

All Saints' Church, Minstead:  
**Notices - week commencing July 23rd, 2017.**

### **SERVICES**

**Sunday, July 23rd, 10.30 - Service of the Word - The service will be led by Isabel, Kate is giving the talk and Kay and Eileen are sides. Readings will be given by Eileen, Nick and Bill.**

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

**Sunday August 6th, 9.30 - Morning Worship with a Christening.**

### **NEWS**

**Repair work** on the church tower started on July 17th and will continue for 8 weeks.

The main building contractor is R. Moulding and Co. of Salisbury; you will see their vehicles at the church. 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! Complementary **tickets** are available. Please take one and sign up to give us an idea of numbers attending (contact: Liz Randall or Isabel Yeo; see below.) Tickets available until August 16th.

**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. Please contact Bill Andrews.

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

**CHARITY GIVING** During July and August, 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.**

### **VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2017 12-5pm**

Following Sylvie's brilliant organising of the refreshments last year it is most unfortunate that she will be away this year!

That said, we will be trying our best to repeat this success by coordinating all things refreshing and edible using Sylvie's notes.

Proceeds this year will be given to the Church Tower Fund and SSAFA.

Would you please be kind enough to let us know if you can help once again with :-

a) Making/providing refreshments. Savouries alongside the cakes were a great success. If scones are already prepared with jam and butter it is a great help. Likewise if sandwiches or rolls are in plastic bags ready to sell that is also very helpful. All contributions very gratefully received.

b) Help during the Fete or setting up before, on a rota basis. Setting up would be from 10-12, serving/tidying up afterwards 12-5. Please indicate the hourly slots you can be available.

c) Even better if you want to help with both.

It worked so well last year with so many tempting things to sell and lots of volunteers dropping in and out. If you can help in any way please contact

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