

# For your information...

30 September 2018

## Coffee Clean-up Rota

Many thanks to today's teams -

- Mones' Group @ 11am
- Newquay Group @ 6pm

Next week

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

## Mones says...

Our gift day and harvest celebration will be on October 14th. Let me share with you an encouraging testimony I came across last month.

A church that I know about in England have been in negotiation to buy the property that they have been meeting in for the last 3 years, the cost of which was way beyond what they had. In negotiation with the owners, which was covered by prayer, they reached a purchase price that was achievable, but they still lacked the funds.

The church was called to a meeting and a figure of £242,000 was deemed essential to be raised on their coming up gift day if they were to pursue the matter, but when the church council discussed it, they thought that the figure was way too high for them. To maintain faith, they decided to put the minimum figure to be raised around £95,000 in order to proceed with the purchase of the building. This decision was accepted by the committee and a challenge to the congregation to call prayer meetings by the members themselves was laid before the church. The challenge was accepted by the members and many small prayer meetings took place before the gift day.

As the gift day arrived, the members came in and began their giving. It looked very promising, and at the end of the gift day when the treasurer and the people appointed to count the pledges, and the actual amount given, they were stunned to discover that the total given and pledged was just over £242,000, the total needed to purchase their building. God is faithful; for in the natural there was no way that this small community could have raised such an amount in one day. This gift day only took place last month! God is still at work!

Our needs are not as drastic, but they are still as real, we need to raise about £20,000 to meet all our financial commitments for this year and to complete the fitting of the new TV monitors as well as the new sound system that we have been trying to do for the last 4 years.

Have you prayed, have you heard and have you decided about the level of gift that you are called to give by God?

**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). Don't forget we also have a weekly Friday evening prayer meeting at 5.45pm (except the evening before Nightwatch).

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.

**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.

**Students - exciting events this week:** On 1.10.18 we have Church Café at church. Come and meet Phil for a chat and a cup of tea over a slice of cake. On 3.10.18 there will be pottery painting in church. This is an opportunity to meet more of the students attending St. Michael's, make some new friends and decorate a mug for your new halls. 6.10.18 we have an International Food Fest. Some of the grown ups of St. Michael's rustle up a variety of grub from their home-towns, so you can get an idea of the flavour of life here and meet more of the congregation who live in Aberystwyth year-round.

**Encounter Service** come and join us this afternoon for sports activities followed by a BBQ before the evening service.

**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.

**Community Rug:** We are making a Pom Pom rug at The Well. Each person who comes can make a Pom Pom to contribute to the rug. It's easy, we have all the kit, we just need you to come and make a Pom Pom and chat over a coffee - preferably NOT over the lunchtime period 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.

**Last chance to buy!** Bridget will have some scarves and shawls to sell in church today.

**Mature Munch:** 4.10.18 Come along for tasty food and good company, Castle Rooms 12,30pm, £3.

**Understanding my brain and how it ticks:** Friday evening 5th October, and Saturday 6th October. This is a conference provided by Genesis4Training on Brain Profiling. The aim is to help you understand why you do some of the things you do, and how to manage those functions. Understanding these things can help us work out our discipleship, and understand the ways other people work and how we can help them in their walk with God. Pre-registering is necessary as you will need a code to complete a quiz before the conference. Please let the office know if you plan to come.

**Harvest Celebration & Gift Day 14.10.18** - All Age Service followed by Church Family meal. We will be collecting non-perishable items for local charities. Financial gifts will go to the gift day.

**4women:** Women's conference at Waunifor, Llandysul. Retreat 1-3rd March (£90) / Day Conference 2.3.19 (£25). **High diving** - going higher to go deeper with God. £30 deposit for retreat, £10 deposit for day conference to secure your place. There are limited places. Book at the church office or see Lindy for further details.

Next week...

## Sunday 7 October

**11am:** **Holy Communion** with Sally Farah speaking on 'Walk Humbly' from Micah 6:1-8.

**6pm:** **Evening Worship** with Mones Farah speaking from Jude.

## Dates for your diary:

### October

**4.10.18:** Mature Munch.  
**5&6.10.18:** Brain Profile Conference  
**14.10.18:** Harvest  
**18.10.18:** Mature Munch.  
**19-21.10.18:** Student Weekend Away.  
**20.10.18:** Nightwatch.

### November

**1.11.18:** Mature Munch.  
**11.11.18:** Remembrance Sunday.  
**15.11.18:** Mature Munch.