

WELCOME to Mariners!

Listed below are the highlights taking place at Mariners this Autumn. 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).

## September

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 4.00pm, tea & baptisms (Oakle House, Churcham)
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm, start of 24/2 prayer weekend (Hall)
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 8.30am, monthly 'Kingdom Come' resumes (Hall)
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm, evening celebrations resume (church/hall)
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Connecting course begins (Hall)
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 11.30am, Galley resumes
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Leaders' Day (the Mill)
- Thu 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Comedy night (Dr Fosters)

## October

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 12.30pm, Bring & share lunches resume (King's)
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Life Groups begin this week
- Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingdom Come course begins (Hall)
- Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Alpha course begins (Hall)
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Prophecy conference (King's school)

## November

- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Ellel conference (King's school)
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Alpha day away (Oakle House, Churcham)

## December

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Baptism celebration (King's school)
- Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Mariners Christmas dinner (Bowden Hall Hotel)
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm, Carols by Candlelight (King's school)
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 11.15pm, midnight celebration (church)
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am, Christmas Family celebration (church)

## 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.

### **Evening Celebrations (Church) Sundays @ 6pm**

These are smaller, more intimate gatherings back at our church in the Docks. They vary in style – always worship, sometimes teaching and sometimes prayer - but always contemporary and relevant! They are up to 75 minutes long.

### **Furnace Encounter evenings (Hall) Third Sundays @ 6pm**

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 3 September, 4pm (Oakle House, Churcham) Sun 3 December, 10.30am (King's school)**

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).

### **Christmas Celebrations**

We have several special Christmas celebrations – the highlight being Carols by candlelight at King's school. These are all advertised separately.

## Prayer

### **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 9 Sep, 14 Oct, 11 Nov & 9 Dec @ 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!

### **"Life & Growth" 24/2 prayer space (Hall) Fri 8 Sept (7pm) to Sun 10 Sept (7pm)**

48 continuous hours of continuous prayer. This is such a good way to start the ministry year. Come and enjoy our creative prayer space. There will be three 'gathered times', some 'open times' (just turn up) and sign up times.

## Newcomers

### **Connecting Course (Hall) Wed 13, 20 and 27 September, 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 (from October)**

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 @ 10am**

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

### **Comedy Night with Mark Palmer (Dr Fosters) Thurs 28 Sept, 7.30pm**

Our next Alpha launch, a night with comedian Mark Palmer, is taking place at Dr Fosters. These family rated comedy nights are very popular and are a great warm up for our Alpha course.

Tickets are £10 (admits two) and are available online from Eventbrite. Why not pick up a publicity postcard.

### **Alpha Course (Hall) From Thurs 5 October, 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 10 week course begins on Thurs 5 October at 7.30pm. Why not pick up a postcard. Please sign up for the course at [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 the friends you invite might start to connect with ease.

There are a wide variety of life groups on offer – courses like Alpha and Kingdom Come, Bible based groups and interest groups! In early September, 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

- **Learning to use the Spiritual gift of Prophecy**  
Sat 21 October (King's school)
- **New Found Freedom – becoming the person God intended you to be**  
Sat 18 November (King's school)
- **Alpha course Away Day**  
Sat 25 November (Oakle House, Churcham)

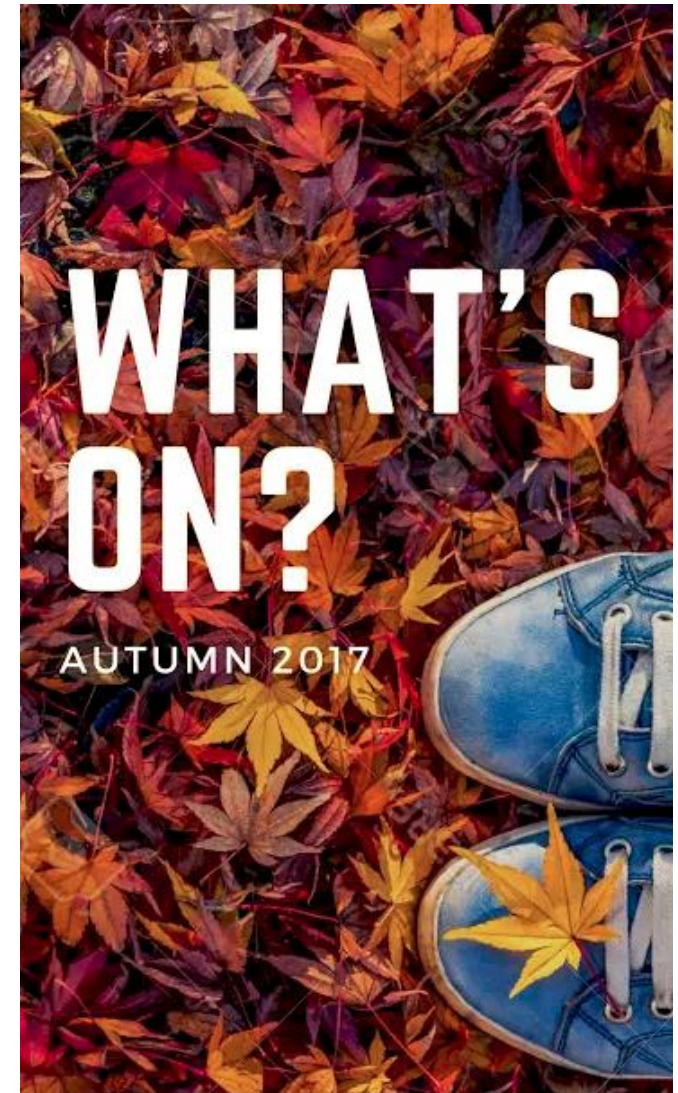
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## Christmas

We LOVE this season of the year. Highlights include:

- Thu 14 December, 7pm for 7.30pm - Mariners' Christmas dinner at Bowden Hall hotel. Don't miss out on one of the social highlights of our year!
- Sun 17 December, 6pm - Carols by candlelight celebration at King's school. This is a great invitation event - those who don't normally come to church may come because 'Christmas isn't Christmas without a carol service!'

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