beat in:

2 of Jeremiah 17 v11

Add:

4 drops Numbers 11 v8

Pinch of Matthew 5 v13

Pinch of 2 Chronicles 9 v9



Mix in:

6 oz Leviticus 2 v1

Adding Judges 4 v19 as required

Decorate with:

Matthew 7 v20

For small cakes, bake for 15-20 minutes

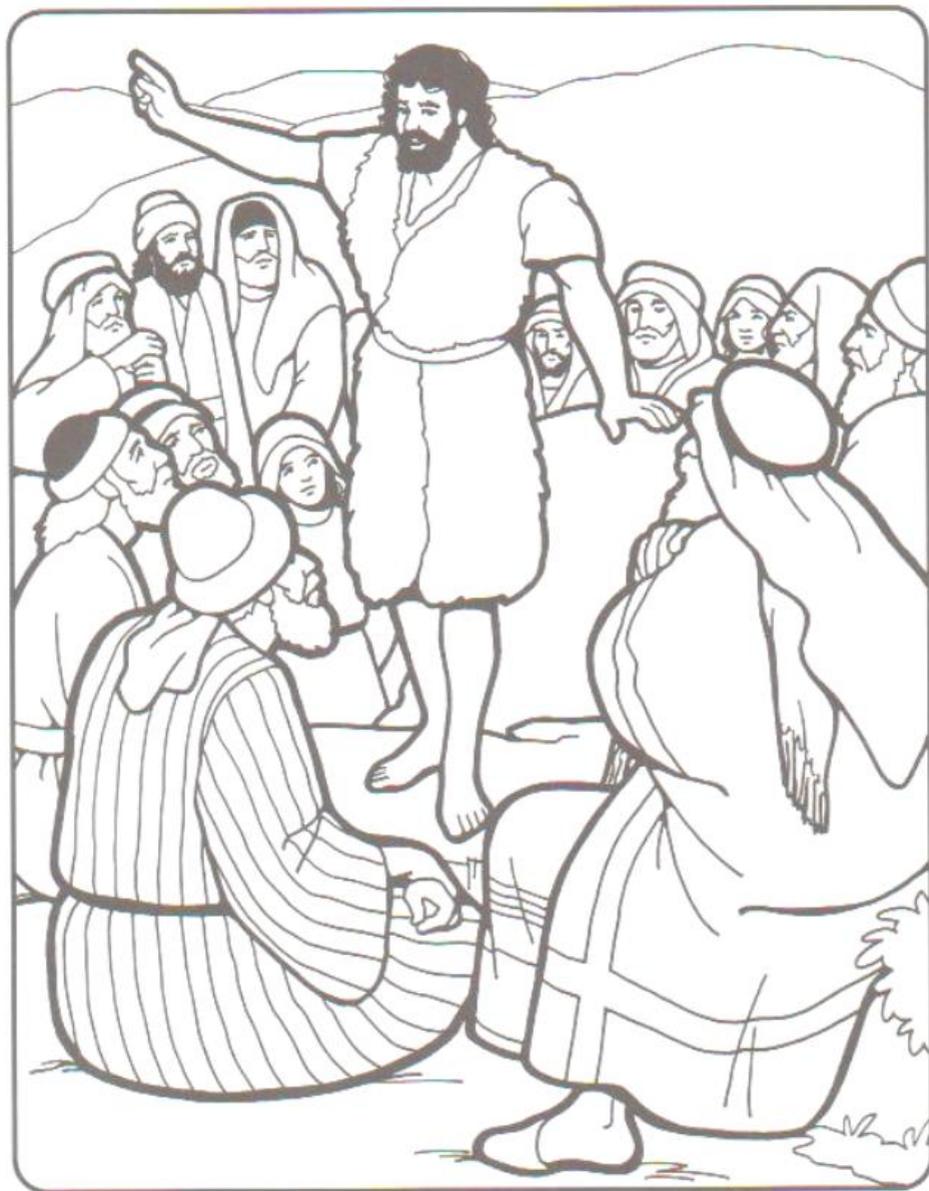
For a single large cake, cook for approximately 1 hour

Childrens Pages

Can you solve this Dove Maze?



Colour this picture of John the Baptist



Walking Dates 2011



The Church Walkers didn't manage to get together very much in 2010. For those of you who enjoy walking and talking we have made an attempt at some dates for walking for the coming year. If you are free on these dates and would like to come along and join us it would be great to see you. Watch this space for more information as each date draws near. The dates are as follows:

February 27th after Church

April 16th, Saturday

June 26th After Church

Skip August

September 25th after Church

November 19th, Saturday

Teresa and Tim

Table Tennis



Table Tennis continues on Friday evenings in the hall at 7:30 pm.

All are invited to come and join us, young or old.

Send along Sons, Daughters, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren.

I wouldn't want you to think we are desperate for extra players, but some weeks we are!

Its all good fun, and you don't have to be good at it.

Tim Dunn

Albany Fellowship



The Wagon Wheel at Grimley was the setting for our Christmas lunch. To set the scene, very nicely, snow began to fall shortly after we were seated. The service from the staff was excellent and a good time was had by all, we hope! There was another party of about the same number sat along side us. We found out that, in actual fact, they were another United Reformed Church, I cannot remember where they were from.

We trust that all had a wonderful Christmas and our very best wishes go out to you all for the coming year.

On February 3rd we will be commencing our meetings after the Christmas break.

Our first meeting of the year will be a lunch of Baked Potatoes with either beans or cheese and salad. The cost of this will be two pounds. Please note that as we are having a meal **WE WILL MEET AT 1PM FOR 1.15PM.**

We are in the process of finalising our diary for this year and hope to have it ready for the meeting in March, which will be the 3rd.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 3rd February.

Love
Jean and Teresa

So you want a day off?

Lets take a moment to look at what you are asking.

There are 365 days available for work.

There are 52 weeks of which you already have 2 days off each weekend - leaving 261 days left for work.

Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, that accounts for 170 days - There are just 91 days left to work ...

You spend 30 minutes each day on breaks - taking up a further 23 days each year, and leaving - 68 days available for work...

You spend 1 hour for lunch, accounting for another 64 days per year ... - There are now just 22 days available for work.

You take 8 public holidays each year... -Leaving 11 days available for work.

You take 10 days holiday per year - That leaves 1 day available for work...

and no way are you going to take that day off.

April Deadline



Items for inclusion in the April Newsletter should be given to Tim Dunn. 27a

Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 19th March at the latest please.



commitment for life

The February and March prayers from the Commitment for life
'Prayer Partners 2011'

FEBRUARY

The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. Luke 4: 18

Pray for those who bring good news to those in poverty,
through their words and their actions.
Lord, grant them your justice.

Pray for those who bring good news to those in captivity,
through their words and their actions.
Lord, grant them your freedom.

Pray for those who bring good news to those who have lost their
vision,
through their words and their actions.
Lord, grant them your healing.

Pray for those who bring good news to those who are oppressed
through their words and their actions.
Lord, grant them your compassion.

Amen

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MARCH

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God...
But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your
consolation..... Luke 6: 20, 24

Blessed are those who see no need for poverty in the kingdom of
God.

Blessed are those who grant no place to hunger and gluttony.

Blessed are those who are moved with compassion at the plight of
others.

Blessed are those who are stirred into action out of our
complacency.

Blessed are those who give no heed to prejudice and hatred.

Blessed are those who seek the way of peace and understanding.

Blessed are those who look not to this life for reward and self-
gratification.

Blessed are those who work for fullness of life for all.

Thanks be to God for those who hunger and thirst for the rights of
others.

Amen.

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Multicultural Ministry

I'm not sure how much interest there could be out there in the congregation for this event to be held in September of this year. I've not made a response yet to the committee even though this came in the early Autumn secretary's mailing. If any of you out there are dead keen to contribute or get involved please do let me know sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment, if we're not already too late that is!

Thanks
Helen M



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Tracey Hardingham

July 2010

WE NEED YOU TO COME



Saturday 24th September 2011

**Come . . . celebrate faith and faithfulness in all its diversity
Come feast and share**

Next year, the United Reformed Church wants to gather together a special group of people for a MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION at **Carrs Lane Centre, Birmingham**. The *feast* will celebrate our life together in all its diversity. There will be inspirational stories to share, cultural presentations, workshops (dance, storytelling, garland making, drumming . . .), a meal, activities for all age groups and worship.

But we need you to come.

The Centre can only hold a certain amount of people. (Churches are already giving an early response based on 2009's celebration.) We, therefore, do not want you to miss out on this fantastic day and so we decided that it was important to make a special invitation for you and your congregation to come.

Duty Rotas

	Jan 30th	Feb 6th	Feb 13th	Feb 20th	Feb 27th
Carry in the Bible	Carol Hardyman	David James	Helen Moore	Carol Hardyman	Jean McCluskie
Books / Offertory	Alison Hall Pat Williams	Pat & Len Berryman	Michael & Rosemary Clarke	Brian & Jean McCluskie	Tim & Teresa Dunn
Reading	Tim Dunn	Carol Hardyman	Barbara James	Bryan Neville-Lee	Roger Morris
Prepare Table			Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie		Len & Pat Berryman
Serve Communion			Sarah Lodge Roger Morris David James Helen Moore		Paul Denham Rob Peachey
Beadle	Teresa Dunn	Roger Morris	Roger Morris	Roger Morris	Roger Morris
Foyer	Tim Dunn	Tom Cheesbrough	Tom Cheesbrough	Tom Cheesbrough	Tom Cheesbrough

	Mar 6th	Mar 13th	Mar 20th	Mar 27th
Carry in the Bible	Brian Jones	Rita Michelman	Helen Moore	Rosemary Clarke
Books / Offertory	June Barber Betty Forrer	Alison Hall Jean McCluskie	Bryan & Nicky Neville-Lee	Doreen & Tom Cheesbrough
Reading	Teresa Dunn	Rob Peachey	Brian Jones	Lynne Brown
Prepare Table		Teresa Dunn Lynne Brown		Jean McCluskie Margaret Morgan
Serve Communion		Paul Denham Rob Peachey Teresa Dunn Sarah Lodge		Michael Clarke Helen Moore
Beadle	David James	David James	David James	David James
Foyer	Barbara James	Barbara James	Barbara James	Barbara James