



Baptist Minister Revd Mark Warner is the Community Relations Co-ordinator of the Sailors Society. He is keen to visit churches and raise awareness of some facts about seafaring which can easily go ignored in the 21st Century:

- The UK's utter **dependence** on its ports (95% of our goods come through them)
- The **vulnerability** of our way of life (if the ports close, we've only 10 days reserves!)
- The **care** we owe our hidden workforce of 1.2 million sailors (world trade depends on them)
- The work of the Sailors' Society with its network of chaplains in **100 ports worldwide**
- The fact that (aged 190!) we're the **oldest Christian mission** to merchant seafarers, working across and beyond the denominations.



Modern seafarers live in **danger** (each month, 9 vessels are lost and there are 21 pirate attacks), and they live with **loneliness** (away from home for 9 to 12 months). The Sailors' Society provides valuable ministry in forms such as chaplaincy services, telephone access, and even woolly hats knitted by volunteers.

In his Christmas Newsletter, Mark wrote:

"During the next couple of months I'll be finalising 2009's itinerary. If I've already visited your church, I would be more than happy to come again to bring you up to date with how God is using our Port Chaplains around the world to bring hope and comfort in the name of Jesus. If I've not managed to visit your church or fraternal yet, then I would be pleased to discuss suitable dates for next year. I'm available to lead and preach on Sunday Services or present the Society's ministry at midweek meetings, fraternals and at united services. Dropping in for a coffee and an initial chat with you could well be a first response.

Feel free to e-mail or phone if you would like to chat it over with me. The more flexible we can be with our dates, the more helpful it will be in economising on time and travel."



Adrain and Bridget Plass joined the Sailors' Society for the 'Woolly Hat Tour' in 2008

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