

All Saints' Church, Minstead  
**Notices - week commencing July 16th, 2017.**

### **SERVICES**

**Sunday, July 16th, 9.30 - Family Communion led by Rev. Lynda Mead, Michael is assisting and Dom and Marian are sides. Eileen is the duty Church warden and Bill and Diane are reading.**

**Sunday, July 23rd, 10.30 - Service of the Word**

**Sunday July 30th, 10.30 - Service of Worship and Music led by Michael Clarke**

### **NEWS**

**Repair work** on the church tower is due to start on July 17th, continuing for 8 weeks.

During the first week, preparations will include protective material being put round some gravestones, scaffolding being erected and the construction of a secure compound around the base of the tower. The main building contractor is R. Moulding and Co. of Salisbury; you will see their vehicles at the church.

Access to the church will be much as usual. However, during weekdays access to the tower will be prohibited to all except the building contractors. The path close to the base of the tower will not be in use.

We're looking forward to a tower that is properly waterproofed and easier to maintain!

We were unsuccessful in our main bid for funding, so would be interested in any ideas for ways of raising money to replace what the PCC is about to spend.....

**Rev. Dr. James Bruce.** At the end of August when his Study Leave finishes, our vicar, James, plans to leave this benefice for pastures new. Should you wish to contribute to a leaving gift for him and Valerie, in this Parish you can donate at church services (speak to churchwardens or Kay). Outside service times you can deliver donations to the PCC Treasurer (Peter Bennett, tel 02380 812358. Email [allsaintsminstead@ymail.com](mailto:allsaintsminstead@ymail.com) ) by cheque or Bank Transfer.

**Farewell Social** for James, Thursday, 24th August from 6 - 8.30 on at Minstead Lodge. Drinks and canapés; all welcome! We are now issuing complementary **tickets**. Please take one and sign up to give us an idea of numbers attending (contact: Liz Randall or Isabel Yeo; see below.)

**Secretary needed for Deanery Synod.** Area: Lyndhurst and Waterside. 6 evening meetings per year, about 1/4 of a day's work per month. Expenses can be paid.

**Compton Area** Don't miss the photographic exhibition of New Forest Butterflies in the Compton Area, taken by **Marian Young**.

**CHARITY GIVING** During July, this church is supporting the Mission to Seafarers. After services, you can make your donations using the special collection dish, which will be either at the church door or in the Compton area. More information available in church.

**Don't forget when you're shopping to buy something to donate to the *Basics Bank*. New Forest Basics Bank aims to provide support and help to individuals and families in need. The collecting box is in church. You are welcome to bring donations of non perishable food and hygiene items whenever the church is open.**

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