

Sunday 8 July 2018

Welcome to



St. Michael's
Aberystwyth

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.

Diary...

Today's coffee clean up groups:

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

Monday 9 July

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

Tuesday 10 July

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

Wednesday 11 July

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

Thursday 12 July

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

Friday 13 July

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

Saturday 14 July

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
7.00pm: Choral Fantasy.

Dates for your diary...

July

14.7.18: Choir Fantasy Concert at 7pm.
19.7.18: Mature Munch.
22.7.18: Baptisms @ 11am & Encounter @6pm

August

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

You can find us on:



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St Michael's Church,



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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.

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.

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.

Care Packs: Emily and Anna, two of our youth, are off to Calais in August, to help refugees, and are making care packs for men. If you are able to donate any of the following 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) there is a green labelled donation box at the back of church by the office. Emily and Anna would really appreciate you help if you can. Deadline is 2.8.18.

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

Welcome to our Morning Worship

Worship leader: Elaine Jensen

Preacher: Emma Whittick

Service leader: Phil Nixon

Opening Hymn: Alleluia, sing to Jesus.

Welcome and notices

Worship:

Never be shaken

Joy of the Lord

Strength will rise

Children leave for their activities,

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: To God be the glory,

Reading: Ruth 1

Sermon

Worship

How great is Your love

Lord You read my very heart

Testimony

Worship

Here I am, once again (pour out my heart)

Shout to the Lord

Blessing

This evening- 6pm: Holy Communion with J-D Laurence speaking on Mark 5:21-43.

Next week - 11am: Holy Communion with Michael Rees speaking from Mark 6:1-13. **6pm: Evening Worship** with Carmen Mills speaking on Luke 10:1-20.

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

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