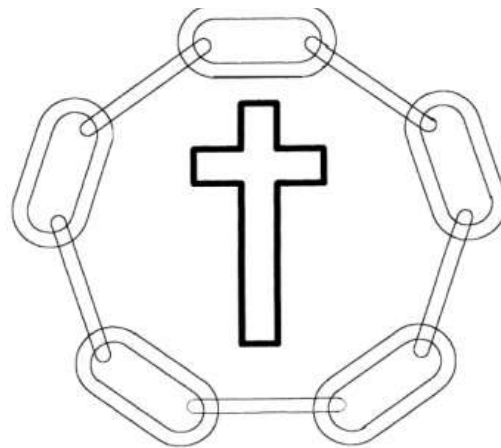

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BRENT KNOLL



WEST HUNTSPILL

EAST BRENT



BURNHAM

Minister Letter

Who are the winners?

Over the course of this summer many deserving people will win an award. Sports women and men, able and disabled, who have strived hard to excel will be setting themselves against others for the prize of being champions, gold medal winners. Yet we know that not everyone who deserves to win can win. The medals will not necessarily go to those who have put in the most effort, or sacrificed the most. Just as there are winners so there are those who will put in the sweat and determination, train really hard, and yet not achieve their desired goal. Sometimes it seems so unfair, so unjust, and so disappointing.

As Christians living in God's world we sometimes think we see the same things. When speaking about God's good and faithful people we have to acknowledge that not all seem to be rewarded in the way in which we think they ought to be. Those who seem the most faithful do not receive the treasures of this world in terms of health, wealth and stable lives. Those whose walk of life most closely mirrors that of Jesus do not live trouble free. Even the disciples of Jesus and the fathers of the early church found that following Jesus, the sweat and determination of following his teaching, did not bring these things.

In the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games however there will be those for whom the greatest prize will be to compete for the country they love. They will go to compete knowing their hope of a medal is minimal; even so they will give their best. Christ calls us to live as best as we can too, and to realize that our greatest prize on this earth is to know God's love, to work with him, and to strive for him. Life may not go the way we hope it will, or indeed the way we have it planned out but Jesus' promise is to be with us (as the hymn writer puts it) through all the changing scenes of life. This just a foretaste of the great prize of heaven that awaits us, our true goal, our true desire, and the greatest reward of all. A prize that is not limited to a fortunate few but available to all.

Steve

Deaths

John Chalker of Mark. Funeral at Burnham 26th May

Calendar

MAY

Sat 28th 10.00 - 4.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee and Food Festival
Burnham

JUNE

Wed 1st Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at
Burnham

Wed 1st 8.00pm B/H Wednesday Group - Treasure Hunt &
Programme planning.

Thu 2nd Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at
St Andrew's Bournville

Fri 3rd Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at
Victoria W s M

Fri 3rd 7.30pm W/H Diversions & Desserts Evening at
West Huntspill

Sat 4th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the
Wednesday Group

Sat 4th Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at
Milton W s M

Sun 5th Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at
Brean

Sun 5th 6.00 B/H Evening Service Rev. Steve Bennett

Mon 6th Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at
East Brent

Tue 7th Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at
Church Road W s M

Wed 8th Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at
Locking Castle W s M

Wed 8th 12.30 Church Lunch at Burnham

Thu 9th Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at

Brent Knoll

Fri 10th Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at West Huntspill

Sat 11th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

Sat 11th Circuit "One to Eleven" Prayer Day at Uphill W s M

Sun 12th 6.00 B/H Circuit Evening Service at St Andrew's Bournville

Fri 17th 6.00pm B/H Old Time Musical Evening at Burnham

Sat 18th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H League of Friends Burnham Hospital Coffee Mornings at Burnham Methodist

Sun19th LAST DAY FOR THE JULY – AUGUST LINK

Sun 19th 6.00 B/H Cafe Praise at Burnham

Fri 24th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee & Chat at West Huntspill

Sat 25th 10.00 - 12.01 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

Sun 26th No Evening Service at Burnham

JULY

Sat 2nd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Stewards & Thursday Fellowship

Sun 3rd 6.00 B/H Evening Service Rev. Jim McKnight

Sat 9th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

Sun 10th No Evening Service at Burnham

Sat 16th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H League of Friends Coffee Mornings at Burnham Methodist

Sun 17th 6.00 B/H Cafe Praise

Sat 23rd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham

Sun 24th No Evening Service at Burnham

Fri 30th 10.00 - 4.00 B/H Flower Festival at Burnham Methodist

**B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll, E/B East Brent,
W/H West Huntspill**

Evening Services at Burnham

5th June Rev. Steve Bennett

3rd July Rev. Jim McKnight.

Circuit Service

at St Andrews Bournville

12th June Rev. Steve Bennett

Café church dates at Burnham

We meet on the third Sunday evening in the
month at 6.00 pm

19th June – 17th July – 21st August

One to Eleven

Eleven as One

**The Circuit is holding 11
consecutive days of prayer, one
day in each of the eleven churches
in the Circuit.**



Everyone is welcome.

Please see Leaflet in Church for further details

1st June	Wed	Prayer Day at Burnham
2nd June	Thu	Prayer Day at St Andrew's Bournville
3rd June	Fri	Prayer Day at Victoria W s M
4th June	Sat	Prayer Day at Milton W s M
5th June	Sun	Prayer Day at Brean
6th June	Mon	Prayer Day at East Brent
7th June	Tue	Prayer Day at Church Road W s M
8th June	Wed	Prayer Day at Locking Castle W s M
9th June	Thu	Prayer Day at Brent Knoll
10th June	Fri	Prayer Day at West Huntspill
11th June	Sat	Prayer Day at Uphill W s-M



FLOWER FESTIVAL
29th to 31st July 2016

A Flower Festival is being held in
Burnham on Sea Methodist Church
College Street.

The Church will be open on
Friday 29th from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
Saturday 30th from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
Sunday 31st from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Refreshments will be available
All Donations will be for
The Church Roof Fund.



COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 5th July

10.00-1200

At the home of

Joy and Tony Bishop

7 Naish Road

In aid of the Roof Fund

WEST HUNTSPILL

Eleven to One



The Circuit are holding 11 consecutive days of prayer, one day in each of the eleven churches in the Circuit. West Huntspill's day is on Friday 10th June. The Church will open for prayer from 2pm to 8pm. everyone is welcome.

Church Anniversary Weekend

Friday 3rd June 7-30pm

Diversions & Desserts Evening

Come and enjoy an evening of fun with tradition games and "naughty, but, nice desserts"



Our Celebrations Continue

on Sunday 5th June at 11am

with worship
led by Revd Steve

Our usual Coffee and Chat

Morning will be on

Friday June 24th

10am – 12md

Free Coffee Cakes and Table Top Sales



BRENT KNOLL

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Minister Rev. Steve Bennett

A very big thank you to all who attended our Spring coffee morning last month. It was such a good turn out and we were so pleased to see you all and to catch up and share news. £130 was raised for church funds and we are all very grateful to you for your support and generosity.

We also celebrated our church anniversary last month. We were a bit worried that with so many of our congregation either away on holiday or unable to attend because they were under the weather that Steve would be leading a very small group of worshippers but we were thrilled with the number who joined us when we especially welcomed visitors and young people alike to join our celebrations.

I'm sure we are all aware by now (if we're not, we should be!) that our Circuit eleven day prayer event, called "One to eleven, eleven as one" begins on 1 June. We at Brent Knoll church will be hosting our prayer day on Thursday 9 June. The church will be open all day for those who would like to come in at any time to share in a quiet moment of prayer. We will be praying especially that day for the work we are seeking to do ecumenically and with the young people in the village, especially the Toddler Group. The special needs within our Brent Knoll community are working with the young and the elderly and the area we would most like to see God helping us here is strengthening the church's witness to the Gospel within the village.

Tea and coffee will be available for those who would just like to sit and enjoy a peaceful break during their day.

God bless

Rosemary Krull

EAST BRENT

A few Sundays ago we attended morning worship and everyone agreed that more services should be like this one. We came away so happy and full of love of our Lord Jesus. There was some banter between the preacher and the congregation and Evelyn had chosen some lovely hymns. The message we were given was simple and remembered. What a morning. Many thanks to Brian Dallimore

Although the Revd. Karen Murphy has been in our circuit for 11 years it was the first visit to our Church. She gave us lots to think about and discuss afterwards.

Since we made the decision to change our pews for chairs they are selling well and I believe that the chairs will be with us some time in June and although we all love our pews and will be sorry to see them go I'm sure that some of us will be very happy to use chairs especially as they have arms!!.

The summer months are here once again and lots of people will be going on holiday and I hope all of you will have a lovely time and good weather.

God bless,
Margaret Green



BURNHAM

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STEWARDS COLUMN.

Hi everyone,

This is my first year as a steward. Hopefully cold, wet weather has gone and we can look forward to warmer days and balmy nights. My tulips put on an amazing show of colours this year and cheered me on dark wet days.

Nature is like God, always there, full of surprises. Some challenging, but never lets you down.

June is promising to be a busy month, Church Anniversary, Old Time Music Hall, Joy's Coffee Morning. Check dates in News Letter

New ideas for fund raising have been rewarding.

We have lost some members lately but also have gained some new ones.

Till the next time.

Ann Smith



Joan Turner

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and messages received following Mum's death.

Many thanks Steve and everyone who was involved with or attended the service.

Special thanks to the people who supported Mum during the latter years enabling her to continue to enjoy Church and the fellowship of good friends

God Bless You All

Josie and Mary.

BREAN

www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org

The joys of the coming summer are here amongst us. We see new life springing up and hopefully it affects the mood we are in. Or at least it would if I could keep the wretched rabbits off my strawberry plants; they (or rather one in particular) find a way round whatever security devices that I can devise. But we know it is summer now because Steve and Lynn are back, looking not a day older than when we saw them last, back in September. To them and to our other returning regulars, it's good to see you again.

Our Anglican partners are also feeling upbeat again after they appointed a new vicar to their parish this month. The benefice (jointly with St Mary's, Berrow, and now also to be shared with a one day a week ministry in the wider Deanery), had been empty since January 2015. There had already been a selection round that had failed to find a suitable candidate. Now however they hope that, by the end of the summer, the new man and his young family will be settled into the living.

We were pleased (and they were very grateful) to be able to offer our premises for the Anglican interviews; and, because Brean Methodist Church and St Bridget's are in a properly constituted partnership, we were able to have an observer there in order to be reassured that the candidate would respect our local relationship.

Margaret and Judy worked hard to make sure our church was nicely decorated and that refreshments were provided, so our thanks to them for making this such a hospitable occasion.

We shall join in with the Circuit Prayer venture in June. Our appointed day is Sunday 5th. which is the day of our next joint service with St Bridget's. The service will be in our church this month, so we are inviting the St Bridget's congregation to share a prayer time with us at 9.45am, before our service at 10.30am.

Thanks to Stephen Marr, Robin Jenks, Angie Hoare and the other folk who thought up this initiative and are running the show.

And while we are at it, let's have a few more words of thanks. As I go round other churches and see the struggle some of them have to get a regular organist, we are ever more grateful for what Rose does for us. She is a very competent player and we miss her very much when the call of new lambs and the needs of her business call her away.

As we all sit round after service enjoying our coffee/tea, (and we are a small enough group to get around the same extended table), it is good to see that we are a happy group content in each other's company. Long may it continue.

Harvey Allen

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