

For your information...

28 October 2018

Coffee Clean-up Rota

Many thanks to today's teams -

- Lindy Morgan's Group @ 11am

Next week

- June Smith's Group @ 11am
- Students @ 6pm

Mones says...

By the time you receive the notice-sheet with this week's 'Mones says', members of our choir will be 30 minutes into leading the morning worship service at St Luke's Anglican Church in Haifa.

What a privilege to be able to do this. We will be singing hymns and sharing testimonies of Jesus' work in our lives. The team members will have been learning Arabic on the flight!

It is wonderful that the whole of our pilgrimage to the Holy Land is starting by connecting with one of our local sister churches in the land. It is an opportunity to build relationships with other followers of Jesus, to be encouraged and to encourage others.

This is mission, this is ministry, and this is fellowship. Paul writes that we should be mutually encouraged, as to give and receive at the same time builds up our muscles of faith.

After our morning service today we will be going up Mount Carmel to Elijah's cave and then to the town of Ptolemais (Acts 21:7), the modern city of Akko, or St. Jean d'Acree [as it was known during the Crusades.] Then on to our last site, the village of Birem, one of the destroyed and annexed Christian Villages on the border with Lebanon.

The rest of our time in the Holy Land will provide us with opportunities to visit most of the Biblical sites associated with Jesus, worshipping and having communion in a couple of places along the route. In addition, the Choir will be performing at two other locations: The Nazareth Hospital in Nazareth and St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem.

Our purpose for this trip is threefold; to discover the Biblical sites and so have a deeper understanding of the various events recorded within; to serve the local Christians by lifting Jesus high among them; and to be encouraged by connecting with other brothers and sisters around the world.

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.

Lantern Party: Free all age alternative to Halloween on 31.10.18 at 4.30pm in Church, dinner provided. Costumes welcome - the theme is 'colour'. Let us know if you're coming - events@stmikes.net.

Bonfire & hot dogs: after the evening service on 4.11.18. All welcome.

Remembrance: The BBC are coming to do some recording for a Remembrance Service in St Mike's on 6th November at 10am and are in need of people to be in the congregation. Please come along if you can.

Remembrance Sunday is on 11.11.18. Please be in church by 10.50am as we will be joined by many guests and representatives from the services.

Winter Joint Small Groups: Getting more out of prayer. From Tuesday 13th November to Tuesday 11th December we will be joining together to learn more about prayer. The evening will be in church, starting at 7pm with food. All welcome. For catering purposes, please sign up at the back of church or let the office know.

Have you seen our new **Welcome area?** (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.

Operation Christmas Child: Please place your gifts in wrapped shoe boxes and return to St Mike's by early November. Leaflets are available from the back of church.

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.

Stamps: Lineke is collecting used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. If you have any please drop them off in the office or give them to her.

Rightnow Media: we are considering renewing our subscription to Rightnow Media. If you are using it, personally or in a small group, please let us know.

St. Michael's & St. Mair's will be hosting the **Christian Aid Bread and Cheese lunch** in Seion Chapel, Baker Street, on November 5th at 12.00pm. Please come and support this.

Boys' Brigade Taster Session: Mon 12 November in Buarth Hall: Anchor Boys [age 4-8] 6-7pm; Juniors [age 8-11] 6.30-8pm.

There will be a **Ladies' craft club** starting at The Well. It will run from 7:30pm until 9:30pm on the first Thursday of every month, and begins Thursday 1st November. Bring a craft of your choice to do, but if you aren't craft-minded, you can bring a book or do a puzzle and join other ladies for some tea, cake and chat!

Next week...

Sunday 4 November

- 11am:** **All Age Service** with Hannah Bunting speaking on 'Loved by Jesus: sharing His love' from John 15:1-17.
- 6pm:** **Evening Worship** with Lindy Morgan speaking from James 2.

Dates for your diary:

October

31.10.18: Lantern Party.

November

1.11.18: Mature Munch.
4.11.18: Bonfire and hot dogs.
11.11.18: Remembrance Sunday.
15.11.18: Mature Munch.
29.11.18: Mature Munch.

December

1.12.18: Christmas Light Switch On.
5.12.18: Town and Gown Carol service.
8.12.18: Stable Trail.
16.12.18: Carols by Candlelight.

'Loved by Jesus: Sharing His Love'