## **SERMON NOTES**

# PRAYER DIARY

## Monday 2nd December

Pray that we see God's good and sovereign hand in the events of the world and our lives, bringing us to trust him more fully (Isaiah 10:5-34).

#### Tuesday 3rd December

Pray for Ladies Christian Fellowship (LCF) as they have Marshside brass band joining them. Pray the evening is greatly enjoyed by all.

### Wednesday 4th December

Pray for the Tuesday mum's Connect group. Pray they support and care for each other, always encouraging each other to depend on God. Pray they grow in their faith, finding time in busy lives to sit at Jesus' feet.

## Thursday 5th December

As the leaflets are delivered across our parish, pray they are opened and read. Pray people accept the invitation to come to our Christmas services.

## Friday 6th December

Pray for New Hope Church Sierra Leonne. Pray they continue to hold fast to the Gospel and use every opportunity to point people to Christ. Pray new believers are discipled well and grow in their faith.

### Saturday 7th December

Pray for the Nativity Story Trail today. Pray lots of families come along. Pray as the nativity story is unfolded people will see Gods plan for salvation through Jesus and want to know more.

#### Sunday 8th December

As we meet for our Nativity Service pray the children enjoy retelling the story of Jesus birth. Pray visitors will know the joy and hope Jesus brings and want to come along to Hope Explored.



# WELCOME

# SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024 BIBLE READING: ISAIAH 10:5-34

Where is God when disaster strikes?

# 9.15AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11AM SERVICE WITH GROUPS FOR 0-16S

## Thank you for coming - we're delighted to have you with us!

We would love you to stay around for tea and coffee, served at the back of the church (9.15am) or in the hall (11am).

Our 11am service is livestreamed for those who cannot make it in-person due to ill health.

Search for estsimonandstjudewithallsouls on YouTube.

We have weekly church activities for all ages. To be kept up to date, please pick up and fill in a blue welcome card, which can be found in the entrance hall.

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

GROW to know and love God *so that we* GO to live and speak for Jesus

www.stsimonsouthport.org.uk

# USEFUL CONTACTS

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# CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

Each year we aim to deliver Christmas leaflets to all in our parish, inviting folk to hear the good news of Christmas. They need to be delivered **by Friday 6th December** in time for our Nativity Trail.

Please take a bundle or two and deliver this week if possible.

# ADVENT BOOKS

There are a range of **books on the bookstall** to help us read the Bible and engage with God over the advent season. Books for for all ages, for individuals and for families. Make the most of the chance to focus on Christ this Christmas!

# NATIVITY FAMILY TRAIL

Come along on **Sat 7th Dec**, **2-4pm** to see the very first Christmas come alive with nativity characters, storytelling and fun activities for all.

If you are a church member and would like to view the trail and pray for it before families arrive, please come join us at 1:20pm.

# NWGP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On **Saturday 18th January**, the North West Gospel Partnership will be holding their annual conference in Wigan with the theme: 'God's Builders in God's Building: sharing the mission heart of God'. Groups for 0-14s but booking is essential. **Early bird prices** for adults and children are available if booked before 17th December.

Visit www.northwestgospelpartnership.com for more details and booking form

# NEXT SUNDAY

## **SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER - MATTHEW 1:18-25**

9.15AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11.00AM MORNING SERVICE with groups for 0-16s.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 3rd Dec	LCF host Marshside Brass Band 7pm, all welcome
Wed 4th Dec	7–8:30pm Help Nativity Trail set up
Sat 7th Dec	Nativity Family Trail 2-4pm St Simon's
Sun 8th Dec	All Age Nativity 11am service
	Church prayer meeting 6.45pm-8pm
Wed 11th Dec	Coffee & Chat 10:30-11:45am
	Community Lunch 12.15pm
Sun 15th Dec	Carols by Candlelight 7pm
Christmas Eve	Christingle All Age 4pm
	Midnight Communion 11.15pm

# Here for the first time?

Hello & welcome! Thank you so much for joining us.

#### **Need anything?**

Ask our welcome team who will be happy to help.

#### **Children & Teens**

Junior church groups for 3-5s, 5-7s, 8-10s & 10-16s run during the 11am service. The kids leave for their groups after about 15 minutes. We also have a supervised creche for our 0-3s.

#### Hearing difficulties?

A hearing loop is available on request.

#### Livestream

Please note that anyone appearing at the front of church will be seen on the livestream.