

February 17th 2019



'They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."' Luke 7:16

Welcome to our worship service today

Our morning begins with refreshments being served upstairs from 10am followed by a service for everyone downstairs! Communion will be shared before the children leave us. 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 worship will be led by Scott Coles and Steve Thomson will continue our series on 'Close Encounters' – this week, we look at 'The Widow of Nain'.

Next Sunday

- Our morning begins with refreshments at 10am, followed by our service at 10.30am. The service will be led by Agnes Grace and Jane Court will continue our series on Close Encounters – next week, it's 'John the Baptist'. Communion will be served during the first part of the service.

This week, please pray for:

- Danny and Emma Brown, as they try to sell their house in Orpington before moving to Minchinhampton;
- Operation Restoration in Bolivia, and Roger and Isha Hulford;
- Tom Elliott is in Redditch Palace Theatre next week – already over 50% of tickets are sold but let's pray a sell-out! Praise God that the new show is coming together and that new gigs continue to come in.
- 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.

During the coming week (all in the Hub)

- Wednesday 20th February: Wednesday Club 3.30pm

If you would like to receive our weekly email every Friday, then please contact Naomi Williams – naomi.williams@minchbc.org.uk.

The next '**Bereavement Journey Course**' course is planned to run from Thursday April 4th at 7.00 -9.00 pm. Applications forms provide all the details and are available from the Church office (naomi.williams@minchbc.org.uk or 01453 886997) or from the Church web site. Please book early to avoid disappointment as only 20 places are available.

Message from The Grace Network: "We have a young lad (18) who needs a fresh start and somewhere to live. He has been working with Grace Network for the last 18 months. He is currently living in emergency accommodation. This could be just for a few weeks whilst we find something more permanent, or longer term if that works out. He ideally needs to be within cycling distance of the Grace Network warehouse in Brimscombe. If you can help, please call Tom Herbert on 07737 224007."

Stroud Emergency Night Shelter are looking for the following items: men's jogging bottoms, hot water bottles, warm sleeping bags, new men's boxer shorts, small flasks, razors, shaving foam, deodorant, flannels, hankies, wet wipes, energy bars, talcum powder, board games (eg.monopoly, trivial pursuit, Uno, scrabble), sleeping roll mats, rucksacks and finally financial donations for milk, bread and fruit which the teams buy daily. If you're able to donate any of these things, please contact Jane or Bryan Court - 01453 872818 or jane.court@minchbc.org.uk.

Stroud Kids' Stuff: We have been lucky enough to receive so many donations lately that we need a little extra help until Easter.

- If you can spare a few hours between 10-12pm and 1-3pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday we would really appreciate your help. Tasks would involve sorting incoming stock to get ready for either our pay-as-you-feel sales, on-site shop or for our referrals;
- Alternatively, we also need someone on a Wednesday to put together and safety check equipment for referrals;
- Or if you can bake, we would appreciate some of your wonderful creations to take to our sales.

The more we can get sorted, the more we can help people in our local community.

If you feel that you could help in any way please contact us –

info@strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk or 01453 367750.

Health and Wellbeing Event in Gloucester Cathedral on 9th March – join others for classes in HIIT, Zumba and Pilates – all sessions suitable for all ages and abilities. See the posters on the noticeboards for more details or contact Louise on louise.rees-cansdale@psalms.uk.net.

'Living in Stonehouse?' Passionate about young people? In March PSALMS are starting a weekly Christian youth club in the town in partnership with the local churches, however they are still short on volunteers to help run it. Emily Twigg who works for PSALMS and attends MBC is heading it up so please speak to her or email her on Emily.twigg@psalms.uk.net if you're interested'.



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