

Sunday 2 September 2018

Welcome to



St. Michael's
Aberystwyth

Mones says...

The need around us is so great. There is homelessness, too much for a town like ours. Youth drug culture is rife, and it seems that the youth are starting younger and younger as the years go by. It seems that there is total disenchantment with Christian faith and what it has to offer to society today.

In fact, most cultural commentators are speaking about a post Christian society, but, truth to be told, a better term to be used is 'post Christendom society'. For it is not that people are not interested in Christianity, but rather after so many years of church and Christianity as a majority, a seeming partnership between state and religion (in which Jesus was lost and was unable to be seen), and in many circles a return to legalism, a rebellion has taken place. Furthermore with each successive generation the rebellion and alienation seems to get stronger and deeper.

In the meantime the church seemed to be asleep, unaware and at some points confused as to how to articulate its role within the new landscape. In response to this and in attempt to deal with the new challenge church either became too liberal, super intellectual/rational, ultra-conservative or super charismatic.

To win society today we do need to understand the liberal driving force that the individual matters greatly to God and so he or she must matter greatly to the church. We need to understand the rational intellectual church, that understanding and reason is so important and is a gift of God to each one of us, to be used to understand life, God and His requirements of us. We need to understand the ultra-conservative insistence that scripture is God's Word in which He reveals His character and His requirements for our lives. We need to understand the spiritual nature of our faith and life, and to expect the spiritual that goes beyond intellect and reason to be as real as our intellect and reason.

Instead of choosing one form over another and think that the answer lies there, we need to have a blend of all four, pursuing at times a jagged edge walk, a walk that is costly and difficult, but a walk that has the potential to produce much fruit and once again result in the transformation and healing of our culture and society.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Diary...

Today's coffee clean up groups:

- June Smith's Group @ 11am
- Lindy Morgan's Group @ 6pm

Monday 3 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

10.00am: Staff meeting and prayer.

Tuesday 4 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

Wednesday 5 September

7.45am: Prayer Meeting & breakfast in Church.

10.30am: Holy Communion.

Thursday 6 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

12.30pm: Mature Munch.

Friday 7 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

5.45pm: Prayer Meeting.

Saturday 8 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

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Dates for your diary...

September

6.9.18: Mature Munch.

9.9.18: All Age Service.

10.9.18: Children's & Youth Groups restart this week.

11.9.18: 'I Can Only Imagine' Arts Centre Cinema.

15.9.18: Nightwatch.

18.9.18: 'I Can Only Imagine' Arts Centre Cinema.

20.9.18: Mature Munch.

22.9.18: Freshers Week.

Notices...

Special Screening of *"I can only Imagine"* a Christian film based on the life of Bart Millard of the band Mercy Me, in the Aberystwyth Arts Centre Cinema. It will be on Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 18th September at 6pm for 6.15pm (trailers finish at 6.15pm). Cost: Adults £6.90, Seniors £6.40, under 18s £5.90, Under 12s £5.40.

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).

Pastoral Team: if you would like a visit 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.

Staff Changes: As of 1.8.18 Lynne Casey's responsibilities have moved from Student Ministry to Pastoral Assistant Ministry. Her responsibilities include The Well, Mature Munch, visiting Plas Cwm, and spending time with people. If you would like to arrange a visit, or meet up for a chat with Lynne, please contact the office.

Coffee rota: is God calling you to serve in a servant ministry on the coffee serving and washing up rota? If we don't have enough volunteers we will need to go down the route of disposable cups. If you'd like to get involved, please contact the office.

Freshers Week - 22.9.18-29.9.18. Donations of wrapped sweets for Freshers' Fair much appreciated. Please drop them off at the office. Thanks.

The Well Read Library: Expanding lending library of Christian books at The Well, Baker Street. Also accepting donations of Christian books of reasonable quality.

Bridget and Amos will be visiting soon and Bridget will be bringing some scarves and shawls she has made to sell. Scarves are approx 32cm x 170cm. £7 each and shawls are approx 70cm x 170cm £15 each. Both are cotton, double sided. There are photos at the back of church showing some samples. She will also be making to order and if you would like to pre-order, please contact the office and let us know your colour preferences.

Beth Saunders is running the Cardiff Half Marathon to raise money for Tearfund. You can support her by donating - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beth-s-cardiff-half-marathon2018> or via text using the code BSJG99 with the amount, to 70070. She will be selling craft items at the back of church today.

FLOW: New term begins 17.9.18. Monday and Friday evenings at 7pm. Application forms available from the office.

Mature Munch: 6.9.18, at 12.30pm in the Castle Rooms only £3. Join us as we enjoy wholesome meals for our bodies and food for thought.

Welcome to our Holy Communion

Worship leader: Elaine Jensen

Service leader: Ruth Lewis

Celebrant & Preacher: Michael Rees

Welcome and notices

Worship songs

Great things

God my rock

Children leave

Be lifted up

Confession/absolution/responses

Reading: John 6:35,41-58

Sermon

Peace

Offertory hymn: The head that once was crowned with thorns.

Communion and songs

Oh come to the altar

This is the air I breathe

Behold the Lamb

Blessing

Hymn: Final Hymn, Guide me. O Thou great Redeemer.

This evening- 6pm: Evening Worship with Lindy Morgan speaking from Jonah 1.

Next week - 11am: All Age Service with Mones Farah speaking from Titus 1. **6pm: Holy Communion** with Mones Farah speaking from Jonah 2.

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

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