



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Licensing service, 3 pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

The following invitations are now being sent out.  
All church members are of course invited.

The Churchwardens and PCC of  
**The Parish of St Simon, Southsea**  
invite you to the Licensing of

**THE REVD SUSIKARAN JAMES**  
As Priest in Charge of St Simon, Southsea

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 at 3.00pm**  
*At St Simon's Church,  
Waverley Road, Southsea PO5 2PW*

*There will be light refreshments after the service*

***Clergy and Licensed Readers may robe in choir dress if they wish, but this is optional (Please indicate if you are intending to robe)***

RSVP to: Mrs Julie Chapman, Portsmouth Deanery Office, St Faith's Church,  
Crasswell Street, PORTSMOUTH PO1 1HT by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016**  
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## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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19<sup>th</sup> April      Easter Part 4 – What Next?

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Second Sunday Strolls

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There has been very little take-up of the Second Sunday Strolls so no further organised strolls are planned. Church members are of course very welcome to meet and stroll without any nominated leaders.

## Alpha

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The next Alpha course starts at 7.00 pm on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** at St. Jude's church. Flyers are available on the Welcome Table.



## 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.

## Could you be a School Pastor?

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Street Pastors aim to work with schools to come alongside young people providing a listening ear, supporting and enriching their school experience and being a reassuring presence. No experience needed - all training provided! Come along to find out more on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April** at 2:30pm at North End Baptist Church, 195 Powerscourt Road, PO2 7JH. Further details are available from the church office.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## Tea Dance on behalf of the Rowans Hospice

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea. Dancing to Steve Kingsley DJ. Tickets are £8.50, to include scone jam and cream, tea or coffee. Please contact the church office for tickets.

## 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.

## **Restorative Justice and the Church in Portsmouth**

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A free conference for the City's Christians at Lakeside, North Harbour, on **Saturday the 21st May** from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Includes tea, coffee and Subway breakfast roll on arrival from 8.30 am. Booking is essential – details are available from the church office.

## **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.

## **Every week**

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

**After School Church** (Mondays 3.30 – 4.45 pm, Church Centre, term time )

**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)

**Youth Cell** (Thursday evenings at St. Jude's. Contact Babette – see below)

**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)

**Starlight Theatre Academy** (Sundays 1.00-2.30 pm. Contact Babette)

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 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

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 am Morning Praise  
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:

Amy Allen (Children and Families' Pastor)  
Lorna Sandland (Community Dev. Worker)  
Babette Shaw (Youth Outreach Worker)  
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