

WELCOME to Mariners!

Listed below are the highlights taking place at Mariners in Summer 2018. Check the weekly bulletin (by email) for other news and events. To receive the bulletin, please email andy@marinersgloucester.org.uk.

April

- Fri 13th YWAM team visiting (until 16th)
- Sat 14th 8.30am, Kingdom Come breakfast & prayer (Hall)
6.00pm, Silent Disco (church)
- Sun 15th 7pm, Furnace encounter evening (Hall)
- Wed 18th 7.30pm, Connecting course begins (Hall)
- Thu 26th 7.30pm, Comedy night (Wetherspoons)
- Sat 28th Prophecy Conference (Hall)
- Mon 30th Life groups begin this week

May

- Thu 3rd 7.30pm, Alpha course begins (Hall)
- Sun 6th Morning celebration with Bring & share lunch
- Sat 12th 8.30am, Kingdom Come breakfast & prayer (Hall)
- Sun 20th 7pm, Furnace encounter evening (Hall)

June

- Sun 3rd Morning celebration with Bring & share lunch
- Sat 9th 8.30am, Kingdom Come breakfast & prayer (Hall)
- Sun 17th Fathers' Day
- Sun 17th 7pm, Furnace encounter evening (Hall)
- Sat 23rd Alpha day away (Oakle House, Churcham)

July

- Sun 1st 4pm, baptisms (Oakle House, Churcham)
- Sat 14th 8.30am, Kingdom Come breakfast & prayer (Hall)
- Fri 20th Holiday rhythm begins (see separate postcard)
- Thu 26th Focus Summer festival begins!

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 (except 3rd Sundays)

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) Sun 15 Apr, 20 May & 17 Jun @ 7pm

On the third Sunday of the month in the Hall (not church), we worship and pray as we seek to encounter God afresh. On 15 April, we have a YWAM team with us.

Communion & Prayer (Church) Thursdays @ 12.30pm

These well-established midweek celebrations are being revitalised and will include contemporary worship, communion and prayer for our city, nation and world.

Baptisms by full immersion (Oakle House) Sun 1 July, 4pm

Are you a follower of Jesus, yet not been baptised? Why not take this chance publicly to declare your faith. Were you baptised as a baby? Why not affirm the vows made on your behalf. Contact Andy at andy@marinersgloucester.org.uk.

Prayer

Rise (Hall)

Wed 18 Apr, 2 & 16 May, 6 & 20 Jun & 4 & 18 Jul @ 8am

On the 1st and 3rd Wed of the month, we gather early to worship and pray together.

Kingdom Come (Hall)

Sat 14 Apr, 12 May, 9 Jun & 14 Jul @ 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.

Permanent Prayer Space (Hall) Coming soon!

In this exciting new development (coming soon...watch this space!), we plan to build on the several weekend prayer spaces we have created before. Our vision is to build towards a 24/7 prayer space for the city.

Newcomers

Connecting Course (Hall) Wed 18, 25 Apr & 2 May, 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.

Socials

Bring & Share Lunches (King's School) 6 May & 3 Jun, 12.30pm

We have bring & share lunches 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 @ 10.00am

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.

Galley (Hall)
Fridays @ 11.30am

This ministry provides meals, conversation and prayer for those who might be vulnerable or in particular need or difficulty. If you would like to be involved in this important work, contact Seb (seb@marinersgloucester.org.uk).

Comedy Night with Tony Vino (Wetherspoons)
Thu 26 April, 7.30pm

Our next Alpha launch, a night with funny man Tony Vino, is taking place at Wetherspoons in the Docks. 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.

Alpha Course (Hall)
From Thu 3 May, 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 Thu 3 May at 7.30pm and runs for 10 consecutive Thursdays. Why not pick up a postcard. Please sign up for Alpha by emailing alpha@marinersgloucester.org.uk.

Engaging with Church Visitors (Church)
From Fri 13 April

In this exciting new ministry, we're going to use a survey to encourage faith based conversation with the many people who visit Mariners. This will be against a backdrop of worship music, displays on the monitors and refreshments. Helping us get this ministry started will be a YWAM team from Hawaii. Training provided on Wed 11 April in the Hall.

Life Groups

We encourage everyone to join a Life group (LG). It's where we can do life together more effectively than is possible on Sundays. We offer a variety of faith based and interest LGs. Interest LGs are where your non-church friends can easily connect. Also, groups meet regularly for children, youth, young adults (including students) and women. Pick up a LG booklet or contact lifegroups@marinersgloucester.org.uk.

Conferences / Away Days

- **Prophecy conference**
Sat 28 April (Mariners Hall)
- **HTB Leadership Conference**
Mon 7/Tue 8 May (RAH, London)
- **Retreat for Ministry Leaders**
Sat 16 Jun (Breathe, near Chepstow)
- **Alpha course Away Day**
Sat 23 June (Oakle House, Churcham)

For more info, contact info@marinersgloucester.org.uk.

Summer Rhythm

In late July and August, the rhythm of church life changes so that we can rest from the busyness of the ministry year. Details of what is happening (and what isn't happening!) will be produced separately. Watch this space...

Focus Summer Festival (New Forest)
Thu 26 to Tue 31 July 2017

If you call Mariners your home church, come and join us for another fantastic week in July with awesome worship, inspiring teaching and great times hanging out together! We are confident that it's going to be even better than 2017! Contact Andy (info@marinersgloucester.org.uk) for more details.

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 and enter your details.

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THE CHURCH IN THE DOCKS

