

WELCOME to Mariners!

Listed below are the highlights taking place at Mariners in Spring 2018. Check the weekly bulletin (by email) for other news and events. Please request to be added to the bulletin mailing list at [info@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:info@marinersgloucester.org.uk).

## January

- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm, City wide prayer week begins  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 11.30am, Galley resumes  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Bring & Share lunch at King's  
*Spring Life group booklets released*  
Thu 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Connecting course begins (Hall)  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 8.30am, monthly 'Kingdom Come' resumes (Hall)  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Comedy night (Dr Fosters)  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am, Vision Sunday (King's)  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Life groups begin this week  
Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm, Alpha course begins (Hall)

## February

- Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tues pancake racing (Docks)  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday – lent starts (40 Acts of kindness)  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Gifts workshop (Hall)

## March

- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Alpha day away (Oakle House, Churcham)  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Leaders' Morning (Harnhill)  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm, baptisms (church)  
Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Passover meal  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Reflective service (church)  
7.30pm, Film viewing: 'The Passion of the Christ'

## April

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Easter celebration and Easter egg hunt!

## Celebrations (Services)

### **Morning Celebrations (King's school)** **Sundays @ 10.30am**

These blend contemporary worship and teaching relevant to our everyday lives. They last about 90 minutes followed by refreshments. There are separate groups for our children and young people. Why not pick up a postcard about these.

### **Dockside Celebrations (Church)** **Sundays @ 7pm**

These are informal gatherings back at our church in the Docks aimed at our young adults and students (who are involved in putting them on). They also blend contemporary worship and teaching. They are up to 75 minutes long.

### **Furnace Encounter evenings (Hall)** **Third Sundays @ 7pm**

On the third Sunday of the month in the Hall (not church), we worship and pray as we seek to encounter God afresh.

### **Communion Celebrations (Church)** **Thursdays @ 12.30pm**

These popular 45 mins midweek celebrations include contemporary worship, relevant teaching and communion.

### **Baptisms by full immersion** **Sun 25 March, 7pm (Mariners)**

Are you a follower of Jesus, yet not been baptised? Why not take this chance to declare your faith publicly. Were you baptised as a baby? Why not affirm the vows made on your behalf. Have you returned to faith recently? Why not re-affirm your baptism vows. Please contact Andy about getting baptised - [andy@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:andy@marinersgloucester.org.uk).

### **Easter Celebrations**

We have several special Easter events taking place from 29 March (Maundy Thursday) with a passover meal to Sun 1 April with an Easter celebration and Easter egg hunt (and other things in between)! Look out for the Easter events postcard (out soon).

## Prayer

### **'With my God I can' (various venues)** **Tue 2 to Fri 5 January, 7.30-8.30pm**

Gloucester city churches coming together to pray on four nights in four locations at the start of 2018.

Pick up a postcard or email for more information - [info@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:info@marinersgloucester.org.uk).

### **Rise (Hall)** **Wednesdays @ 8-9am**

We gather to pray and worship. Our prayer gatherings are some of the most important meetings of the week.

### **Kingdom Come (Hall)** **Sat 13 Jan, 10 Feb & 10 Mar @ 8.30am**

On the second Saturday of the month, we gather for a simple breakfast from 8.30am, then worship and pray between 9-10am. A great way to start the weekend. Come and join us!

## Newcomers

### **Connecting Course (Hall)** **Thu 11, 18 and 25 January, 7.30pm**

This three week course is a chance to learn more about Mariners' 'beating heart'. It's for you if you are thinking of joining Mariners church, if Mariners is home & you haven't done this course or if you've been before, but didn't take it all in! Why not pick up a postcard about this course. Please sign up at [info@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:info@marinersgloucester.org.uk).

## Socials

### **Bring & Share Lunches (King's School)** **First Sunday of month**

We have cold bring & share (finger food) lunches at King's school on the first Sunday of the month, giving us more time to get to know one another. Please bring enough for you '+1' so there is enough food for our guests, too. Thanks.

## Outreach

**Mini Mariners (Hall)**  
**Tuesdays @ 10.30am**

This group is for parents and pre-schoolers and provides a wonderful time for parents to chat together over refreshments while their children play and enjoy story and song time. Contact Isla at [islacummings1@gmail.com](mailto:islacummings1@gmail.com).

**Galley (Hall)**  
**Fridays @ 11.30am**

This ministry provides meals, conversation and prayer for those who might be vulnerable or in particular need or difficulty.

Please contact Seb ([seb@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:seb@marinersgloucester.org.uk)) if you would like to be involved in this important work.

**Comedy Night with Jo Enright (Dr Fosters)**  
**Wed 24 Jan, 7.30pm**

Our next Alpha launch, a night with comedienne Jo Enright, is taking place at Dr Fosters. These family rated comedy nights are very popular and are a great lead in to our next Alpha course. Tickets are £12 (admits two) and are available at [www.marinersgloucester.org.uk](http://www.marinersgloucester.org.uk).

Why not pick up a publicity postcard or contact [info@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:info@marinersgloucester.org.uk) for more information.

**Alpha Course (Hall)**  
**From Wed 31 January, 7.30pm**

Alpha is an excellent way for the curious, doubtful, sceptical or even hopeful to find out more about Christianity and the person at the heart of it, Jesus.

Our next course begins on Wed 31 January at 7.30pm and runs for nine consecutive Wednesdays. Why not pick up a postcard.

Please sign up for the Spring Alpha course by emailing [alpha@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:alpha@marinersgloucester.org.uk).

## Age & Stage Groups

Groups meet regularly for children, youth, young adults (including students) and women. To find out more, please email [info@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:info@marinersgloucester.org.uk).

## Life Groups

We encourage everyone to join a Life group and to invite along friends from outside Mariners. It's where we can do life together more effectively than is possible during our brief time together on Sundays; it's also where your friends from outside church might start to connect with ease.

There are a wide variety of life groups on offer – courses like Alpha and Abundant Life, faith based groups and interest groups! In early January, booklets will be available listing all this term's Life groups. For more info, please contact [lifegroups@marinersgloucester.org.uk](mailto:lifegroups@marinersgloucester.org.uk).

## Conferences / Away Days

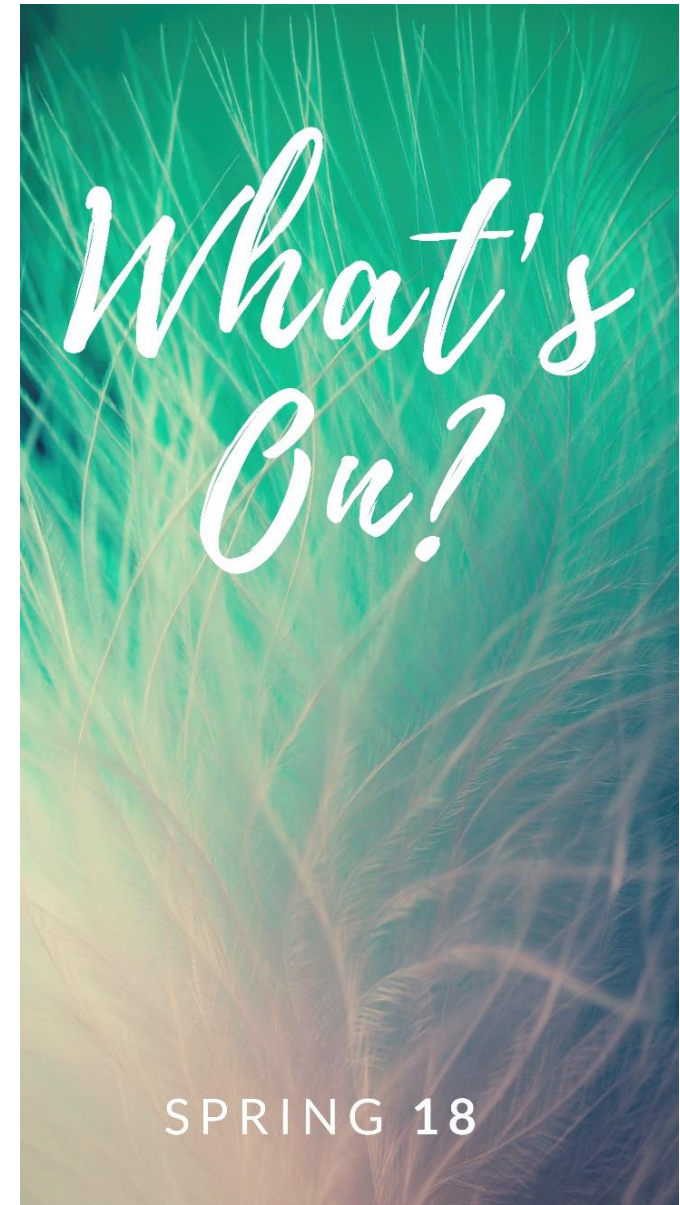
- **Spiritual Gifts workshop**  
*(part of Abundant life course)*  
Sat 24 February (Mariners Hall)
- **Alpha course Away Day**  
Sat 17 March (Oakle House, Churcham)
- **Leaders Morning**  
Sat 24 March (Harnhill Retreat Centre)

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## Mariners church App

You can find up to date info on all of our events by using our App. To sign up, please go to [marinersgloucester.org.uk/church-suite-sign-up](http://marinersgloucester.org.uk/church-suite-sign-up) and enter your details.

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