

# Newsletter



## September a new term!

Each month when I write these pieces, it causes me to take stock and often to say “it can’t already have come around again!”. Surely it can’t already be September again! The start of a new term, which is obviously especially significant if you have any engagement with small children or teach, is also significant for the church.

On the day I write this we are preparing to meet with the Archdeacon to look at future possibilities but, whatever the outcome of the meeting, its time for us to restart.

In our small groups we are going to begin the Bible Society’s course on Romans for 10 weeks. Some weeks we will be able to meet, and others we will study on our own covering such topics as:-

**Gospel** – how can we become confident in our faith?

**Sin** – what’s wrong with the world?

**Salvation** – what’s so amazing about grace?

**Peace** – how can we find rest in a stressful world?

**Freedom** – how can we avoid negative cycles?

**Hope** – what has God promised?

**Mystery** – if God is sovereign, what is our role?

**Devotion** – how can we live full on for God?

**Community** – how can we live together in love?

**Mission** – how can we be ambitious with the gospel?

If you are not in a small group but would like to give it a go, please have a chat with me.

Also as I write I hear of the sad loss of Revd. John Oliver a former member of our team, he will be sadly missed, condolences to Kim.

All the best  
Mike

## CRAFTY SUNDAY & SmAll Saints

The SmAll Saints and Crafty Sunday Team have had a well deserved break over the summer but are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September. All families welcome!

**SmAll Saints** – every Tuesday from 10.00 am to 11.30 am in the lower hall (term time only). We start back on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September ..... why not come along and bring along your little one(s) to our friendly group so the children can enjoy playing together whilst all the adults can enjoy a coffee! £2.00 per session

Our next **Crafty Sunday** will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 10.30 am to 11.30 am in the upper hall. Again, all parents and children welcome with parents either sharing their time with us to help with the crafts or joining our congregation in church for the service while their little ones enjoy their time in the hall!



As usual the Cubs attended their Annual summer camp over the summer holidays with 7 other local packs from the Bournemouth area. This year's theme for the Cubs and camp was 'Star Wars.'

So, after saying goodbye to their families they were all trucked off in the forest to Wilverley for an action packed week. Luckily the Weather was good (and kind to us) and they could enjoy plenty of games in the forest, assault courses, fishing in the stream, campfires and marshmallows, crafts and whole lot more.

Thank you for all the leaders that made it possible, also a bigger thanks for my leadership team as I dislocated my shoulder while at camp!

Gary (cub leader)



The Guides & Rangers had a fantastic week camping in the New Forest with many new achievements and first camp for some of our girls. Lovely to have our older girls back from Uni as helpers.

A record number of Promises were made on the zipwire - 2 leaders, 5 Rangers and 1 Guide and once again we came second in the volleyball.

At camp our leader Tegan heard she had passed her Veterinary Nurse exams so a huge congratulations to her and also congratulations to Hannah & Freya who got their A level results and first choice uni for Hannah to study Veterinary Nursing and Freya, Medicine.

Good Luck to our girls and everyone getting GCSE results.

Christine & the team



## FELLOWSHIP CLUB

As usual we had very good lunch at The Brew Cafe in August.

We are going to see the film "The Roses" on Friday 29th August at 2.30 pm at the Regent and then to see "Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale" on Wednesday 8th October at 2.30 pm.

Rose

## Please support our dear friend Lydia

Hi there everyone,  
I've got one more sponsored wheelchair push for this year (thank goodness I hear you cry!), and this is to help our much pressured local hospital wards. I'm teaming up with local radio station Hot Radio as one of their 'Hot Walkers'. Frank says he wants a good result as after all these pushes he'll be on the geriatric ward by Christmas!

<https://uhdcharity.enthuse.com/pf/hot-radio>



Best wishes, Lydia

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH GARDENS

Garden volunteers urgently needed – Margery and Jan continue to work hard to keep the garden looking beautiful, but they need some help! Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer in the church garden, at times to suit.



## Our dear friend Betty Knight celebrates another birthday!!

On June 27th Mum celebrated her 107th birthday. She is now the oldest person in Dorset and apparently the 88th oldest person in UK (record held by a 116 year old!)

We gathered at Wickmeads Care Home and Mum was thoroughly spoilt with cards, flowers and cake (thankfully not with 107 candles to blow out).

Photo shows Mum with her fourth card from the Royal family - she had her first at 100 from the late Queen and then it's been every year from her 105th birthday.

Mum is amazing for her age and we are very proud of her.

Stephanie





# Dramatic Society

A big thank you to all of you who attended our first play 'Hi-De-Hi' at our new home - Bournemouth Life Centre in Moordown. It was great to be back onstage performing after our short hiatus at the beginning of the year. We have had some great feed-back from audiences who really enjoyed the show, however as we get used to the new venue we are aware of a few teething issues with the sound and we are working with our sound team and the venue to resolve this for our future shows.

With Hi-De-Hi packed away we have now moved into rehearsals for our Friends' 75th anniversary cheese and wine evening that will take place on the 19th September, set in a cabaret style that will include extracts and sketches from past shows as well as a fun quiz to make the evening a social event. If you are already a Friend of the Society you should have received your booking form with your newsletter, so don't forget to return it asap to reserve your seats. If you are not a friend of the society but are interested in joining, please check on our website under the 'Friends of ASDS' section for details of how to join and be a part of the celebrations.

While rehearsals are underway for the Friends' Evening we are also getting super excited about our next family pantomime and it is a real family favourite... 'Puss In Boots!' This promises to be a fun-filled, magical show for all ages.

**Tickets now on sale** from: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/asds>

## **Are you interested in getting involved with our Panto??**

We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our upcoming production - whether you're keen to be onstage, help backstage, volunteer Front of House, or support in technical roles, there's a place for you! We're especially seeking junior cast members, so if you or someone you know is interested, please contact our Members' Secretary, Georgie Drake at: [asdslifesocial@gmail.com](mailto:asdslifesocial@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Saturday 18th October, 9.30am – 12.30pm**

St Boniface Church, Hursley Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 2FT

Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ, but you're unsure of what your next step might be?

Join Bishop Rhiannon and Rev'd Dr Amy Roche, along with members of the Mission & Ministry Team, to find out more about the pathways available for both lay and ordained ministries. There will be a particular focus on opportunities for lay ministry including Exploring Theology, Bishops Commission for Mission and Bishops Permission to Preach. For more information and to book, please contact Tracey Nicholls [tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org) / 01962 710983



We will be holding a joint Messy Church with St. Katharine's and St. Nicholas on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025 from 2pm to 4pm. This will take place in St. Katharine's Church Hall, Church Road, Southbourne. Do make a note of this in your diary and bring the family along to enjoy an afternoon of fun!



Parish Office open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am -12.30pm

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