

Ship visiting in Portsmouth with SCFS Solent

The Seamen's Christian Friend Society (Solent Branch) consists of John Budd from Bembridge Methodist Church and Chris Hanna & Peter Wells from St James.

It is a joy to have the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus and good things donated by God's people with seafarers from different nations who are far from home and family.

We usually visit once or twice a week, ie Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Tuesday team of John and Peter visit the Seatrade ships which have recently returned to Portsmouth. Small cargo ships have been coming in and also some ships to transport the wind turbine blades which have been brought over from the Island by barge.

The Thursday team of Chris and Peter visited the Maersk Line ships which brought us bananas from Columbia. These finished coming on 24th Jan when the business was lost to Southampton due to Maersk wanting to use larger ships.

Geest ships have now returned to Portsmouth and these are docking on Friday (usually) at the moment so the Thursday team is learning to be flexible! Thank you for standing with us, and please pray that these men may be kept from temptation and that hearts may be open to The Saviour.

Please pray for someone in Portsmouth to be called of The Lord to this work to replace Pete Cook who we miss very much.

We also receive much encouragement and help from the SCFS Headquarters in Northern Ireland. Peter & Edwina attended the SCFS Annual Conference at the Head Quarters in Bangor N.I. 8-11th Nov 2019. It was a most encouraging and uplifting time, and great to share with other port missionaries from around Europe.

Peter Wells and Chris Hanna

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