

September 16th 2018



"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the most as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

Welcome to our worship service today

From 10am to 12noon at Tetbury Street

Our morning begins with refreshments being served upstairs from 10am followed by a service for everyone downstairs. 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 children upstairs in the Church Centre, Tetbury Street
- **Charge 123** and **Fuel 456** for children from reception to year 6
- **Youth** - upstairs at Tetbury Street

This week the service will be led by Agnes Grace and Steve Thomson's talk is called 'Hardly Used' based on Hebrews 10:24-25.

Also, today:

- Bereavement Journey Course – 5pm-7pm at Ian Morris' House.

Next Sunday

- Our morning begins with refreshments at 10am, followed by our service at 10.30am which will be a baptismal service. The service will be led by Liz Farley and Steve Thomson will start a new series about 'Vision'.
- Bereavement Journey Course - 5pm-7pm at Ian Morris' House.

For our prayers this week

Please also pray for Marah, for those participating in and leading the Bereavement Journey Course tonight, and 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.*

Parking: Firstly, please kindly leave the disabled spaces free for the use of those with disabled stickers, and secondly, on behalf of our neighbours on Tetbury Street, please be considerate when parking on Sunday mornings. If possible, please park at the Hub and walk down to Tetbury Street, leaving the few spaces on Tetbury Street for those less able to walk and residents. Thank you!

Next Sunday will be a baptismal service! We already have 3 people getting baptised – if you'd like to join them, please contact Steve (07891 004440).

Children and Youth Workers' Update: For those that missed last week's service, Steve explained that SWYM (Youth Ministry Agency) haven't been able to find us interns for our children's and youth teams. He went on to seek agreement from the congregation to start work on the process of recruiting a second minister who would focus on children's and youth work. This will be discussed further at the Shaping MBC Meeting on Monday 29th October but last week, everyone agreed that they were happy for the Leadership Team to start working on this. If you have any questions about this, please ask Steve or one of the Leadership Team.

TGIF re-starts tonight – Naomi Skelton writes "We will be starting a new study series (using the WEBA 'Good News People' resource. If anyone is interested in coming along to see what our home group is like, please join us". For more information, please call Naomi on 07702 050939.

Tearfund's Big Quiz Night at MBC – Saturday 17th November in the Hub. More details to follow but please save the date and start getting your teams together!

"From Balfour to Banksy – Divisions and Visions in Palestine" – Friday 21st September at 7.30pm at Rodborough Tabernacle. The film will be followed by a Q&A session with the director and producer as part of World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel. Please register here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-balfour-to-banksy-divisions-and-visions-in-palestine-tickets-4863784008> or email balfour.legacy@gmail.com for more information.

Stuart Townend – The Courage Tour: Saturday 29th September at 7.30pm at Cirencester Baptist Church. For information and tickets, please click here (<http://www.cirencester-baptist.org/stuarttownend>) or call 01285 643510. Tickets also available from Scrolleaters in Stroud.

Christmas with a difference! Can you make some room for an international student to learn what true British Festive hospitality can mean? Should you like to add that international element to your Christmas, learning another country's traditions and enjoying the connection and friendship that such sharing brings? HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief homestays with UK hosts, one day, a weekend or, over the festive period-a three-day visit. If you should like to know more, please go to the website - www.hostuk.org.

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