

Sunday 9 September 2018

Welcome to



**St. Michael's
Aberystwyth**

Mones says...

In my last Mones says, I spoke about a need for humility that leads to the embrace of the best of the main four expressions of the Christian faith today in order to be impactful in our society and the culture of our time. Humility is essential to walking this path, humility before God, and in interacting with our brothers and sisters who express their faith life and walk with God in a different way to the way we do.

Generosity is the other essential characteristic needed to regain our impact and mission in society today. Generosity itself is not only about financial giving and liberality, rather it first starts with generosity of heart and spirit. It is when we see the other, and we are willing to contemplate an acceptance of who they are although we would want to challenge them to rise higher and become all that God intended them to be.

However, financial generosity is essential also, resourcing Kingdom work is a call on every believer and follower of Jesus Christ. There are so many demands on our finances today, and many of us can barely make it to the end of the month without being so stressed about the state of our finances. Nonetheless a call to be generous resounds throughout the whole scriptures. In the Old Testament to guard the soul and spirit of the individual from capitulating to Mammon, (the spiritual power of money) they were asked to give the tithe of what they earned or grew in their fields, so that God's house will be full (Malachi 3:10). In the New Testament the call is even more drastic, for Jesus affirms the widow that gave all that she had.

The church and its members need to be generous beyond anyone and everyone outside of it, for in this place of generosity we will see ministry flourishing and the world impacted. Furthermore generosity still has a third prong - generosity of spirit. Financial generosity and a liberality with our talents and gifts. A generous Church is both attractive to God and those who surround it, a generous church is impactful and influential and a generous church is strong enough to transform its surrounding.

Leviticus 25:35-37, Deuteronomy 15:7-8, Psalm 41:1-3, Psalm 119:36, Proverbs 11:24-25, Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs 21:13, Proverbs 22:9, Matthew 6:19-21, Matthew 10:42, Luke 6:37-38, Luke 21:1-4, John 3:16, Acts 20:32-35, 2 Corinthians 8:12-15, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Galatians 6:2, 1 John 2:5-6, 1 John 3:16-18, 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

These are a few verses about generosity in the Bible, and believe me there are more, go on take the tour, check them out.

Diary...

Today's coffee clean up groups:

- Jean Morgan's Group @ 11am
- Jon Turner's Group @ 6pm

Monday 10 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

10.00am: Staff meeting and prayer.

Tuesday 11 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

1.15pm: Parents & Toddlers.

6.00pm: "I Can Only Imagine" at the Arts Centre.

Wednesday 12 September

7.45am: Prayer Meeting & breakfast in Church.

10.30am: Holy Communion.

4.00pm: The Lab (ages 4-11).

7.00pm: Ignite (Secondary School age).

Thursday 13 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

Friday 14 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

Saturday 15 September

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.

7.30pm: Nightwatch.

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Dates for your diary...

September

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.

October

5&6.10.18: Conference.

Notices...

Special Screening of "*I can only Imagine*" a Christian film based on the life of Bart Millard in the Aberystwyth Arts Centre Cinema. Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 18th September at 6pm. Tickets available online or from the Arts Centre.

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. We would like to be able to offer lifts for the students on Sundays but are in need of some more people to drive the minibus. If you are over 25 and have been driving for 2 years and would like to get involved please contact the office.

Bridget and Amos are visiting soon and Bridget will be bringing scarves and shawls she has made to sell, scarves £7 and shawls £15. Both are cotton, double sided, photo examples available. 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.

Community Rug: We're making a Pom Pom rug at The Well. Each person who comes can make a Pom Pom to contribute. Preferably NOT over lunchtime 12-2pm. [Any donations of wool will be gratefully accepted].

The **Prayer Ministry Team** would love feedback on your experience of being prayed for. Please contact Rod Raikes or Sally Farah.

Nightwatch: 15.9.18, prayer and worship 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

We are hoping to have a **small sale** to welcome Freshers and raise money for the Israel trip on 22.9.18. Please speak to Katie Medcalf or Carmen for more info.

Welcome to our All Age Service

Worship leader: Carmen Mills

Service leader: Hannah Bunting

Preacher: Mones Farah

Welcome and notices

Worship: Our God is a great big God

Testimony

Worship: Glorious Day

Prayers

Offertory Song: The Lion and the Lamb

Reading: Joshua 1:5-9

Talk

Worship and Response:

What heart could hold the weight

The splendour of the King,

Blessing

Final Song: I've seen Your grace from the mountain

Next week - 11am: Holy Communion with Prof Ken Walters speaking on Titus 1. **6pm: Evening Worship** with Sue Henley speaking on Jonah 3.

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

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