

# For your information...

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Coffee Clean-up Rota

Many thanks to today's teams -

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

Next week

- Mones' Group @ 11am
- Jon Turner's Group @ 6pm

## Mones says...

Just as our spirits adjusted to the pain and grief of the atrocities in Christchurch, we began to hear of Cyclone Idai in Africa, mud slides in Indonesia, massacres and attacks on Christians and attacks on Christian worshipping communities in Nigeria and central Asia.

Grief and pain multiplying, and here, from the comfort of our homes and protection of our cushioned lives, we are indulging in lengthy conversation and manipulative ways of controlling one another.

As I was listening to the news about the impact of Cyclone Idai earlier in the week, I was stirred up to respond personally and corporately to the needs of those who suffered devastation in the wake of this Cyclone.

We do need to respond immediately and we will do so through the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) National Appeal. The DEC brings 14 organisations in this country together including Tearfund, Christian Aid, Cafod, World Vision and many others in order to provide the needed support for those who suffered this disaster, in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

As a church we will respond from our mission giving, but we will also be taking a retiring collection at the end of both services today, please give generously, the needs in the above mentioned countries were bad enough before Idai and are now much worse.

As a result of this disaster once again I was reminded of our human vulnerability, increasing our need for each other, a need which will continue to increase as we move into the future. Through our style of living for the last couple of centuries has had a huge toll on the world and its resources, and continues to do so, making it necessary for a combined effort, commitment and immediate urgency to halt let alone reverse the hurtling damage that is being caused to our God given wonderful.

I hope you have been following the school children international environment movement, protesting (including Aberystwyth), drawing our attention to the fact that we are reaching a very vulnerable point in our world's health and sustainability. Isn't it just like God, to use the young to reach the older and old, and it all started by a teenage girl Greta Thunberg who has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Our generosity and giving will help with the symptoms and consequences, but let us also commit to transform the roots of the problem.

## Notices...

There will be a retiring collection today for the **Cyclone Idai appeal**.

**This morning, 24.3.19**, parents will need to take their children and youth to the Castle Rooms before the service. You will be able to drop children off from **10.45am**.

**Songs of Praise**, filmed in Aberystwyth, will be shown on BBC1 at 1.15pm on 24.3.19. Look out for a section filmed at The Well.

**Concert:** The talented singer-songwriter Meilyr Geraint Rees will be leading an evening of music and worship in Welsh in St. Mair this evening at 6:00pm. Admission free. Welsh learners welcome. Dewch i addoli!

**Student Weekend Away** is from 29 to 31.3.19. If you would like to help out by providing cakes, tray bakes or any other puddings, please drop them off at church on 28.3.19. Thanks.

On 30. 3.19 at 6.30pm there is open house meal at the Rectory to raise funds for the **Macedonia Mission Trip** suggested donation £5.

There will be a **Baptism service** on 7.4.19 & a **Confirmation Service** on 19.5.19 in St Mike's at 6pm. If you are interested in being baptised or confirmed, please speak to Mones or contact the office.

**Review & Preview**, our church AGM, is approaching and we will need to elect two new church committee members and a People's Warden. Please begin to pray and consider who you might want to nominate. There is a copy of the electoral roll at the back of church. If you're not already on the electoral roll, and would like to be, there are forms available.

The **Parish AGM** is on 10.4.19 at 7pm in St Mike's. All welcome.

**Are you interested in justice, the environment and tackling poverty?** Beth Saunders is setting up a group to investigate these issues biblically

and think about how to take action in our lives and as a church to care for the world. The group hopes to run an eco-church scheme to celebrate what St Mike's is doing to care for the environment and decide what to tackle next. To hear more about it, why not pop along to the first meeting on the 11.4.19 at 7:30pm. Speak to Beth if you are interested, or give your email to the office.

Together with their parents, **Glan Davies & Sarah Sinclair** request the pleasure of the Church Family on 5.4.2019 for their wedding. The wedding service will take place at St Mike's at 11:30am. This will be followed by tea, coffee & cake in the Church.

The speakers for **Holy Week** will be Peter and Anna Bement. Further details to follow.

**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 of Nightwatch).

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.

## Next week...

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

11am: **Morning Worship** with Kevin Elliott speaking.

6pm: **Evening Worship** with Ruth Lewis speaking.

## Dates for your diary:

### April

1.4.19: St Michael's Review and Preview.

4.4.19: Mature Munch.

10.4.19: LMA & RB Review and Preview (AGM).

14.4.19: Palm Sunday.

15.4.19: Holy Week.