

For your information...

25 November 2018

Coffee Clean-up Rota

Many thanks to today's teams -

- Jean Morgan Group @6pm
- Students @6pm

Next week

- June Smith's Group @6pm
- Hannah Bunting's Group @6pm

Mones says...

We have been working hard at reaching out to our town and the community at large. We are partnering and making our facilities available to Menter, Advancing Aberystwyth, The Red Cross, Aberaid, Aber Food Surplus, The Town Council, The Youth Justice Team, different Sheltered Accommodations and The University, in addition to The Well and Aber Jabber.

All the above partnerships and activities are taking the church into the heart of our community, building bridges with the different sections of our civic society, desiring and setting out to be salt and light in our town.

Jesus builds His church to be a city on a hill, right at the heart of the landscape of society and culture. He asks His brothers and sisters to spread out in their work places and the rest of society, as salt and as torches of light. This call of Jesus on our lives I believe is non-negotiable, and I for one would not want to stand before Him one day and say: 'I loved being in Church, it was good and it was fun, we sang such lovely hymns and songs, we had such wonderful teaching and preaching, we had lots of prayer..... But we stayed in and kept it for ourselves!'

I keep hearing the voice of Jesus, go out, go out, go out, get involved, throw your weight behind all that is positive, engage to change all that is negative and see me change the atmosphere around you by changing lives. The world is watching to see whether faith makes a difference beyond our own personal lives, whether the impact it has in us does not quickly become selfish and too personal, and whether it really spurs us on to love in action.

We want to open the Church building from 4-6pm for coffee tea and cake from the 10th December to the 3rd January, linking up with the ice rink which will be sited on a section of our car park. We would like to make a connection with the guests who will be on our property, so if you can help please sign up on the rota at the back of the church.

Go on you know you want to!

Choir Invitation: We would like to welcome more members to come and sing with us, especially as we have some important gigs lined up before Christmas. We'll be singing at 'Lighting up the town' on 1.12.18 and at Carols by Candlelight on 16.12.18 as well as other events. So, how about joining us? Our aim is to glorify Jesus... every time. Please contact Delyth, or any choir member.

Ice Rink: Aberystwyth Winterland Ice Rink will be taking place on the church car park from the end of November until early January. This will mean that parking spaces will be limited. Please consider arriving earlier, lift sharing or walking to church.

We're hoping to keep church open from 4pm-6pm during Ice Skating rink times to **serve tea and coffee**. If you could help please contact the office or sign up at the back of church.

Town Churches, CU and University Carol Service: Free tickets available today from the office, thereafter from the Arts Centre.

Mature Munch: 29.11.18 at 12.30pm in the Castle Rooms, only £3.

Carol Singing around the hospital wards 17.12.18. Meet at the Hospital chapel at 6:15pm.

Christmas Day Lunch: The Home Cafe will be providing a meal for anyone who will be on their own at Christmas. Please let the office know if you would like to go. The Hatch will not be open on Christmas Day, but will be open on 23.12.18 & 30.12.18.

Operation Christmas Child: 235 boxes have been collected are on their way to children across the world.

Dates for your diary: 7&8.12.18: Stable Trail, **16.12.18:** Carols by Candlelight. **24.12.18:** Midnight Communion, **25.12.18:** Christmas Service.

Abii Telfer, a former St Mike's student, is currently working as a relay worker with UCCF. She is fundraising to support her ministry. If you would like to help, please speak to her or to Phil.

Sound Desk: volunteers needed. Please speak to Phil if you're interested.

Have you seen our **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.

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).

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.

We have a church **Pastoral Team**, if you need or would like a visit from someone in church please do contact the office.

Next week...

Sunday 2 December

11am: **Holy Communion** with Mones Farah speaking on 'The people of God'.

6pm: **Healing Communion** with Lindy Morgan speaking from James 5.

Dates for your diary:

November

30.11.18: Students Christmas Party.

December

1.12.18: Christmas Light Switch On.

5.12.18: Town Churches, CU and University Carol service.

7-8.12.18: Stable Trail.

13.12.18: Mature Munch.

16.12.18: Carols by Candlelight.

17.12.18: Mature Munch Christmas Special at the (Rectory 3.30pm).

'Loved by Jesus: Sharing His Love'