

Christmas



The most wonderful time of the year returns and we'll be having a very magical Christmas on Victoria Dock. On **Monday December 15th at 5:30pm** at the **Three Crowns Public House**, Santa and his Elves returns to Victoria Dock for some fun, stories and Christmas carols. Santa loves coming to the Dock every year to see the children and it really is a magical time for all the family. This is a free event, put on by the **Victoria Dock Village Hall & Community Centre**, which is a registered charity, so any donations during the visit would be greatly appreciated. So **"Save the Date"** and follow us on Facebook for updates.

The Citadel Victoria Dock Area Community News

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS

The Victoria Dock New Friends Group has been going for a few years now and it going from strength to strength.

The group was created to give people new to the Dock or even those who have been here for a long time, the opportunity to make new friends, have a cuppa and a chat. Sometimes they even go out for meals. It is part of the Talking Tables programme by Hull CVS to encourage good mental health and to promote just having a "Good Chat".

The group is open to all ages, with current attendees ages ranging from 60 to 91 years old and they would love to have some younger people join the group.

So come and make some new friends every Wednesday at the Village Hall & Community Centre at 12pm.



SAY HELLO TO THE PTFA

We are pleased to present the Victoria Dock Primary School, PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) team.

Seven working mums, make up our modest volunteer team. Emma, Chantelle, Stormm, Casey, Steph, Alex, and Cassie; Mrs. Peacock, a member of the teaching staff; and Mr. Pickering, Trust Catering Lead. Even though you might not see us much, we are always coordinating and planning activities in the background. Enhancing student extracurricular activities is one of our goals; in the process, we raise essential funds for the PTFA to assist the school in providing the pupils with the chance to participate in school excursions as well as school enrichment activities like the school discos. As a charity we are always looking for support from businesses, so if you feel you could help in anyway please contact the PTFA via email:

ptfa@victoriadock.sch.hull.uk



A WORD FROM THE VICAR

"Winter is coming", to quote Jon Snow (the one from Game of Thrones, not the newsreader). For many of us, this is the most difficult time of the year. It's getting colder. There's less and less sunlight. Christmas is on the horizon - and with the tantalizing prospect of time off with family comes the mammoth task of present-buying, the pressure of hospitality, and the tangible reminder of the loss of those who won't be with us this year.

So it's ironic, or perhaps appropriate, that in this coldest and darkest of seasons, we celebrate the coming of someone who called himself 'the light of the world'. No-one knows the exact date that Jesus was born, but we know he was born into a dark world. The Jewish people were occupied, oppressed and longing for a reason to hope, and that hope came in a surprising form - a crying newborn baby. A baby whose humble arrival testified to a wonderful truth - that God himself was present with his people.

This baby born in the back end of nowhere would grow to become the most influential human being in history, and many around the world, including at Victoria Dock Church, celebrate the same wonderful truth - that in a difficult and broken world, God is here with us.

In the coming weeks and months, we're putting on a variety of events that we'd love to invite you to. We'll be gathering on Christmas Eve to welcome in Christmas the right way - singing much-loved carols, eating mince pies, and drinking mulled wine. Then throughout January, we're hosting a course called '321', which is a chance to learn more about Jesus and the Christian faith and ask questions. The format is simple - we'll watch a video, discuss it, and then see where the conversation goes! Everyone's welcome - if you've never been to church or not been for a while, why not take the opportunity to hear more about the most influential man in human history and ask the big questions you have about him. Then in February we'll have our latest Quiz Night, so come on down and bring some friends or neighbours for a fun evening. And of course, you're always welcome to come and join us on a Sunday morning.

I hope to meet you at some of those events, and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Rev Jonny Guy, Team Vicar of the Victoria Dock Church

Events Coming Up

Wednesday 24th December, 7pm - **Carols by Candlelight**

Monday 12th January (then the following three Mondays), 7:30pm - **321 Course**

Saturday 7th February, 7pm - **Quiz Night**

(All events at the Victoria Dock Village Hall & Community Centre)

Weekly Services

Every Sunday, 10:45am



ROAD CHANGES

There are a few changes coming to the “Hamburger roundabout”.

At the west entrance to Victoria Dock in December. The new road markings are going to be put in place to stop many drivers getting in the wrong lane to go straight-on to Great Union Street.

National Highways have also recommended that “Keep Clear” signs be added to the east entrance at Seimens roundabout, so cars can go straight on.

National Highways also revealed that the A63/Castle Street Underpass should be completed by January 2026 and the rest of the works should be completed by Spring 2026.



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A FRESH COAT

The Kitchen at the Victoria Dock Village Hall & Community Centre has had a fresh coat of paint.

This includes emulsifying the walls, ceiling and the hatch surround in white gloss. The Association did not have enough funds to replace all of the top cupboards so these have been refreshed with specialist cupboard paint to blend in as closely as possible with the new grey base units.

We would like to say a big thank you to **Holmes Decorating** for a super job. Next year the Association is hoping to have funds to continue with the decorating with the lobby area getting a coat of gloss paint and then moving onto the main Hall.



HUMBERSIDE POLICE INFO

There is a **Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)** in place which Humberside Police uses to tackle antisocial behaviour in public spaces.

The goal is to improve the quality of life in communities as it restricts or prohibits certain activities in public areas which could cause a negative impact to the community. In terms of Victoria Dock, in the Drypool Ward, it should support the residents in terms of antisocial drinking [be in possession of any open vessel containing or purporting to contain alcohol].

You should report this to the police and preferably use the 101 number.

In terms with dealing with rough sleeping in the area you should contact the **Hull City Council Street Outreach Service** via email:

hull.sos@cgl.org.uk

For more information visit: **StreetLink** - Connecting people sleeping rough to local services.

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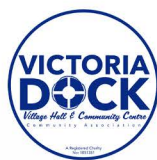
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WHAT'S ON at the Victoria Dock Village Hall & Community Centre

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
MONDAY	SEND Adult Craft Session 10:30am Train Time UK 10:30am - 11:30am	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	Yoga (6yrs - Adult): 6:30pm - 7:30pm Jr. Chess Club: 6pm - 7pm Fellowship Group: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
TUESDAY	Moo Music: Classes at 10:00am, 11am & 12:10pm	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	Yoga Class: 6:30pm - 7:45pm Jr. Chess Club: 6pm - 7pm Chess Club: 7:15pm - 10pm The Troublemakers Group: 8:15pm - 9:15pm
WEDNESDAY	Baby Sensory: Classes at 10:00am & 11:30am	New Friends Group: 12pm - 1pm	AA Just for Today Meeting: 7:30pm - 9:00pm Hull Male Voice Choir: 7:30pm - 9:30pm Guitar Group: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
THURSDAY	All Abilities Expressive Arts - Session: 10:00am - 12:00pm	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	ReNew: 5:45pm - 7:45pm Book Club: 7:30pm - 9pm (1st Thursday of the month only) Ukulele Group: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
FRIDAY	Glow Bambino: Classes at 9:30am & 10:45am	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	Kung Fu Class: 5:30pm - 6:30pm Karate for Kids: 5:15pm - 6:15pm & 6:15pm - 7:45pm
SATURDAY	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE
SUNDAY	Church Service: 10:45am - 12pm Cafe Church: 1st Sunday	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	AA Just for Today Meeting - 7:30pm - 9:30pm

AVAILABLE FOR
HiRE

HIRE CHARGES (PER HOUR)

	Member	Non-Member	Capacity
Main Hall	£12	£22	140
Commodore's Room	£8	£15	25
Captain's Room	£5	£10	12

(50% extra hire fee for bookings past 8pm)

Kitchen use is free with any room booking - £15 for the use of the Oven
(All residents of Victoria Dock are classed as members)

BOOK NOW by emailing: info@vvdh.co.uk

