

Sunday 1 July 2018

*Welcome to*



**St. Michael's**  
**Aberystwyth**

**Mones says...**

The words promise, vow, pledge, obligation, loyalty, devotion, dedication and commitment are all a variation of the same concept; the giving of oneself to a cause that requires something back from us; energy, finance, time, affection and so on.

At one time, the church's definition of habitual attendance of worship for the purpose of membership and the electoral roll, was 3 Sundays in 4; however, in many churches today this is considered a high demand, so some churches are defining habitual worship as 1 in 4 Sundays!

I am becoming increasingly puzzled and concerned at the state of British and western Christianity. It seems to have reached a place where its passion and heart is seeping out of it at an alarming pace. It seems that the commitments of even those who once were so passionate and on fire have reduced and in some instances it looks as though the fire has almost gone out altogether.

We live in an age that requires no commitment, in an age where investment of self is only required and seen in the few and often in those who are seeking frantically to climb to the top. Now there is nothing wrong at all in desiring to climb to the top, it is something to be applauded and encouraged as long as in doing so we do not fall into behavioural patterns that undermine or hurt others. Nonetheless, the few who spend their whole energy trying to reach the top highlight the fact that the vast majority are just cruising in life, finding the least resistance path and settling for way less than what they should be involved in and achieve.

No-one has ever achieved greatness without whole-hearted commitment and passion, no one has done anything of lasting value without loyalty and devotion to the task at hand.

God calls for a whole-hearted commitment and for the sake of the call of God on our lives and for His sake we need to be settled in heart and mind about giving, living and displaying this commitment to Him.

The view of secular society of Him is dependent on what they observe of our commitment towards His values, living His requirements in our daily lives and the level of our passion of our service and connection to Him.

Commit for the sake of God, and commit for the sake of the Kingdom.

# Diary...

## Today's coffee clean up groups:

- June Smith's Group @ 11am
- Students @ 6pm

### Monday 2 July

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
- 9.00am: Staff meeting and prayer.

### Tuesday 3 July

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well
- 1.15pm: Parents & Toddlers.

### Wednesday 4 July

- 7.45am: Prayer Meeting & breakfast in Church.
- 10.30am: Holy Communion.
- 4.00pm: The Lab (ages 4-11).
- 7.00pm: Ignite (Secondary School).

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### Thursday 5 July

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
- 12.30pm: Mature Munch.

### Friday 6 July

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
- 5.45pm: Prayer Meeting in Church.

### Saturday 7 July

- 8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

## Dates for your diary...

### July

- 6.7.18: Spree Wales.
- 5.7.18: Mature Munch.
- 8.7.18: All Age Service.
- 14.7.18: Choir Fantasy Concert at 7pm
- 19.7.18: Mature Munch

### August

- 5.8.18: Choir Evangelistic and Musical items at the Bandstand.
- 6.8.18: Beach Mission.

## Notices...

**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).

**Pastoral Team:** if you would like a visit from someone in church please do contact the office.

**Children's and youth activities:** On Sunday mornings our church has activities for young people aged between 2 and 14. There is also a creche 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.

**Internship opportunity** with church, learning more about how church works, and an opportunity to grow in discipleship and in understanding of God - speak to Mones for more info.

**Pobl Dewi:** The latest edition of Pobl Dewi (the Diocesan Newspaper) is available from the back of church.

Congratulations to **Rev Lindy Morgan** who was ordained yesterday. She will be serving her curacy in the Rectorial Benefice of Aberystwyth with special responsibility for St Mike's.

**Alun Evans**, one of our previous students, will be licensed as curate for Bro Padarn Ministry area on 5.7.18 in St Padarn's Church, Llanbadarn at 6.30pm.

**Choral Fantasy** an evening of choir pieces and musical items on 14.7.18, 7pm in church. Donations towards the trip to Israel welcome. To find out more speak to Delyth.

**Church cleaning party:** spring cleaning party on 21.7.18. Meet at 10am and lunch will be provided. Speak to Hannah in the office, or Lindy.

**Baptisms:** we will be having a Baptism service on 22.7.18. If you would like to be baptised please speak to Mones.

**Aber Jabber:** 6 people wanted to deliver the Aber Jabber Newspaper during the last week of July. £100 each. Please speak to the office if interested.

**Beach Mission:** Team dates 4-12 August. Events start 6.8.18. If interested in being on the team, speak to Hannah Bunting.

**Israel Trip:** For those who are interested in coming to Israel October 27th -November 4th, could you please confirm by today? Thanks. Delyth.

**More details:** on the notice boards & at the back of church.

# Welcome to our Holy Communion

**Worship leader:** Andy Henley

**Preacher & Service leader:** Mones Farah

Welcome and notices

## **Worship songs**

**All Creatures of Our God and King**

**I will worship**

*Children leave*

**You were the Word from the beginning**

Confession/absolution/responses

Reading

Sermon

Peace

**Offertory hymn: The Kingdom of God**

**Communion and songs**

**Great Are You Lord**

**Hosanna (I see the King of Glory)**

**Build Your Kingdom here**

Blessing

**Hymn: Great is the gospel of our glorious God**

**This evening- 6pm: Evening Worship** with Sally Farah speaking on 'Navigating Community'.

**Next week - 11am: Morning Worship** with the theme of 'For the sake of Me'. **6pm: Holy Communion** with J-D Laurence speaking on Mark 5:21-43.

**For all our staff and activities,** please visit [www.stmikes.org.uk](http://www.stmikes.org.uk)

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