



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 28th February 2016

Nave Flooring Works

The next stage of the flooring work (to sand, stain and varnish the nave floorboards) is due to start on Monday 7th March. We are likely to need to hold Sunday services in the Church Centre in order to accommodate this on 6th and 13th March.

Work on the high south windows is due to be carried out subsequently.

Revision of the Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll (the formal list of church members) will be revised during the period **Monday 15th to Monday 29th February**. Your name needs to be on the roll if you wish to attend the annual meetings on **Wednesday 16th March** or if you wish to stand for election as a member of the PCC, a churchwarden or a member of the Deanery Synod. You may apply to have your name added during the revision period. If your name is already on the roll and you wish to remain on it, you do not need to take any action. The formal notice of this revision is displayed on the external noticeboard by the north door.

The revised roll will be displayed during the period 1st to 15th March; no additions or removals are allowed during this period, although any errors may be corrected.

For any questions on this process or for forms, please contact Mick in the church office.

Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper

7.30 p.m., **Friday 4th March** in the Church Centre. Tickets are now available at £5 from Dinah Walters. Please book your place by Thursday 3rd March at the latest.

Matthew and Jayne in Southsea

Dear Friends, We're visiting Southsea from **Friday 11th March until Sunday 13th March**. We'd love to meet up with anyone who is free on the Friday evening. We'll be in the bar of the Queen's Hotel from 8pm onwards. Hope to see some of you there and if not there at St Simon's on Sunday morning! Love & blessings, Matthew & Jayne

Maundy Thursday Passover Meal with Communion

This year's Maundy Thursday event will be at 6.30 pm on **Thursday 24th March** at St. Luke's church. This is a joint event with St. Luke's, St. Jude's and St. Simon's. Advance booking is required for catering purposes – please give your name to Mick in the church office by **Monday 7th March**.

Second Sunday Stroll

Our strolls continue each month. Meet at 2.30 pm at South Parade Pier for a casual social stroll along the seafront. The next one is on **Sunday 13th March**. Everybody is welcome.

Annual Meetings 2016

The two annual meetings (the meeting to elect the churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held on **Wednesday 16th March** this year. This date is different from the provisional date agreed at the November PCC meeting. The formal notices of these meetings are now in the notice case outside the north door.

Nomination forms for churchwardens and lay members of the PCC are now available on the Welcome Tables or on request from the Church Office.

Nominations for churchwardens must be received by midnight on the preceding Sunday, 13th March. Nominations for lay members of the PCC may be made in advance or at the meeting.

Donate an Easter Egg

The Portsmouth Deanery is organising a collection of Easter Eggs for needy children and young people this Easter. The eggs will be given to those supported by the Roberts Centre and the Southern Domestic Abuse Service. St. Simon's is a drop-off point for eggs and any donations would be gratefully received up until **Friday 18th March**.

Easter Services and other events

Maundy Thursday 24th March

6.30 pm Passover Meal with Communion at St. Luke's – booking is required

Good Friday 25th March

10.00-11.00 am Walk of Witness, Eastney Beach to Palmerston Road

10.30 am Morning service at St. Simon's

2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross service at St. Simon's

3.30 pm Messy Church at St. Jude's

Easter Day 27th March

6.30 am Sunrise service on Portsdown Hill (by Mick's Burger Van)

10.30 am Holy Communion service at St. Simon's

Away Day

We will be having an Away Day for the whole church on **Saturday 9th April** at St. John's church, Shedfield. Details to follow.

Licensing of Rev. Susi James

The licensing of Susi as Priest-in-charge of St. Simon's is due to take place at a service at 3.00 pm on **Sunday 1st May** when his formal appointment will begin. Light refreshments will follow the service.

Social events

The initial list of social events for January – June 2016 is now available on the [website](#) and the Welcome Table.

Real Easter Eggs

Real Easter Eggs, "the egg that shares the Easter story", will again be available this year. You can order online at <http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/> and some other independent retailers. They will also be available in larger branches of Tesco, Morrisons and Waitrose from mid-February.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2016

The appeal this year will support learning, both locally and abroad. One beneficiary will be St. Nicholas' Seminary in Ghana. The other will be a local group or charity which supports people who have difficulty in learning due to dyslexia, language barriers, etc.. Leaflets giving further information and donation forms are available on the Welcome Table.

Chris and Nadege Cowley

Chris and Nadege with Timothy and Nicholas will be visiting Southsea for a week at the end of June or early July. If anyone is able loan or rent suitable accommodation for the four of them, please contact Mick in the church office, thank you.

Wednesday Rhythm of Prayer

Rhythm of Prayer on Wednesdays is now held at Lois Earl's home (address available from the church office). This is effective until further notice. Please let Lois know in advance if you will be attending.

Missing microphone

One of our two lavelier (lapel) radio microphones has been missing since the end of the service on Sunday 24th January. If you have seen it or have any ideas where it might be, please contact Mick in the church office, thank you.

Walking with the Wounded "Massage Marathon"

This event raised a total of £485 for [Walking with the Wounded](#). The organisers would like to thank everyone that supported this.

Job vacancy

Portsmouth Street Pastors have a vacancy for a Resource Manager for 16 hours per week. Further details are available from the church office.

Every week

Little Shipmates (Mondays 9.30 – 11 am, Church Centre, term time only)

Youth Cell (Monday evenings. Contact Babette – see below)

Tuesday Time Together (Praise and Prayer, 10 am in the South Room)

Tuesday Bible Alive (Alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge)

City Churches Prayer Meeting (Wednesdays 6.30am, at Oasis, Arundel Street)

Breakthru Self-Help Community (Fridays 10.30 am to 2.30 pm)

Sunday Morning Worship with Children's Groups (see back page)

Sunday Suppers + Sunday Extra (Sunday nights 6 to 7.15 pm)

Rhythm of Prayer (Wednesdays at 6.00 pm and Fridays at 09.30 am)

There is also a variety of **Small Groups** for adults for discipleship, prayer and support. Phone the Church Office on 9282 9440 or you can find a list of our current groups on our website.

Notes

These Newsletters are published fortnightly. The deadline for contributions is midnight of the Tuesday before publication. Please send your news, notices of events, etc. to the Church Office.

Would you like to read this Newsletter in large print? Please let the office know.

This newsletter is available on the church website.

If you would like to receive notification via e-mail when future Newsletters are available, please request this from the Church Office.

Services at St. Simon's

Sunday 28th February

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 6th March

09.30 am Shipmates
11.15 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 13th March

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 20th March

09.30 am Shipmates
10.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

**Easter Services are listed earlier in
this Newsletter**

If you would like more details of any of the events listed here, please contact the Church Office, or visit the Calendar on our website:

www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk



Useful Contacts:

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