

Your guide to central diocesan staff team

The *Pompey Chimes* is highlighting the staff and parish-based advisers who work in the four new sections that make up our central diocesan team. The Mission and Society team seeks to help the Church to engage with the wider community, through social engagement, evangelism and delivery of frontline services

2. Mission and Society section

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Above left: interactive prayer in the Encounter zone of the Friday Fridge; middle: sweets and images reinforce the 'feast' theme; right: church regulars offer coffee and chat in the cafe zone

Spiritual chill-out for the late-night revellers

THE two teenage girls on their way home after a night out only want to borrow 50p to ring home.

They walk into the church at 11pm to discover a cafe serving bacon sandwiches and coffee, a quiet room to chill out, multi-sensory installations to help them pray - and people willing to chat.

"Wow!", says one of the girls. "This is really relaxing. It's so cool." Three hours later, they're still there.

This is the Friday Fridge at St Jude's in Southsea. It's a chance for people to pop into church and make friends, engage with their spirituality or spend some time in quiet on their way home from nearby pubs and clubs. It's open from

10.30pm each Friday night until well into the early hours.

The cafe-style chairs and sofas, flat-screen TV, atmospheric lighting and constant stream of coffee make the cafe zone an inviting place. Visitors are amazed to discover they don't have to pay. Many are grateful the church is open at a time convenient for them.

Move into the quiet zone, and there is ambient music playing, comfy cushions to sit on and the chance to write down things they'd like the congregation to pray for. Some light a candle in memory of a friend who is ill or a relative who has died.

And in the encounter zone, this week's theme is 'feast'. DVDs of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Shrek* are projected onto drapes, there's a picnic hamper

overflowing with crusty bread and sweets are dangling from the walls. Guests are encouraged to dip strawberries and marshmallows into a chocolate fountain, rearrange magnetic words to form prayers and draw pictures expressing how they feel.

The idea is to draw on the rich tradition of Christian spirituality to provide hands-on prayer stations where visitors can experience God. In future weeks there'll be other things to touch, smell, taste, read or reflect on.

Kieran White, 16, of Somers Town, said: "I walked past with my mum and came back because the church was open. I've been to a normal church, but this is a bit different. I think it's brilliant, because it's attracting people in. I like the way it's done."

And volunteer Neil Cater, 33, said: "Standing on the street and inviting people in, I was aware that for some people, this was the first time they'd been asked to come into church to experience something they'd feel comfortable with.

"People were coming in with big issues they wanted to deal with, and this gave them space away from the grind of life to think of the bigger picture."

The original vision came from a group interested in establishing a fresh expression of church within St Jude's. Inspired by the Nightshift project in Hereford and Sanctus 1 in Manchester, they wanted to combine outreach with forms of worship that would engage contemporary spirituality.



Above: university students are among the visitors to the Friday Fridge; right: prayer and meditation in the quiet zone

They wanted to reach people of all ages interested in spiritual things, but who were unlikely to come to Sunday services or who'd never really experienced church before. It echoes the bishop's Kairos initiative, which encourages churches in our diocese to find new ways of serving their communities.

Volunteers from St Jude's visited local pubs over several weeks, asking regulars what they'd like to see the church do. People responded positively to the idea that the building could be open late at night, providing a safe space to call a taxi, have a snack, pray or chat.

But the organisers don't necessarily expect those who come to Friday Fridge to come to Sunday services as well.

The curate, the Rev Mark Rodel, said: "The point about the



Pub visits help show church's human face

WORSHIPPERS in Bembridge are also engaging with pub-goers in their community - by meeting them for a drink.

Congregation members from Holy Trinity and other churches in the village meet monthly in one of its four pubs.

It's part of the parish's Kairos plan, and involves helping worshippers to be visible in their community.

The vicar, the Rev Andrew Menniss, said: "It's a good opportunity for us all to get together - from our church and others - and relax.

"It's not about overt evangelism, but people are ready to talk in the pub about anything that comes up. Being a village, there's



not a great gulf between the church and the community anyway, so people do know each other.

"It's also part of appearing to be human and accessible to those outside church. It also helps me, as when I do visiting, people will mention that they've seen us in the pub."

It happens from 8pm on a Monday night each month.

Details of which pub they are in can be found in the Bembridge parish magazine, on the website www.bembridge.com, in the Isle of Wight County Press, or by ringing Andrew Menniss on 01983-872175.



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