



Welcome to this month's Minister's Monthly Message.

In this edition you can hear about our upcoming Big Welcome morning, our evangelism training sessions with Mark Greenwood, the upcoming Family entertainment event, and hear stories to encourage us.

There is a great sense of momentum around at the minute as we press into a year of mission and evangelism. Make sure you don't miss your opportunity to join in with all the exciting things that are around, as we continue to be people who desire to live like Jesus, reaching out with God's hope and love.

As always, thanks for reading, and thanks for all you continue to do in the life of our church.

Gareth



We are hosting a 'Big Welcome' morning on 15th October 10:30am. This will be a normal Sunday morning with worship, teaching and fellowship and is a chance to invite people to come along, see what we're about and hopefully enjoy their time with us. This is the culmination of our Sunday series on evangelism and a great opportunity to put some of our teaching into practice again, by inviting friends and relatives to here about Jesus and the change he makes in people's lives. Invitation cards are available from this Sunday to pass on to others, but the most powerful weapon is an invite offered in person.

Remember statistics tell us that many more people are responsive to such invites than we expect!

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## **Evangelism Training**

We had a great first evening with Mark Greenwood looking at the whole subject of evangelism. There are four more sessions on Thursday evenings: Tonight (28th Sept) and 4th, 11th, 18th October, all at 7:30pm in church. Mark is a funny, down-to-earth, engaging communicator so come and join in!

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# 31ST OCTOBER

Paul from Magical Mayhem  
brings an evening of  
family entertainment

A message of HOPE and LOVE on  
an evening where many celebrate  
the spooky and dark



***An alternative Family event for 31st October***

We have a great family entertainment evening on 31st October from 6:30-8pm. All are welcome to this free event, which will include a message of hope. This will be a great evening of fun, which gives a brilliant alternative to other events that day. Why not come along. More info, contact [youth@lmclife.org.uk](mailto:youth@lmclife.org.uk)



The LMC Cafe now has it's own Facebook page. Make sure to like and share it, and find out about all the lovely specials and offers each week. You can find the page [here](#). If you haven't seen our church Facebook page yet, you can also find that [here](#).



### ***Encouraging Maturity***

It's been great to see how some of our children have been growing in their faith. Our EPIC kids group that meets on a Monday evening for children aged 7-11, have been gathering around a thought or question each evening and then exploring that in different ways. In a recent session, they were thinking about sharing and greed, and the leaders were staggered

### ***Equipping for Ministry***

It's been lovely to see so many different faces while we have been outside the co-op on Saturday mornings. We have cleaned up bags of litter, had innumerable conversations, given out leaflets, cafe vouchers and cups of coffee and had a great time blessing our community. Many people have spoken about how easy they have found it and what a surprise that was! We have our final



### ***Enabling Mission***

We were delighted to see Kat Harrison and Fiona Dilley commissioned as Street Pastors on Sunday evening at the Derby City Mission celebration.

by their generosity and desire to bless others! A great example of a mark of maturity for the rest of us! Thanks to Tim and the leaders for their ongoing work.

Saturday on the streets of this run, on Saturday coming (30th). Meet at church to pray 9:15 and then outside the co-op for around 10am. It's good fun, so come along and join in!

With Andy Sutherland & Glen Baxter already serving the city in this area, we now have four commissioned Street Pastors with some other applicants coming through. Do continue to pray for these folk in this important outreach to the night-time economy every weekend.



#### **October 2017**

1st - Morning Worship led by Jackie Berry Preacher Rev Gareth Higgs (including Communion) 10:30am, Perspectives led by Dave Green 6pm  
3rd - Church Prayer Meeting 7:45pm  
5th - Evangelism Training 7:30pm  
7th - Messy Church 10am  
8th - Early Morning Communion led by Rev Gareth Higgs 8:30am, Harvest Parade led by Mike Williams 10:30am, Encounter led by Rob & Bert Collinson 6pm  
9th - Church Council 7:30pm  
11th - Small Group Leaders Meeting 7:30pm  
12th - Evangelism Training 7:30pm  
15th - Big Welcome Sunday Preacher Rev Gareth Higgs 10:30am, Encounter led by Owen Collinson Preacher Rev Gareth Higgs 8pm  
16th - Prayer Ministry Team Meeting 7:30pm  
17th - Leadership Team Meeting 7:30pm  
19th - Evangelism Training 7:30pm  
21st - Wedding of James Hancox & Serena Cameron 4pm  
22nd - Morning worship led by Rev Gareth Higgs (including thanksgiving for Iris Cheeseman) 10:30am, Encounter led by Julian Pratt 6pm  
31st - Light Party

**November 2017**

2nd - Pastoral Contacts Meeting 7:30pm

4th - Messy Church 10am, Mission on Streets 9:15am, Memorial Service for Sumalee 3pm

5th - Morning Worship led by Dave Bell Preacher Rev Gareth Higgs (includes Communion) 10:30am

6th - Just Looking Course 7:30pm

7th - Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, Prayer Meeting - 7:45pm

11th - Wedding of Rob Jones & Adele Bownes 1pm

12th - Early Morning Communion led by Rev Gareth Higgs 8:30am, Remembrance Sunday Parade led by Jackie Berry 10:30am, Newcomers Lunch 1pm, Encounter led by Rob Collinson Preacher Rev Gareth Higgs 6pm

13th - Just Looking Course 7:30pm

14th - Christmas Choir Rehearsal 7pm

15th - Stewards Meeting - 7:30pm

19th - Morning Worship led by Jackie Berry Preacher Rev Greg Obong-Oshotse 10:30am, Encounter led by Hilary Disney Preacher Rev Gareth Higgs 6pm

20th - Just Looking Course 7:30pm

21st - Christmas Choir 7pm

24th - Comedy Night at Mickleover Golf Club - 7:30pm

26th - Morning Worship led by Hilary Disney, Preacher Mairi Radcliffe 10:30am, City-wide Prayer at New Life Christian Centre 6:30pm

27th - Just Looking Course - 7:30pm

28th - Christmas Choir 7pm