



Arne Skagen next week!

It's not too late to book in a slot for a coffee - Arne will help to introduce Jesus to a friend who is close to making a commitment. Contact the Church Office: admin@kingschurch-manchester.org

Vinelife Offering!



Thanks to everyone who gave last week towards the Vinelife building project. Including gift aid we gave a total of **£6821**. We will add to it using money from the tithe of the total church income to give a total gift of **£10,000**. For more info on the project go to vinelife.co.uk

bye bye Ben!



Ben Matheson leaves for the D.R. Congo on the 29th of September. Be sure to say bye and keep praying for him.

Dates for your diary

- October 11th** Men's VIP Night
- October 29th** Worship Connexion in Leicester
- November 2nd** Ladies' VIP Night
- November 11th-12th** Worldwatch Conference in Cardiff

What's on this week?

Calendar 2011 September

MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

- Monday** Musicians 7:30pm
- Wednesday** Prayer Meeting 6:45am
- Thursday** Love Mums 10am
- Friday** Youth 7:30pm
- Prayer Meeting 8pm
- Saturday** Kid's Club 10:30am

"Hello and Welcome"

We are really pleased to have you with us today.

You'll find lots of friendly faces and people from all ages and cultures to talk to. We hope you feel at home with us and enjoy the presence of God.

Making Jesus Famous

WELCOME STUDENTS

If you're new to King's Church or returning to study we have loads of stuff you'll love. Today is the first free student meal - so get involved!

Free Meals

➔ First 4 Sundays of term after the second meeting
25th Sept, 2nd Oct, 9th Oct, 16th Oct

Sunday Evenings

➔ We will be getting together Tonight at 7:30pm

Student Outreach

➔ We will be flyering and praying for people on campus during the coming term.

If you're already part of the church and can help at any of these events then get in touch with the team:
students@kingschurch-manchester.org

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WORLD BUFFET

DATE: 30th OCTOBER 2011 TIME: 6:30pm

"just be in my presence"

I have always struggled with the story of Martha and Mary. Mainly because I had categorised myself as a Martha.

This makes reading the passage quite frustrating as I am sure you can see. When Dave spoke on Sunday I was so challenged and released by one sentence. I heard it loud and clear I could even see the light bulb being turned on in my head! "Martha was busying herself preparing a meal that Jesus hadn't even asked for".

I have always felt empathy for Martha before, she was hosting; she wanted to make sure Jesus had everything he needed to make his stay comfortable. She didn't want him to go away hungry, but she missed the point. She was the one who would leave hungry, frustrated and in time, bitter. Her kitchen ally Mary was just sitting there doing "nothing" in her eyes. She failed to realise that having Jesus as her guest meant that "majesty" was in her home and every moment of his time that could be soaked up should have been grabbed with both hands. The precious Prince of Peace, Almighty Saviour was in her home and wanted more than anything to spend time with her. To teach her face to face while he could as he knew his time was limited. I believe in that moment Martha went on to auto pilot. She saw people (and probably quite a few as Jesus was rarely alone), she anticipated her role, she thought "I know my place in this scenario and I'm going to get a head start." She made plans and preparations; she thought I know what will please him.

On Sunday after I had my light bulb moment I just wanted to jump into the story and get hold of Martha and tell her "stop, stop Jesus hasn't even asked for a meal. He has come into your home and you aren't even spending time with him." My desperation to make her realise soon turned into my own revelation: how often do I second guess God.

I make plans and preparations for many things and this is often necessary. It's the auto pilot that's the problem. It's very dangerous to assume you know what God wants. Every decision we make and routine we have needs to be in line with what he is saying and doing, otherwise before long we end up miles away from his presence, thinking we are doing what he wants without listening to the voice that says "just be".



"Just be in my presence so I can love you, teach you, lead you." Jesus is for you, he was for Martha too but her own agenda meant she couldn't hear his heart. I don't know about you but this makes me want to rush more than ever into his presence. To bask in his goodness and let my heart be changed.

Jane Barrow