

Sunday 30 December

Welcome to



St. Michael's Aberystwyth

Mones Says...

How did you get on with 2018? As each of us reflect back on our past year, each of us will have different thoughts and responses to it.

The same can be said for a church and for any other community, and just as it can be a mixed year for individuals, so it can also be for churches and fellowships too.

So as a church community, we had two major news items that might have had a negative impact on our parish: the Rector's impact appointment to a new ministry in the Diocese, and the appointment of one of our team vicars to a church in a Wales-wide ministry post.

However, both these appointments could be viewed positively in the sense that our Rectorial Benefice has sent out from amongst us ministries that have the potential to impact positively the whole church in Wales and the Diocese. In addition, it gives us the option to reconsider what God would have us do for the future of the ministry in Aberystwyth in 2019, and beyond.

Whatever 2018 has been like to each of us individuals, or as a community, we can all be sure that there has not been one moment of it where the Father's presence has not been with us, where His saving love and tenderness has not been poured over us, where His blessings and joy were not released even into the most difficult of all of the situations that we have been through.

Look back and give thanks, look back and commit afresh all that you have been through to Him for He has the habit of working out His purposes for us no matter what the actual circumstances have been, for as His word says, He turns it for our good ... and for His glory. (See Gen 50:20 and 2 Tim 4:18)

Happy, blessing-filled 2019.

Diary...

Today's coffee clean up groups:

- Jean Morgan's Group @ 11am
- Mones Farah's Group @ 6pm

Wednesday 2 January

10.30am: Midweek Communion.

Friday 4 January

5.45pm: Prayer Meeting in Church.

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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?

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.

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

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.

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.

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: Carmen Mills

Preacher: Lindy Morgan

Service Leader: Andrew Filmer

Hymn: Tell out my soul the greatness

Welcome and notices

Worship

Children leave for their activities

Confession/absolution

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn: Jesus Christ the Lord is born

Reading

Sermon

Worship

Blessing

Final hymn: As with gladness

This evening: 6pm: Evening Worship with Michael Rees speaking.

Next week - 11am: Holy Communion with Mones Farah speaking. 6pm: Evening Worship with Sally Farah speaking.

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

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