

December 9th 2018



"After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"" 1 Kings 19:12-13

Welcome to our worship service today

Our morning begins with refreshments being served upstairs from 10am followed by a service for everyone downstairs! Then at 11am parents will be asked to take their children to their groups as follows:

- **Jelly Babies, Jelly Tots and Jelly Beans** for pre-school and reception children upstairs in the Church Centre, Tetbury Street
- **Charge 123** and **Fuel 456** for children from years 1 to 6
- **Youth** - upstairs at Tetbury Street

This week the service will be led by Scott Coles and Steve Thomson will conclude the current series by continuing his talk on 'Silence and Solitude'.

Also, today:

- **Special Church Meeting** - immediately after the Morning Service with the aim of approving the refurbishment plans for Tetbury Street. A DVD will be shown upstairs for the children during this time. Please come along if you can, although you'll only be able to vote if you're a church member

During the coming week (all in the Hub)

Monday 10th: Youth 7.00pm

Next Sunday – at The Hub

- Refreshments will be served in The Hub from 10am followed by a few carols at 10.30am. Everyone is then invited to move next door to the youth centre to watch 4Front Theatre perform 'Christmas Castaways' from 11am until 12noon – it's free, suitable for all ages and a great event to invite all your family and friends to.
- Bring and share lunch from 12.30pm in the Hub followed by Christmas games for all the family.

Christmas at MBC: Please take a flyer showing all our Christmas services and events.

For our prayers this week

- **For Tom** – Thanks for an awesome and insightful meeting with Milton Jones. For wisdom for his meeting with Joe Pasquale and for energy for his gigs in Lincoln and Hull. Gigs for 2019 are coming in but please continue to pray for more bookings.
 - **For Grace Network's new venture** - "Praise God that people are keen to come and engage with the hope of Jesus. Please pray for us as we look for trustees, that we will have wisdom who to appoint and pray that God will move in us, help us to deepen relationships, and give us words to say to introduce people to Jesus."
 - **For the Door Youth Project in Stroud;**
 - **For all those at church** who need God's strength and help as they face difficult times with health, money or relationships.
- Please email prayer requests to prayer@minchbc.org.uk.

Can you help? We need a few helping hands at our Christmas services – if you can help, please contact Naomi Williams – naomi.williams@minchbc.org.uk or 01453 887419.

- **16th December** –to help put out the chairs in the youth centre; and then to help lay out and clear up the bring and share lunch;
- **23rd December** –to help serve mulled wine and mince pies after 'Carols by Candlelight'.

Christmas Crackers with Tom and Tony: Join us for drinks, nibbles and laughs with magician Tom Elliott and comedian Tony Vino - a perfect opportunity to invite a friend. Thursday 20th December from 7.30pm until 10pm at The Bear of Rodborough. Tickets are £15 each to include a drink, canapes and entertainment. To book your place, speak to Charis Cook or Naomi Skelton, or complete the booking form on the website - please book by 14 December. Adults only. If finances make it difficult for you to come, please speak to Steve or Caroline Hill-Trevor.

Stamps for BMS: Graham Hobbs is collecting stamps for BMS, so please pass any used stamps to him.

Home Alone People: The Home Alone Group (formally Singles/Loose Enders) will be meeting for a late Christmas Lunch and festivities on Sunday 30th December at 1pm at 2 The Yarn Store, Longfords Mill, GL6 9LU. If you would like to come and join the festivities, please RSVP to Gail: 07875 336763; Ian 01453 836286 or Lisa: 01453 752013. We will be serving Roast Beef/Turkey but would like you to bring a sweet/pudding or drinks etc. (There will be vegetarian and gluten free options)

Many of you will have been here a few weeks ago as we prayed for the Mansell and Herbert families as they start a new worshipping community in Brimscombe. They have a few needs for their Friday night gatherings. If anyone has any of the following that they no longer need and could donate please (or if anyone would be willing to purchase any of these things) call Cara on 07729221433 - slow cookers, saucepans, a hostess trolley, serving dishes or jugs.



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