



Pioneer Minister

I am pleased to be able to inform you that on Sunday 1 August the DCC approved the appointment of Jimmy Rocks as Pioneer Minister, with specific initial emphasis on developing outreach amongst young people.

The response to the Pioneer Minister Pledge Day was very encouraging (for which we thank God), and very generous (for which we thank God's people). Within 24 hours we had exceeded the 70% marker of the £35K budgeted cost, which the DCC had stipulated as a condition for continuing the process of exploration. We are now well over 90%, with pledges continuing to come in... It is not too late to give if you have not yet had a chance to return the pledge form; each and every contribution is welcome.

Jimmy was interviewed by a panel of 4 representatives from the DCC who were unanimous in their recommendation to make the appointment. Having experienced his own life being transformed when as a teenager he came to faith in Christ, Jimmy has a real passion to make the gospel relevant and accessible to young people.

He comes to us with a proven track record in this area and we believe that he will be an inspiration and an excellent role model for the young people. He has the full support of the Anglican Church, who sponsored him through 3 years training at Trinity College to become a Pioneer Minister. I am currently in discussion with the Diocese about how and when Jimmy's Ordination will follow and will keep you informed of developments.

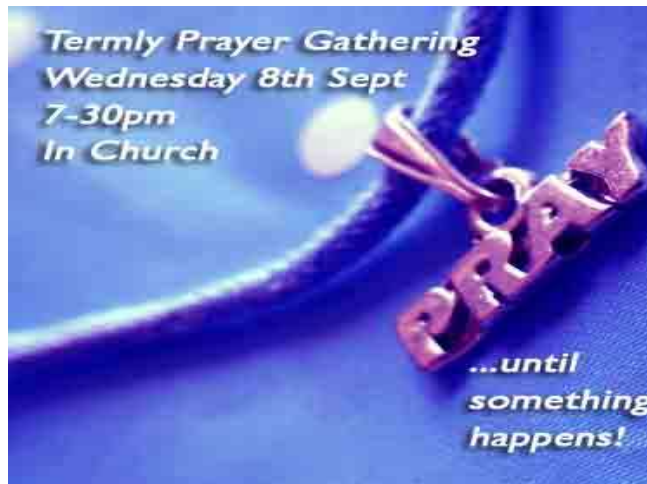
Jimmy, together with wife Katia and baby Joanna, moved to Stoke Gifford this week (8 Somerset Crescent) and has taken up his post on 16 August. **We will introduce him to each congregation in all our worship services today.**

These are exciting times for us as a church! St Michael's has demonstrated once again that it is ready to step out in faith and see how God can use us in 'Living to make a difference' and being 'a Christian heart at the centre of the community'. We look forward to partnering with Jimmy in this new venture as he takes on and develops the role of Pioneer Minister. *Simon*



Harvest Appeal 2010- The Community of the Sisters of the Church

The Sister of the Church would, once again, be very grateful for your Harvest Gifts of **non-perishable food**. During the past year through our food parcel ministry, the Five Loaves and Two Fishes, we have once again given over **75,000** tins to homeless people, and needy families and individuals. *The Sisters would also like to thank us for all our past support. For further information please check notice board (Please check the sell-by dates.)* **Please have your gift in church by TODAY September 5th or contact Patricia Holroyd. Thanks.**



Simon's on Radio Bristol again!! every Friday throughout August & September Simon is giving the "Thought for the day". Join him at 8.40am on 94.9fm if you're up bright and early



At our services there is often an opportunity to **receive prayer for you or a friend whether for healing or any other need.**

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Living to make a difference

A Christian heart at the centre of the community

Welcome to St. Michael's

Please take these notices home with you for information & prayer



For hearing aid users select 'T' setting on your device. Disability adviser is Louise Cooper call (0117) 947 0998 to discuss any relevant issues

Morning Worship at 10.30am (More contemporary) ~ the first part takes place in 2 venues, Church (more adult focused) and Old School Rooms (More Family Worship focused)

Recording of Sunday sermons - you can now hear most of our Sunday morning & evening sermons on the church website (www.st-michaels-church.org.uk)

Sunday 5th September 2010

9.00am Morning Prayer Readings Peter3:13-22
Luke 19:1-10

Theme: **Outreach**
Speaker: **Wiz**

10.30am Morning Worship Reading: 1 Peter3:13-22

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5.00pm Evensong: Readings Jonah 3:10-end of Ch.4
Revelation 8:1-5

6.30pm Holy Communion Reading: Acts 4:23-31

Theme: **Prayer for revival**
Speaker: **Karen**

THIS WEEK

Monday 6th September

9.00am **Morning Prayer** in Church
7.30pm **Xplore Baptism prep** –Coffee shop

Wednesday 8th September

9.00am **Morning Prayer** in Church
6.00pm **Art Club** returns – in T3
7.30pm **Church prayer meeting (Church)**

Thursday 9th September

2.00pm-4.00pm **Link Club** meeting in Stoke Gifford

Friday 10th September

9.00am **Morning Prayer** in Church

Saturday 11th September

8.30am **Monthly Breakfast** in OSR
£2 fee waived on first visit.



(Jimmy Rocks speaking)

Saturday Coffee Shop on 11th

September

10.00am-12pm Saturday **Coffee Shop** -
come and enjoy a bacon sandwich & a
coffee!



Next Sunday 12th September

9.00am Holy Communion Readings: Romans 12:9-21
Mark 10:35-45

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6.30pm Evening Worship Readings: Mark 3:14
Luke 10:1-9

**Prayer Surgery every Friday daytime
during term time.** 1 hour sessions. *If you
want further information or to book an
appointment please ring Susie Bishop (0117)*

979 8371



Alpha begins Tues 28th Sept 7-00pm

Alpha is an opportunity for everyone to
explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting
over eight thought-provoking weekly sessions.
Over 7,000 courses are currently running across the UK.
It is GREAT! If you haven't done Alpha yet... sign up for
this one. Leaflets available in church & OSR.

Alpha at AXA. A group of Christians at AXA are
hoping to run a workplace Alpha course starting in
October. It would be great if those of us at St Michael's
who work at AXA could get involved. For more details
and to get involved please contact Colin Thomas at
AXA, Colin.Thomas@axa-sunlife.co.uk or Martin
Gordon, martin@st-michaels-church.org.uk

Student work at St Michael's

During September we'll be making contact with UWE
Students during Freshers week. and providing a welcome
Tea & invitations to Sunday services. We aim to provide
student Lifegroups too. If you'd like to help please
contact Martin (martin@st-michaels-church.org.uk)

Also...

(6th Sept – 2^d Oct) the *Bristol International Student
Centre (BISC)* runs a welcome programme to meet and
greet new International Students arriving in our city.

We need your help to make this happen!

Help is needed to:

1. cook/serve welcome meals
2. drive (your car or our minibus)
3. provide temporary overnight accommodation

*Sign up today or for more info contact Jemima (0117
9695886) or*

*BISC Coordinator Jacqueline Conradi-Faul
(jacqueline@bisc.org.uk or 0117-9159826).*



**Social: 'Strictly St Michael's' on
Saturday September 11th 7pm-10pm
Old School Rooms**

A fun evening of ballroom dancing tuition
and a meal...

No previous experience necessary--**see**

posters for details *If interested email*

helen.hine@blueyonder.co.uk or to jkday@ctlconnect.co.uk

LIFEgroups



...our midweek groups that meet for prayer,
worship & Bible study.

On Sunday September 12th & 19th there
will be a display of all the available groups on
the board in church. We have many groups
with a huge selection of leaders *Why not take*

a look at the board and sign up for a LIFE group.



ART CLUB- returns back *this week* on
Wednesday September 8th from 6pm until
9pm meeting in T3. We will be offering
the usual activities of painting, jewellery
making, card making, encaustic work etc. In addition to
this we will be doing soap
making and Christmas crafts.

*If you would like to join us for a
relaxing evening of arts & crafts,
refreshments included in price of
£5.50 or £4.50 for unwaged
come along or contact Debbie
Willis on 017 904 2867*



Pray and bless the local community -

Over the past couple of weeks we have
given out laminated cards entitled 'pray and
bless'. The prayer on the cards is from the
Fflad-y-Brenin Christian Retreat Centre in
Wales. Some from St Michael's have visited
the community and many of us have been
reading 'The Grace Outpouring' which is the story of the
incredible blessings that God has poured out on the area
surrounding Fflad-y-Brenin as they have prayed and
blessed their community.

We long for God to pour out more of His blessing on
our church and our area and so we have adapted the
prayer and are **encouraging every member of St
Michael's to pray this prayer of blessing for
ourselves and for Stoke Gifford each Monday.** *If
you would like to join with others to do this, then please meet
in the Coffee Shop at 9.00.*



Thank you - to everyone who came to our
Garden Open Days in memory of Ian. We
had lovely weather, lots of people, lots of
cakes and raised **£880** for Cancer Research

UK. If anyone has anything left to give, Joe is running in
the Bristol Half Marathon this Sunday 5th September, also
in aid of Cancer Research UK! The link is;
www.runningsponsorme.org/joemandmatrinning
Annette, Amy & Joe Hamlen