

Sunday 3rd February 2019

Welcome to



St. Michael's Aberystwyth

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 we arrived 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.

Diary...

Monday 4 February

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting at the Well.
10.00am: Staff Meeting and Prayer.

Tuesday 5 February

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting at the Well.
1.15pm: Parents & Toddlers.
7.00pm: Alpha in the Castle Rooms.

Wednesday 6 February

- 7.45am: Prayer Meeting & breakfast.
4.00pm: The Lab (4-11 years).
7.00pm: Life Cafe @ The Well (Secondary School).

Thursday 7 February

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting at the Well.
11.30am: Weekday Communion.
12.30pm: Mature Munch.
7.30pm: Craft Club in the Well.

Friday 8 February

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting at the Well.
5.45pm: Prayer Meeting.

Saturday 9 February

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting at the Well.

Today's coffee clean up groups:

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

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Dates for your diary...

February

- 21.2.19: Mature Munch.

March

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

Notices...

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.

Volunteers wanted for the Vision and Sound Desk teams. Training provided. If you'd like to get involved, please speak to Jon Turner (Vision) or Phil Nixon (Sound) or contact the office.

The Well, open for almost a year, has exceeded the plans we had for the starting up of this outreach into the town. 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. Please pray for someone to take Sally's place in carrying the vision alongside Lindy. Speak to Lindy for more info and to volunteer.

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).

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, speak to someone in the **Welcome Area**.

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.

Welcome to our Holy Communion

Worship leader: Andy Henley

Service Leader: Ruth Lewis

Preacher: Mones Farah

Welcome and notices

Worship songs

The Joy of the Lord

King of my Heart

Children leave –

When I call on Your Name

Confession/absolution/responses

Reading: Luke 19:11-26

Sermon

Peace

Offertory hymn: Come praise the name of Jesus

Communion and songs

Your mercy

Christ is enough for me

Boldly I approach your throne

Blessing

Hymn: Immortal, invisible God only wise,

This evening: 6pm: Evening Worship and Baptism with Sally Farah speaking from Exodus 33:7-11.

Next week - 11am: All Age Service Theme: All about Jesus: Think upsidedown.
6pm: Holy Communion with Mones Farah speaking.

For all our staff and activities, please visit www.stmikes.org.uk

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