

For your information...

8 July 2018

Coffee Clean-up Rota

Many thanks to today's teams -

- Jean Morgan's Group @ 11am
- Hannah and Raksu's Group @ 6pm

Next week

- The Newquay Group @ 11am
- Lindy Morgan's Group @ 6pm

Mones says...

Over the last two weeks we have focused our attention on the importance of commitment in the daily life of a Christian. The first in the series was about commitment for the sake of God, the second was about commitment for the sake of the Kingdom and today it is about commitment for the sake of me (for my sake).

My absolute conviction is that what I get out of anything is directly proportionate to what I put in, and this is especially true within the spiritual life.

I would like to start by dealing with one of the greatest lies of our time, and that is that we seek to separate the ordinary from the spiritual, as though that is even possible to achieve. For even if we have the tendency to separate the Spiritual from the secular, the reality of the kingdom in which we live is that this distinction is totally false. There is nothing that is not sacred or unholy, nothing that could not and should not be dedicated to God.

Whatever you do, do it as though you are doing it unto the Lord; in everything give thanks to the Father; in all things commit your ways to the Lord and He shall direct you. I am sure that you are able to see the blend between the secular and the sacred in the way the Bible calls us to live, any separation is a wrong understanding of life, and we only end up in heartache.

When I commit, I discover community and belonging, which is one of the most paramount needs of most individuals in our world. However, I can never discover, enter into or enjoy the benefits of community if I do not commit to the group of people that I wish to belong.

When I commit, I discover fulfilment; there are so many people in our world that are so aimless, and totally unfulfilled, they have nothing to aim for or to invest in. The community which we seek will give us goals and aims and will provide us with partners who will help us in our walk and who share similar passions to us. As we work together, all with heartfelt commitment, something utterly and completely amazing takes place; the result of our joined effort is multiplied and more often than not exponentially multiplied and so we experience fulfilment way beyond what we could have done on our own.

When I commit, I discover aims and destinations that I would never have dreamed of reaching and attaining; I rise above the

level of mediocrity and the trap of settling for the least resistant effort. Otherwise my life turns into the mundane, boredom settles in and invites a multitude of other destructive behavioural patterns into my life.

When I commit, I discover the benefits and rewards of my Heavenly Father. "You were faithful with little" He will say, now experience the joy of your Heavenly Father. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, He rewards us with Himself, what better reward can we ask for.

Commitment for the sake of God
Commitment for the sake of the Kingdom
Commitment for my sake.

We are holding **daily prayer meetings** from 8am- 8.50am Monday to Saturday at The Well (11 Baker Street. The Wednesday Prayer Meeting will continue to take place at St Mike's at 7.45am with breakfast as normal (no prayer meeting at The Well on Wednesdays).

We have a church **Pastoral Team**, if you need or would like a visit from someone in church please do contact the office. The team is a lovely bunch made up of our congregation members.

Testimony board: We have a notice board at the back of church for people to share what God has been doing in their lives. Write a testimony on a piece of paper provided and pin it to the board as a way of telling people the praise worthy deeds of our God!

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.

Care Packs: Emily and Anna, two of our youth, are off to Calais to help refugees in August and are looking to take care packs which are aimed at the men. If you are able to donate any of the following items there is a green labelled donation box at the back of church by the office - they are aiming to make 100 care packages. Emily and Anna would really appreciate you help if you can. Deadline is the 2nd August. Items: unwanted mobile phones that work with the sim card taken out. Shaving razors, deodorant, wet wipes, bars of soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, Socks (new ones), underpants (new ones), small bottles of water and small packets of biscuits (e.g. go ahead bars).

No **Wednesday Worship** on 11.7.18.

There will be no **Nightwatch** in July.

Choral Fantasy an evening of choir pieces and musical items on 14.7.18, 7pm in church. There will be tasty cake and an arts and crafts sale to raise funds for the choir trip. They are aiming to raise a total of £6500 and 10% of all we raise will be donated to the Nazareth Trust. If anyone can help on the door or serving refreshments on Saturday night could they please speak to Delyth or Katie.

Cleaning Party: Spring has turned to Summer and the church needs a spring clean. The corners and crevices and high places could do with some extra tender loving care and so we're going to have a cleaning party on 21st July. Please register your interest, men and women as there's lots to do and the more we are in number the lighter the work will be and the more fun will be had. We'll meet at 10am and lunch will be provided so you can stay all day if you wish! if you can be there please tell either Hannah in the office, or Lindy.

Baptisms: we will be having a Baptism service on 22nd July. 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 you are interested in being on the team, speak to Hannah Bunting.

Next week...

Sunday 15 July

11am: **Holy Communion** with Michael Rees speaking on Mark 6:1-13.

6pm: **Evening Worship** with Carmen Mills speaking on Luke 10:1-20.

Dates for your diary:

July

14.7.18: Choir Fantasy Concert at 7pm

19.7.18: Mature Munch.

22.6.18: Baptisms @ 11am & Encounter @ 6pm.

August

5.8.18: Choir Evangelistic and Musical items at the Bandstand.

6.8.18: Beach Mission.

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