

## Events and notices

### Welcome to Shameela

Our new Minister  
Reverend Shameela Jameelee-Samuel  
will be starting September.

There will be a Circuit  
**Welcome Service for Shameela**  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 7pm at Brookside

**Thursday 'CAFE'**  
**open most Thursdays**  
**2pm until 4pm**  
**for coffee and tea**  
**book swap, knit 'n Natter**  
**Kwiz Korner and a friendly**  
**welcome**

All FREE  
Pop in and Say 'Hello'!

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**  
**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**10am – 11.30 am**

PLEASE come and support our  
annual event supporting the work of  
**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**



If you'd like to make a cake for this  
or any other of our Coffee Mornings,  
please let us know.

**Would you like someone  
to pray for you?**

Please phone or text:  
**Southside Methodist Church.**  
**Prayer Hotline: 07506 893786**

If nobody answers please leave a message  
and someone will get back to you.

### WESLEY GUILD

The first meeting of the new session of  
Southside Wesley Guild will be on  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.** We are  
planning a varied programme starting  
with a Social Evening with bring and  
share refreshments. We'd love to  
welcome new members to our group so  
please come and invite your friends to  
join us too.

### October Newsletter Deadline

Please can you send any articles or  
adverts you would like including in the  
**October** edition to:

[southsidenewsletter@virginmedia.com](mailto:southsidenewsletter@virginmedia.com)

by Midnight Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Thank you.

Editor

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monthly please e-mail:

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## **HARVEST CELEBRATION**

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, a service led by Rev Shameela Jameelee- Samuel. We shall be celebrating this special event with a cooked lunch following the service. Please watch out for more information nearer the time. There will be a sheet to sign up if you wish to attend... and we really hope that you will!

Proceeds will be sent to Action for Children which is the Circuit focus this year.

Tinned goods for the Harvest display may be brought to the church during the Thursday afternoon Café. After the service these will be donated to the Foodbank which people are increasingly relying on, so anything we can donate will be very much appreciated.

## **CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019**

For many years the Southside community has supported the annual Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. Recently, however, some people have expressed concern about the costs involved as well as the organisation as a whole.

At a Church Council meeting earlier in the year it was agreed that we would try to find an alternative way of supporting children in some kind of need. I have met an amazing local man called David Wallwork who started a school in the war-torn country of Sierra Leone, initially with his own money, and the Leadership Team has agreed that we should collect items for the school in place of the shoebox appeal. He would welcome our support in providing school supplies... stationery items (pens, pencils, notebooks, crayons etc) as well as basic uniform items (all new, please). There may well be other things too and we are hoping that David will be able to come and tell us about his school and the other ways we could support its pupils.

I hope to give you a lot more information next month but hope that you will feel this is something you can support. Many of you will have seen that the shops are full of offers on school items at the moment so you may like to begin buying small items for our collection now.