

February 25th 2018



"Then Mary took about a pint of nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair." John 12:3

Welcome to our worship service today

From 10am to 12 noon at Tetbury Street

Our morning begins with refreshments being served upstairs from 10am until 10.30am, followed by a service for our 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 children aged 0-5 upstairs in the Church Centre, Tetbury Street
- **Charge 123** and **Fuel 456** for children in school years 1-6 – this week, it's Outdoors Church
- **Youth** - upstairs at Tetbury Street

Benjamin Elliott (son to Tom and Natalie) will be dedicated during the first part of our service. The service will be led by Scott Coles and Nick Tucker completes our series called "Soul Sisters – Mary Anoints Jesus".

Next Sunday

- Our morning begins with refreshments at 10am, followed by our service at 10.30am. The service will be led by Liz Farley and Nigel Stapleton will continue our series for the first Sundays of the month: People of Faith –Noah (Hebrews 11:7).
- **Specially For You** - our missional community for adults whose needs are special – meet at 12.45pm at the Church of Immaculate Conception (GL5 4AA). Lunch followed by a simple service around the theme of Biblical characters whose lives were touched by Jesus. We have a lot of fun as we share food, stories, music and the love of Jesus. For further information please contact Jane Court: 01453 872818 or jane.court@minchbc.org.uk.
- **Marriage Food** – an informal space to share food, life and our relationships – are having lunch next Sunday at 1pm at Anna and Tom Herbert's house.
- **Family Tree** - a community of families who are exploring creative ways to pass on our faith to our children and those around us – meet in the Hub next Sunday between 4 and 6pm. Speak to Stu or Ria Allen for more details.

During the coming week

Monday 26th: Youth 7.00pm
Wednesday 1st: Sparklets 10.00am
Friday 2nd: PEEPs 10.00am

For our prayers this week

Please pray for Stroud Foodbank 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.

Thank you letters: we've received thank you letters from Tearfund and the Stroud Women's Refuge (Christmas appeal) as well as Marah – the letters are on the noticeboard upstairs in Tetbury Street for everyone to read.

Message from Jim Coubrough: "I personally want to say a very big thank you to everyone at MBC for supporting Marah. You gave a total of £704.10 and also many, many thanks to those who sent in or updated their monthly standing orders. This will enable us to feed a few more hungry people for a few more months. God bless you. Jim."

World Women's Day of Prayer: This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women in Suriname and the title is "All God's Creation is very Good!" – it takes place on Friday 2nd March from 2 until 3pm – everyone is very welcome, both men and women. Please contact Diana Sparrow 01453 873263 or 07790069905 for any offers of help or information.

Street Pastors Stroud AGM and Commissioning Service will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 26 February at St. Alban's Church, Parliament Street, Stroud to be followed by tea, coffee and cake. Please see the posters on our noticeboards for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Looking for a nanny, aupair, housekeeper, home-help, cook? Ela is a Christian Polish lady with 32 years' experience as a pre-school teacher who will be looking for any of the above work from April onwards. She is currently living and working in Leamington Spa but visits us at MBC when she can. If you would like more information, please contact her on aleryba@yahoo.pl.

Calling all young people! An Evening of Fun and Faith (with our very own Tom Elliott!) at St Peter's RC High School on Friday 2nd March from 6.30-9pm. There will be plenty of praise and worship music too! Tickets cost £1 from the school or pay on the door. The event is being organised by IGNITE.

Worship Workshop and Concert: Geraldine Latty is hosting a workshop all day on Saturday 28th April in Chippenham followed by a concert in the evening. See the posters on the noticeboards for more information and call Adrian Foster on 07979 438700 to book your place.

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