

For your information...

7 October 2018

Coffee Clean-up Rota

Many thanks to today's teams -

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

Next week

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

Mones says...

I have been praying about my response to the gift day for the last 3 weeks, possibly a week before I shared the first Mones says about it. Chatting to a few of you last week, I was excited to see that many of you have read Mones says, and were asking about the specific needs that we needed to respond to.

Our costs per year are very high even before we begin to take care of our building, yet this year we have changed the lights, begun to change our TV monitors to more effective TVs at the front, replaced some of our cleaning equipment, our photocopier and our main computer, all of which needed upgrading and investment. This was all in addition to repairing the downpipe and rain water drainage above the side chapel after the chapel flooded 3 times and has had a steady leak for many years. A lot more still needs to be done, we have to service the heaters including repairing 4 of them, we also have to consider seriously the need to professionally clean the carpet at the back of church. Furthermore it will be wonderful to create a welcoming area at the back of church.

We have begun to install our new sound equipment, a new mixing desk, a drum box and mixing equipment to blend the sound in through the main sound desk, and in-ear fold backs, all of which will tidy the sound in church and will improve all of our abilities to hear clearly and without too much stress on our sound team members.

Moreover, the actual local ministry costs that we have are quite high, circa £55,000 depending on the levels of external grants that we manage to secure per year.

God does not intend His church to struggle financially and He calls every generation to contribute to the cost of the running of the Kingdom in their own generation, and to leave a legacy for the generation to come. However, I have found that when God asks us to do that, He promises to always provide for our needs and way beyond.

So for those of you who have been asking what our present and immediate needs are, here goes:

Mission and ministry in our parish and diocese need support, costing St Mike's just over £140,000. Granted it is more than what we actually get back in our money from the diocese for St Mike's specifically, but not when we include the rest of the Parish and the cost of training of future clergy and minister for the future ministry of the church.

Children's and Youth ministries need a further £5000, Student and Pastoral Care ministries need £5000, Admin and Finance Management ministries need £4000, to complete the sound equipment installation and professionally clean the carpet at the

back £1,500, Evangelism £5000.

In addition, it will good to complete the replacement of the TV monitors on the pillars as the ones we have are breaking down. It will be good to refurbish the toilets, improve the kitchen infrastructure, resurface the car park (£48,000 is the cheapest quote received so far) and much more.

The ministry at the Well has been amazing with so many guests and users day by day, but it needs personnel investment, and it will be great to employ a part time manager staff member with £9,700 cost per year.

The above sounds a lot and yet; it is only around an extra 12 (that is if we include the resurfacing of the car park) of our general income per year.

I will be calling a day of prayer and fasting for the 13th of October, from 8am to 8pm, starting at the Well from 8am- 9am and then the rest of the day to be in the side chapel. Please make an effort to visit the side chapel where it will be set aside for personal prayer and intercession for the gift day, with a corporate prayer gathering at 11am, 3pm, and 7pm. In addition why don't you call a small prayer meeting with a couple of other church members to pray together for our church and ministry?

I am so excited about and looking forward to our gift day.

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.

Feed a student: we all love food and company, a good way to help people feel welcome is to invite them home for food. Why not invite a student (or anyone else) home for a meal one day. Speak to Phil for advice or an introduction.

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.

Choir Israel Trip: the Choir trip to Israel is fast approaching. There will be a pre-tour concert on Saturday 20th October at 7.30pm in Church where they will give us a taster of what they have been preparing, including hymns, anthems, songs and instrumentals. There will be a chance to give donations towards the trip (10% of donations will be going to the Nazareth Trust) or you can donate online: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/StMikesChoirTour>

Rayann Lewis, wife of Bertie Lewis, died on Friday. Please remember the family in prayer.

Have you seen our new **Welcome area**? It can be found next to the testimony board at the back of church. If you're new to St Mike's, or would like to know a bit more about what's going on, and find out how you can get involved, this is a great place to start.

Home Groups: If you are interested in find out about joining a home group please contact the information point / or the office.

Some of you may remember **William Dieneman**. He has recently died and his funeral will be on Friday 12th October at 2pm in the Crematorium.

Operation Christmas Child: It is time for us to begin collecting small gifts and toiletries suitable for children to give as presents for Christmas this year. Please place your gifts in wrapped shoe boxes and return to St Mike's by early November.

Yn siarad Cymraeg? Yn dysgu Cymraeg? St Mair (our Welsh congregation) invite you to join them for breakfast next Sunday at 9am at Eglwys y Santes Fair in Gray's Inn Road. Bacon, coffee and an opportunity for Welsh conversation. Croeso i bawb.

Date for your diary: Town and Gown Carol service in partnership with churches from across town and the CU on the 5.12.18 at 7pm.

4women: Women's conference. 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 14 October

11am: **All Age Harvest Celebration** followed by Church family meal.

6pm: **Holy Communion** with Anna Evans speaking on 'The Harvest of your righteousness' from 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.

Dates for your diary:

October

18.10.18: Mature Munch.

19-21.10.18: Student Weekend Away.

20.10.18: Choir Concert.