

Sunday 2 December

Welcome to



St. Michael's
Aberystwyth

Mones says...

What would you do if a fellow Christian called you to the front of the plane for the midday prayer? Would you respond readily, or would you just let it go and pretend you didn't hear him calling, or see him nodding?

This is one of the most interesting flying experiences I have when flying out to or back from Israel. Like clockwork, it happened again on the flight I was on to Israel this week. A religious man in his mid-thirties and his wife sat next to me on the flight, it was obvious he practiced his religion by the *Kippah* on his head.

At 2.30pm he was approached by an ultra-religious man and asked if he could join them at the front for prayer. You see, they needed to reach the *Menian*, the count, to be able to fulfill the requirement for public prayer which can only be done if the required number of male participants is reached.

A clamour took place around the flight and the men were found. Other passengers of the same faith sniggered and laughed, women moved and got out of the vicinity, but the men just carried on. I have to say I am impressed by their dedication and their desire to fulfil a requirement of prayer, to make themselves aware of God's presence and nearness.

Yet for us, believers in Jesus, we handle His nearness to us so lightly, and allow ourselves to live our days in a sense of secularised pattern instead of turning our eyes and mind and ears towards heaven seeking the one who brought the fullness of heaven and the presence of our loving God to us.

"You didn't want heaven without us, so you brought heaven down". Make it your business, your pattern and you heart's desire to turn your eyes to Him and to open your heart for Him. Do it in the morning, at noonday, in the evening, and last thing at night; and in every moment throughout the day.

Your Saviour and Friend is so near to you, make yourself aware of His presence and see your days and your life transform.

Diary...

Today's coffee clean up groups:

- June Smith's Group @ 11am
- Hannah Bunting's @ 6pm

Monday 3 December

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
10.00am: Staff meeting and prayer.

Tuesday 4 December

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
1.15pm: Parents & Toddlers.

Wednesday 5 December

7.45am: Prayer Meeting & breakfast in Church.
10.30am: Holy Communion.
4.00pm: The Lab (4-11 years).
7.00pm: Town Churches, CU and University Carol service (Arts Centre).

Thursday 6 December

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
7.30pm: Craft Club at the Well.

Friday 7 December

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
4-5.30pm: Stable Trail.

Saturday 8 December

8.00am: Prayer Meeting @ The Well.
9.30am-12pm: Stable Trail.
1.30pm-4pm: Stable Trail.

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Dates for your diary...

December

13.12.18: Mature Munch.
16.12.18: Carols by Candlelight.
17.12.18: Mature Munch Christmas Special at the Rectory (3.30pm).
24.12.18: Children's Christmas Story Telling. 6pm.
24.12.18: Midnight Communion, 11.30pm.
25.12.18: All Age Christmas Communion. 10.30am.

Notices...

Choir Invitation: We would like to welcome more members to come and sing with us. Our aim is to glorify Jesus... every time. Please contact Delyth, or any choir member.

Aberystwyth Winterland Ice Rink is taking place on the church car park 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 is on 5.12.18 at the Arts Centre, at 7pm. Free tickets available from the Arts Centre, why not invite a friend?

Craft club at The Well, 7:30pm until 9:30pm on 6.12.18. 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 others for some tea, cake and chat!

Stable Trail is coming to town... 7.12.18, 4pm-5.30pm & 8.12.18 9.30am-12noon, 1.30pm-4pm, for children up to 11, £1.50.

Boys Brigade Taster Session: 10.12.18 in Buarth Hall. Anchors (5-8 years) from 6-7pm, Juniors (9-11 years) from 7.15-8.15pm.

Dysgwyr Cymraeg: St Mair host their annual carol service for Welsh learners on 16.12.18 at 3pm. Come along for some Welsh carols and Christmas songs. This year there will be items by the Cyd Choir. A fun occasion whatever your level of Welsh!

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.

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.

Welcome to our Holy Communion

Worship leader: Elaine Jensen

Service leader: Sue Henley

Preacher: Mones Farah

Welcome and notices

Worship songs

Never be shaken

10000 Reasons

Children leave -

You are a Holy God

Confession/absolution/responses

Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-11

Sermon: 'The people of God'

Peace

Offertory hymn: I believe in God the Father

Communion and songs

What a child is meant to be

He restores my soul

Yes and amen

Blessing

Hymn: Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship

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

Next week - 11am: Morning Worship with Mones Farah speaking on 'The Word of God'. **6pm: Holy Communion** with Mones Farah speaking from Psalm 1.

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

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