



## **St. Simon's Church Newsletter**

**Easter Day Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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**Happy Easter**

**He is risen indeed!**

**Welcome to St. Simon's  
as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter.**

## British Summer time

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A reminder that BST starts on Easter Day, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember to put your clocks forward one hour.

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Part 3 – Risen King
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Part 4 – What Next?

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Away Day

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We will be having an Away Day for the whole church on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April** at St. John's church, Shedfield. For lunch we will be providing baked potatoes with butter and cheese. We will also make sure there are plentiful supplies of tea, coffee and squash. Everything else we will be asking people to contribute - you'll be able to sign up in church to let us know what you're bringing.

We are also asking for a donation of £5 per adult towards the cost of the day, with any extra funds to be donated to the Ghana trip.

Mick will be dealing with bookings, money and transport requests, while Amy is overseeing the activities and running of the day - so please just ask if you have any questions at all.

Blessings, Amy

Draft plan for the day:

- 10.00 Arrive and grab a coffee and croissant
- 10.30 Worship
- 11.30 Tea, coffee and cake
- 12.00 All age challenge
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Choice of activities - volunteers are needed to organise these
- 15.30 Tea, coffee and biscuits
- 16.00 Closing prayer and tidy up

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- To help in the kitchen to make morning tea and coffee and prepare lunch
- To help in the kitchen to tidy up after lunch and prepare afternoon tea and coffee
- To organise/lead a fun afternoon activity e.g. lead a walk, do crafts, play board games, etc.

## Risen! The Musical

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“Risen! The Musical” will be showing at the New Theatre Royal on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**. Please note dates and aim to attend to promote this amazing venture. Go to <http://www.newtheatreroyal.com/event/risen-the-musical/> for further information and to book online now. Tickets are £5 and £10 with concessions available.

## Second Sunday Stroll

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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 10<sup>th</sup> April**. Everybody is welcome.

## Grub Club Curry

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Grub Club is going out for a curry! Come and join us at the Purple Mango Indian restaurant on Albert Road, on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. Lois is organising this event, so please see her to book a place.

## Samaritan's Purse event

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You're Invited to a special event for Operation Christmas Child on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** 7pm - 9pm at St. Andrew's Church, Beaulieu Rd, Dibden Purlieu, Hampshire, SO45 4PT. Come and join us to learn more about this amazing ministry. How it is reaching out around the world and growing the Kingdom whilst UK church leaders are also using it to reach their own communities. RSVP - Sara Artingstall - Regional Manager 07900 270 159. Ruth Taylor hopes to attend this event. Please contact Ruth for further details.

## Licensing of Rev. Susi James

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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. Tea, coffee and cake will follow the service.

## Breakthru Celebration Meal

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A Breakthru Celebration Meal will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30 pm. Note that this replaces the History of Art evening which has been postponed. Detail to follow.

## Men's Day Out

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How often do we men of St Simons do something together? No matter what age you are we've all got something to offer, so what a great way to get to know each other, learning more about our heritage and history. On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** we've arranged a day trip to Brooklands Museum and Mercedes World leaving the church car park at 08:30 am. There will be a cost towards the mini-bus of £4.00 and entry into Brooklands of £11.00 (Under 16's entry £6.00 and mini-bus free). Please note that there's extra cost for the 4D experience rides yet entry into Mercedes World is free. There's a cafe at Brooklands for those wishing to purchase lunch alternatively bring a packed lunch. If you're interested in coming please speak to Cliff Gollodge to secure your seat.

## Minibus Trip to London

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The minibus will be making a day trip to London on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. Ten places are currently available at a maximum cost of £10 for a donation towards petrol and parking, assuming there are enough passengers. The bus will leave the church car park at 8.30 and should arrive in central London at about 10.30. We will leave to come home at about 6 p.m. Please contact Dinah Walters if you would like to go.

## Christian Aid Week 2016

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Christian Aid Week is **15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May** this year. Please consider which roads you might collect in – Sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time.



## Christian Aid Sponsored Walk 2016

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 pm Southwick Memorial Hall

*Put the winter behind you and plan for long, warm, windless days! Come and enjoy an early summer walk in the Portsdown Hills, and raise money for a good cause! We'll also have an optional family 'bring-your-own' picnic from 12.30.*

As usual, there will be a choice of walk lengths, including a short **family** walk (with quiz) around the village, allowing those with small children to take part too! Join us on the day in time to make a prompt start at **2.00pm** (registration from 1.00). Sponsorship forms are available from Robin Boston (01329 832618). **Help raise money to support communities across the world to lift themselves out of poverty.**

### Social events

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

### Chris and Nadege Cowley

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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 to loan or rent suitable accommodation for the four of them, please contact Mick in the church office, thank you.

### Deaf Church

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A Deaf Church meets on the first Sunday of the month at the [House of Bethany](#), Nelson Road. The Eucharist begins at 2.30 pm followed by tea, and all are welcome.

### The Oaks, Havant crematorium

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The Havant crematorium, [The Oaks](#), is not as well known as Portchester but has a number of advantages. Bob Mason has written a description of The Oaks which is available from the church office on request.

## Door locks

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External door locks have recently been changed. Any current key holders need to request a new key from the church office please if they have not already done so. If you have any keys, please do not label them so that they can be identified with the church.

## Prayer meetings for Susi

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Please note that the regular prayer meetings for Susi on the first Wednesday of each month have now run their course and no more are planned.

## PCC 2016-2017

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Following the annual meetings, members of the PCC for 2016-2017 are as follows.

### **Chairman**

Susi James (from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016)

### **Churchwardens**

Hugh Mason, Mike Taylor

### **Deanery Synod Representatives**

Sue Piper, Hugh Mason

### **Lay members**

Rob Borley

Dianna Carruthers

Gail Chipperfield

Jo Crawley

Cliff Golledge

Pat Jolly

Michael Piper

Kathy Richardson

1 x vacancy

### **Co-opted members**

none

## **Every week**

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

**After School Church** (Mondays 3.30 – 5 pm, 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 27<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 am Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

09.30 am Shipmates  
11.15 am Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

10.30 am Morning Praise  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

09.30 am Shipmates  
10.30 am Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

10.30 am Morning Praise  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

09.30 am Shipmates  
11.15 am Holy Communion  
3.00 pm Licensing of Susi James  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

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](http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk)



### Useful Contacts:

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