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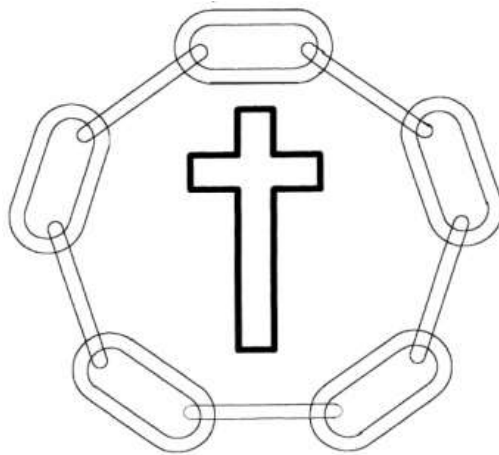
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**BURNHAM**

# Calendar

## NOVEMBER

- Wed 1st B/H Wednesday Group - Traidcraft Talk by Chris Wray
- Sat 4th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning for Action for Children See page 4.
- Sat 4th 4.00 - 6.00 B/H Messy Church for all the Family - Do join in
- Wed 8th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch – Barbara Williams
- Sat 11th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
- Sat 11th 7.00 for 7.30 An Evening with Noel & Tricia Richards at St Mary's Church Coast Road Berrow See Page 4.
- Tues 14th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Linda Trebble
- Sat 18th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning at Burnham.
- Sat 18th 10.00 - 12.00 E/B East Brent Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale See page 6.
- Sun 19th 10.30am E/B Joint Link Services at East Brent
- Sun 19th **LAST DAY FOR THE DECEMBER - JANUARY 2018 LINK**
- Fri 24th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee, Cake & Chat at West Huntspill
- Sat 25th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
- Sat 25th 10.30 - 12.00 B/K Christmas Coffee Morning at Brent Knoll
- Tues 28th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Rev Colin Speed

## DECEMBER

- Fri 1st 7.00pm B/H Christmas Concert by U3A & Impromptu Plus See page 5.
- Sat 2nd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by Dorothy & Helpers
- Sat 2nd 4.00 - 6.00 B/H Messy Church for all the Family - Do join in
- Wed 6th B/H Wednesday Group - Christmas Gifts
- Sat 9th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H CHRISTMAS FAIR Burnham
- Sun 10th 10.30am B/K Joint Link Services at Brent Knoll
- Tues 12th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship - Christmas Tea and entertainment
- Wed 13th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch – Daphne Hill
- Sat 16th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning at Burnham.

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

## **LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017**

.LINK TO HOPE have launched their Christmas appeal. Last year they managed to send 39,000 shoeboxes full of goods to Elderly people and poor families in Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine. Each year I organise friends, family and a local school who all fill shoeboxes. This year they have asked for gloves, scarves, reading glasses [ from a pound shop], pens and paper, candles and holders, ,a wind up torch, cotton shopping bags, a mug and cutlery, brush and combs, new socks and sweets and chocolates for the Elderly. The family boxes are similar but also include toys and games. If you would like to fill a shoebox or just donate items I have leaflets that explain what to do. I also have a DVD you are welcome to borrow. **The shoeboxes are collected by November 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to find out more please contact me, Marian Foster 01278 785360. Thank you, all the people in all the churches who helped last year.

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## **FRIENDS OF BURNHAM-ON-SEA WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

(UK Registered Charity No.250027)

### **YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL NEEDS YOU**

We are looking for new members and would love it if you would join us and support your local hospital. Annual membership costs only £5.00, although you may give more if you wish, and does not involve you taking on any responsibilities.

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# **Coffee Morning**

**4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Burnham Methodist Church**

**10.00 to 12.00**

Stalls to include

Action for Children Christmas Cards,  
Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, & Raffle



**An Evening with  
Noel & Tricia Richards  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Doors open 7.00 for 7.30  
St Mary's Church  
Coast Road Berrow**



**No tickets, a freewill offering will  
Be taken for Church refurbishments**



**The Friends of Burnham Hospital**

**Christmas Concert**

**With U3A CONCERT PARTY**

**& IMPROMPTU PLUS**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**at 7.00pm**

**Methodist Church**

**College Street, Burnham-on-Sea**

Get in the mood for Christmas!

What better way to start than a

**FREE ENTRY Concert!!**

**All proceeds split between the Friends and**

**the Methodist Church**

**Raffle & Retiring Collection**

**Refreshments**

**Don't be disappointed Free Tickets from**

**Bernie 785727 or Community Centre Office 792666**





## **East Brent**

# **Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

10.30 – 12.00

Cakes Christmas cards

Tombola

Coffee and chat

We look forward to seeing you.



## **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

A 10 Day Tour

Leaving 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 returning 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Led by Rev Rod Ingrouille in conjunction with

Rev Steve Rod Ingrouille and Rev Dawn Harrison

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Editors note – I have 2 copies with more details if you are interested Cedric

Weston Burnham		Oct-17	Nov-17			
		29	5	12 Remembra nce Sunday	19	26 Women Against Violence Sunday
Brean	10:30am	Thomas	Gale	at St Bridgets at 10:45	LS at East Brent	McKnight HC
Brent Knoll	10:30am	Barrett	Bennett HC	US at St Michael's	LS at East Brent	Treble
Burnham	10:30am	Lester	McKnight	J Pipet	AAW Group FS	Bennett HC
	6:00pm	Hoare	No Service	Bennett	James	Bennett
Church Road	10:30am	Jenks	Marr	Luker	Allen	Hoare HC
East Brent	10:30am	Luker	Ingrouille HC	Bennett	McKnight	Dallimore
Locking Castle	9:15am	Yacomeni/ Keir- Bucknall	Yacomeni/ Lanham	Pearce	Yacomeni	Hoare HC
	10:30am	Keir-Buckna	Lanham's	Pearce	Yacomeni	Williams (Christian Aid)
Milton	10:30am	Dallimore	Allen	Hoare AAW	Murphy HC	Horlock
	3:00pm		Hoare Memorial			
	6:30pm	Pullen		Hoare HC	G Hoare Healing	G Hoare
St Andrews	10:00am	J Pipet	Erridge HC	Jenks	Hoare HC	Davis
	6:00pm		Bleaddon	Victoria	Milton	Hoare
Uphill	10:30am	Horlock	Thomas	Hill	James HC	G Hoare
Victoria	10:30am	Treble	Hoare HC All Souls	G Hoare	Jacob's Well	Williamson
	6:30pm					
West Huntspill	11:00am	Hoare	Dallimore	Treble	Bennett HC	Jenks
	6:00pm					
	Lectionary Year A	Deut 34:1-12	Josh 3:7-17	Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24
		Ps 90:1-6, 13-17	Ps 107:1-7, 33-37	Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thess 5:1-11	Ps 95:1-7a
		1 Thess 2:1-8	1 Thess 2:9-13	1 Thes 4:13-18	Matt 25:14-30	Ephes 1:15-23
		Matt 22:34-46	Matt 23:1-12	Matt 25:1-13		Matt 25:31-46

# BREAN

[www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org](http://www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org)

When I was preaching at West Huntspill earlier in the month, Christine was giving out a booklet commemorating the Week of Prayer for World Peace. There were prayers from different religions. Who of us would not cherish the sentiments of this Bahá'í prayer, for example:

*O thou Provider! The dearest wish of this servant of thy threshold is to behold the friends of East and West in close embrace; to see all members of human society gathered with love in a single great assemblage, even as individual drops of water collected in one mighty sea; to behold them all as birds in one garden of roses, as pearls of one ocean, as leaves of one tree, as rays of one sun.*

Or, in today's climate, who wouldn't be brought up short by this Muslim verse:

*Do not attach yourself to a particular creed or religion exclusively,*

*So that you disbelieve all the rest,*

*Otherwise you will lose much good;*

*Nay you will fail to recognise*

*The real truth of the matter.*

*God the Omnipresent and Omnipotent,*

*Is not limited by One creed.*

*Wheresoever you turn, there is the face of God.*

In my ignorance I had not known it was a special week until Christine reminded us, so we then shared a couple of other prayers during the course of our service.

It seems to me that there is much in the realms of other beliefs which we should acknowledge in the cause of love and peace. In this year when we remember the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther and what the historian Simon Starkey calls the 'jihad' of that era, we can reflect that our own religion is not without its dark side. Several TV and radio shows have highlighted the machinations, the cruelty, and the fear of those days also associated with the Reformation. Literature and



the arts too, for while I recognise that Ken Follett's latest tome of his Kingsbridge series is fiction, the scholarship that went into his research is impressive and gives us a colourful taste of life in the religious conflict set in the time of the Tudors.

Stanley took our service at Brean the day after I had prepared this article. He contrasted the good with the not so good, the peaceful with the hostile, those who worked for peace and truth with those who saw their 'faith' as to be preserved no matter what the cost. We cannot expect God to intervene and cleanse the world from all that is hurtful, and yet we can know that he suffers with us. He strengthens us to suffer in love also, and yet to work for peace among all people.

I returned from West Huntspill to our Church Council. In our own way and as we are able, we seek to bring peace and hope to our own community. Currently we are talking (at length) about how we should replace our front door in a way that invites people to fully know that it is a welcoming and peaceful entry into our fellowship. Hope too is behind the initiative that was discussed at our Special Circuit Meeting held at Burnham. It was a well attended gathering and let's hope that it is one step along the path of our vision for the circuit. In October also we held our Ecumenical Meeting with our friends from St Bridget's; as our numbers get smaller and our ages increase, we begin to wonder whether a formal covenant is the best way to go forward, so hold us in your thoughts as we seek our future together.

Much of Jesus' ministry was accompanied by food and good fellowship. So it was at our Harvest Festival at the beginning of the month; about 25 came for the morning service and somehow 30 people were present for lunch. It was a special day, so our thanks to all who came and especially to those who spent so much time preparing for the occasion.

So now it is November, longer evenings and shorter days. Remembrance Day brings us thoughts for those who died in military conflict and for those they left behind. And November perhaps gives us the first thoughts of preparing for Christmas. Some contrast there too!

*Harvey Allen*

# WEST HUNTSPILL

## Methodist Church

*Thank  
You*

To EVERYONE who made our coffee mornings such a success. Thanks to your generosity we have raised just over £1,000 for various charities since September 2016. We started with £401.12p for Macmillan Cancer Care in September, then £40.60p for Action For Children, just after Christmas. In May it was £56.20p for Christian Aid. The nine months in-between we raised £540.02p for the Children and Young People's Safe House in North India. We will continue to ensure that your donations go to charity, but we were unable to make a definite decision at our Church Council meeting. We have something in mind, and will let you know as soon as we can.

## Coffee Morning

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am – 12md**



## Table Top Stall

**Free Coffee, Cake and Chat**

**Donations to Charity**



# BRENT KNOLL

[www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com](http://www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com)

We celebrated our Harvest Festival last month which proved to be an exceptional time of celebration and fellowship. We began by decorating the church on the Saturday morning before the festival, during which time we could hear families enjoying the Scarecrow Festival which was taking place in the village. And the church looked simply wonderful in readiness for our harvest celebrations. Carol was our artistic director and a huge thank you goes out to her, Claraine and Margaret who also provided flowers, fruits and greenery from their gardens and worked so very hard in making the church look so beautiful.

At the risk of sounding like an Oscar winner delivering a "thank you" speech, a big thank you also goes to Rev Steve for leading our service, for everybody who brought produce to give to the Foodbank or to be exchanged for donations to the charity "All We Can" and to Chris Seagers from Cheddar Valley Strawberries who, when approached by Carol, donated a big box of produce which was later taken to St Andrew's Bournville to be used for the freshly cooked lunches they provide.

After the service we enjoyed delicious soups, crusty bread, cheeseboards and delicious deserts made and provided by Carol, Janet and Margaret which were all much appreciated.

And a thank you too, to Brent Knoll Toddlers for their harvest themed drawings which proved such a lovely addition to our harvest decorations as they were hung around our church - and to toddler leader Jane Hannah for the Toddlers' scarecrow entry "The Tooth Fairy" which was awarded 2nd place in the scarecrow competition. The lovely fairy was very much enjoyed as she stood outside our front door welcoming everyone into the church.

As harvest thanksgivings draw to a close and we look towards Advent, we will be holding our Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 25th November at 10.30am. Please do come along and join us for hot

drinks and cake and, of course, festive fellowship with our Circuit and village friends.

At the time of writing, I'm hearing that there's ANOTHER storm warning issued as strong winds approach the South West. Autumn is such an unsettled month weather-wise, so stay safe, stay warm and if needs be, stay in.

Every blessing from all of us at Brent Knoll.

Rosemary Krull



## **EAST BRENT**

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of October, where does the time fly!!

One of the strengths of the Methodist Chapel is the wonderful variety we have in all our Preachers.

It was lovely to see Rev Stephen Marr again; he brings such a peace and tranquillity to his service which is so uplifting. What a lovely Sunday we had when we had our Church Council meeting & lunch, what fun we had over our lunch.

Our Link meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> was a lovely occasion, we welcomed the Milton ladies & our service was taken Rev Jim McKnight, which I'm sure everyone enjoyed, then we went into the hall for tea & chat again what a lovely afternoon we had.

Our, Christmas Coffee morning is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We would love to see you there.

Finally, an email sent to me by my brother, seen at a music exam centre in Stratford on Avon.

“God grant me the serenity to forget the people I never liked anyway.

The good fortune to run into the ones I do.

And the eyesight to tell the difference.”

Ann Bown

# BURNHAM

## STEWARDS REPORT

Due to holidays, work commitments etc etc I'm writing the Burnham column again, rather more quickly than should have been the case, (I wasn't press-ganged I did volunteer!) Don't you think the weather has been unusual for this time of year what with hurricane Ophelia coming from the other side of the Atlantic and causing havoc in Ireland and then the more prosaically named Brian battering Ireland again and giving us high winds and high seas and all the while it's been quite mild? Both storms managed to by-pass Burnham leaving us very grateful for not sustaining the damage caused in the worst hit areas on both sides of the Atlantic. Our thoughts and prayers have been with those who have suffered terrible losses particularly those islands in the Caribbean. Burnham folk responded with generosity to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for donations to help those affected. We thank all who gave – those funds have already been forwarded to the DEC by our treasurer Geoff.

But still Autumn is well and truly here – the trees have virtually lost all their leaves – certainly round by me. Looking out of window into the garden – oh goodness there's a robin and a butterfly has just winged its way past the window – (sorry I got carried away) it does look very autumnal – I can say a big thank you to God for this beautiful world we have to live in and look after.

The start of the new Church year has brought a new initiative to Burnham – well not exactly new but a born-again initiative. MESSY CHURCH is back. John and Linda Trebble have taken the lead and we are all systems go! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> session is coming up on 4<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday) between 4 and 6pm. You are very welcome to pop in and have a look at what we are doing. This session is entitled Remembrance, and will include lots of activities, a short, very child friendly service followed by tea and fellowship together. It is great fun with a real Christian message. We hope this is the start of something big. We now have established a group who will take over the organisation of All Age Worship within our church. These services will

be held once a month and will be shorter than our normal Sunday Morning Worship. The group, led by Linda Patient and John Trebble will take the service on 19<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome!

Advance Notice and date for your diary – The Burnham Church Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December (10am to 12 noon) – do pop in and see what we have to offer – always a chance to get some stocking fillers.

We are thrilled that we are being visited by new people, not just late holiday visitors but those who have moved into the area and we pray that they stay with us. These people are increasing our congregation, although this month has seen a downturn in our numbers due to a lot of illness, flu, bronchitis, operations, falls etc. Our hearts go out to all those affected. You know you are in our thoughts and prayers. (It is such a pity that our drop in numbers coincided with the October count – ah well “ces la vie”

Good wishes and many blessings from all at Burnham

Ann Hall

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**The Deadline for the  
December – January 2018 LINK is  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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