

For your information...

Sunday 3rd February 2019

Coffee Clean-up Rota

Many thanks to today's teams -

- Sue Henley's Group @ 11am
- Lindy Morgan's Group @ 6pm

Next week

- Mones' Group @ 11am
- Hannah Bunting's Group @ 6pm

Mones says...

Patience and perseverance are both amazing gifts from God, which I keep calling out to God for, and in His goodness and mercy, He keeps on granting. In a previous *Mones Says* I have already spoken about one of the things that I believe God wanted us to achieve and bring into being at St Mike's, since our arrival here in May 2014, namely a lay leadership team, to look after the essential areas that cause churches to be healthy and to flourish.

Well, it is so exciting to write to you after the first meeting of the team. We had great honest discussion, a good time of prayer and thinking about future events, and outreach has already been discussed and put in diaries. I want to recommend the team to you, each member of it, and ask you to come alongside, pray for and encourage them in the ministry to which God is calling them, and in doing so you will be strengthened and encouraged.

For any church to flourish and be healthy it needs to go deeper than just being focused on charismatic and strong leadership. It needs to have the qualities that will keep it going for the future, although changes and storms might come its way. Most research speaks of similar areas that need to be continually focused on: healthy inter-relationships within the community; individuals cared for by making sure that no one slips through the net without been noticed and provided for; knowing and understanding the needs around church and reaching out evangelistically to meet these needs; passionate spirituality in worship and in prayer; and proper discipleship encouraged through personal study of scriptures, small groups, seminars and conferences.

As I mentioned in my previous *Mones Says* on the subject, the team is made up of different individuals responsible for the different areas, Heather and Jono Cox responsible for Evangelism, Mark and Moyra Morris for the Pastoral Care, Andrew Davies and Laura George for

Worship, Ruth Lewis and Brenda Rigg for Relationships within the body, Gabi and John Clifton Brown for Discipleship. In addition, the team will also include the ordained clerics serving St Mike's. Each area will need its own team to be truly effective, and my encouragement to you is that you would offer your gifts to serve in one of these teams, you will feel more integrated, deepen your sense of belonging and service.

The Weekday Communion has moved from Wednesdays to **Thursdays at 11.30am**.

Day Off: Mones' day off will be on **Wednesdays** from now on.

Mature Munch is on 7.2.19 at 12.30pm in the Castle Rooms. Only £3. Bring a friend.

Craft club at The Well from 7:30pm until 9:30pm on 7.2.19. Bring a craft of your choice to do, but if you aren't craft-minded, you can bring a book or do a puzzle and join others for some tea, cake and chat!

The CU are in need of **desserts** for 70 people for a Mission Week evening event. If you are able to help, please drop off your dessert in church on 22.2.19 by 2pm. Thank you.

The Gathering: a worship evening aimed at youth and young adults at 6pm in St Mike's on 2.3.19. Refreshments included.

High Diving, a Women's Conference at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberaeron. 1.3.19, 7pm-9pm Evening of Worship, & 2.3.19, Day Conference 10am-9pm including teaching, worship and prayer ministry. Light lunch, refreshments and fish and chip supper included. Cost £20. Advance booking essential. Contact Lynn Lewis - lynn.lewis24@hotmail.com or 01545 570433.

Lent Course: During Lent we will be joining together in church on Tuesday evenings. We will be starting with an introductory evening on 5.3.19 at 7pm with pancakes, and then continuing on Tuesdays at 7pm, starting with cake. All welcome.

The Well, open for almost a year, has exceeded the plans we had for the starting up of this outreach into the town. People from all walks of life have found a place of 'home', with a hot drink, a chat, warm food and a comfortable environment. To up the profile and use the building to its utmost we need more volunteers to come on board with the vision. Could this be a place of ministry that fits you? We need cooks - nothing fancy, crafters, befrienders and willing hands on Monday-Wednesday

and Fridays. The Well Read library needs setting up properly and we need a cleaner for the two floors. Also please pray for someone to take Sally's place in carrying the vision alongside Lindy. Speak to Lindy for more info and to volunteer.

Have you seen our **Welcome area?** (next to the testimony board at the back of church) If you're new to St Mike's, or would like to know a bit more about what's going on, and find out how you can get involved, this is a great place to start.

Daily prayer meetings: 8am-8.50am Monday to Saturday at The Well (11 Baker Street). Wednesdays, 7.45am @ St Mike's (no prayer meeting in The Well on Wednesdays). Friday evenings in church at 5.45pm (except the evening before Nightwatch).

Children's and youth activities: On Sunday mornings our church has activities for young people aged between 2 and 14. There is also a crèche available for under 2's in the tower room & baby changing facilities in the toilets. Please ask if you're not sure where these are.

We have a church **Pastoral Team**, if you need or would like a visit from someone in church please do contact the office.

Next week...

Sunday 10th February

11am: **All Age Service:** All about Jesus: Think upsidedown
6pm: **Holy Communion** with Mones Farah speaking.

Dates for your diary:

February

7.2.19: Craft Club.
7.2.19: Mature Munch.
21.2.19: Mature Munch.

March

2.3.19: The Gathering (Youth & Young Adults Service) at 6pm.
5.3.19: Lent Course.

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