

Sunday 23 December

Welcome to



St. Michael's Aberystwyth

Mones Says...

Thank you so much for all you have done over the last two weeks; as a congregation you have been amazing in the way you have opened up your spiritual home to so many guests; for the welcome and service you gave to all and for engaging so freely with the Stable Trail, Mega Nativity and Traditional Carol service. What a blessing - all these services and activities have been in addition to all of our other services!

Special thanks to Children and Teams, our admin team, our hospitality team, our stewards team, our sound and vision team, our choir and our worship team. Also to our actors and servers, our flower team and the many volunteers who overnight created a Bethlehem in our building and brought the building back ready for the Sunday in under 2 hours, wow!

I love being a member of such a vibrant Jesus and people loving community. Church, we are so blessed in knowing how loved we are by Jesus and in the desire that we have to share His love with others.

This Sunday's theme is about each of us being a minister of the gospel; or as Rick Warren puts it, "we are wired for ministry", each of us is shaped for a unique contribution and acts of service without which there will always be a gap. That is the value that the Lord put on each us, that a unique gifting has been placed in each of us to bless and contribute positively to the world around us, thank you for being so generous in offering your time and your gift.

In the season of gift giving and receiving, thank you for the gift that you are and the gift that you offer others, through your presence, love and service.

Happy Christmas and a thoroughly blessed 2019 to you all.

Diary...

Today's coffee clean up groups:

- Jon Turner's Group @ 11am
- Hannah Bunting's Group @ 6pm

Monday 24 December

6.00pm: Children's Christmas Story Telling.

11.30pm: Midnight Communion.

Tuesday 25 December

10.30am: All Age Christmas Communion.

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Dates for your diary...

January

8.1.19: Christingle Service, 4pm.

10.1.19: Mature Munch.

15.1.19: The Alpha Course begins.

17.1.19: Midweek Communion, 11.30am.

17.1.19: Mature Munch Trip to the Panto.

24.1.19: Mature Munch.

February

7.2.19: Mature Munch.

21.2.19: Mature Munch.

Notices...

The **Church and Office** will be closed until 2.1.19 (except for Services).

The Well will be closed for Christmas until 7.1.19.

Christingle Service: 8.1.19, 4pm at St Michael's Church. A family friendly gathering celebrating together a Christingle service. Refreshments served after.

The Alpha Course begins on 15.1.19, at 7pm in the Castle Rooms. Why not invite a friend?

Midweek Communion will move from Wednesdays to Thursdays as from 17.12.19.

Munch are off to Panto! Mature Munch will be going to see Aladdin on 17.1.19 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10. Please speak to Tim or the office if you would like to come. Lifts can be arranged.

If anyone would like to come to a bereavement group facilitated by **Cruise**, can you please contact Lois Evans. If there are sufficient numbers Cruise will be happy to do this.

The Well, open for almost a year, has exceeded the plans we had for the starting up of this outreach into the town. People from all walks of life have found a place of 'home', with a hot drink, a chat, warm food and a comfortable environment. To up the profile and use the building to its utmost we need more volunteers to come on board with the vision. Could this be a place of ministry that fits you? We need cooks - nothing fancy, crafters, befrienders and willing hands on Monday-Wednesday and Fridays. The Well Read library needs setting up properly and we need a cleaner for the two floors. Also please pray for someone to take Sally's place in carrying the vision alongside Lindy. Speak to Lindy for more info and to volunteer.

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.

Children's and youth activities: On Sunday mornings our church has activities for young people aged between 2 and 14. There is also a crèche 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 Morning Worship

Worship leader: Sam Bennett

Preacher: Mones Farah

Service leader: Jamie Medhurst

Hymn: Lord you are rich

Welcome and notices

Worship:

Joy to the world / Our God saves

Glorious Day

Children leave for their activities

Great things

Confession/absolution

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: Hark the herald

Reading: Mark 1:1-11

Sermon

Worship (from):

Come thou long expected Jesus

Waiting here for you

Light of the world

Blessing:

Final hymn: Angels from the realms of glory

This evening: 6pm: Evening Worship with Lindy Morgan speaking from Psalm 150.

Next week - 11am: Morning Worship with Lindy Morgan speaking. **6pm: Evening Worship** with Michael Rees speaking.

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

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