



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 19th June 2016

New sermon series

Our current sermon series continues:



19th June – Why read the Bible?

26th June – How to read the Bible

If you do miss any of these sermons, recordings are available on the church website - <http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk/sermons/>

First Sundays of each month

Please note that services on the first Sunday of each month will be at 09.30 for Shipmates and 10.30 for Holy Communion. There will be no services at 11.15. This is effective immediately.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

28th June	Pentecost: Part 4 – Stephen is chosen
12th July	After Pentecost: Part 1 – The Church Persecuted & Scattered, Business as Usual
26th July	After Pentecost: Part 2 – The First Gentile Convert

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Mayville - GCSEs

Mayville High School will be using the upper Church Centre for GCSE exams during the period **16th May to 27th June** inclusive. It would be very much appreciated if users of the lower Church Centre could keep noise to a minimum during these times please, thank you.

Social Committee

The Social Committee will be meeting on **Monday 20th June**. If anyone has any ideas for possible events, please contact Dinah Walters before that date. All suggestions will be carefully considered!

“Reimagining Europe” - the EU Referendum

'Reimagining Europe' is a discussion intended to help inform people in advance of the referendum. It will be held on **Tuesday 21st June** 7.00-9.00pm at Portsmouth Cathedral. The format of the evening will be a welcome, short video, 15 – 20 minute address from Ben Ryan and then an open question and discussion session. Ben is a Researcher at the Christian think tank Theos. Further details are available from Mick in the church office.

Midsummer Mystery Tour

There is currently one space left on the minibus for this trip on 24th June (see previous newsletter for details). Please contact Dinah Walters if you would like to come. If more than one additional person is interested, we will take a car. Tel. 023 9281 4599.

'orrible 'istories

Gail and her team are once more treading the boards and going back to the past to provide an evening's entertainment for our delight! The theme this time is "Portsmouth through the Years". This event is at 7.30 in the Church Centre on **Friday, 1st July**. Tickets are £7.50, which includes a meal. Please contact Dinah Walters or the Church Office if you would like to come.

Minibus Trip to Wells, Somerset, Saturday 2nd July

There are 12 places available. A ticket confirms a seat at £8. Leaving from the church car park at 8.30 am, leaving from Wells at 4.00 pm. There will be a refreshment stop on the return journey.

Please see Geraldine or Anthea for details and to book a place.

Visit by Neil and Abby Langmead

Neil and Abby Langmead, with Isaac and Owen, will be visiting Southsea during July. They will preach on **31st July** about their work in Beijing. We will be inviting donations to help support their work on that day. If you would like to contribute at any other time, details of how to give are available from the church office.

Breakthru featured in Pompey Chimes

The June edition of [Pompey Chimes](#) features Breakthru.

“We’ll Meet Again”

Saturday 25th June
A World War II tea / street party
1940’s / Dad’s Army fancy dress – WW II quiz – cucumber sandwiches / home-made cakes / sausage rolls – skits / Glen Miller Music / etc.

Social events

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

Chris and Nadege Cowley

Chris and Nadege with Timothy and Nicholas will be visiting Southsea from **24th June to 3rd 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.

Restorative Justice and the Church in Portsmouth

Following the conference on 21st May, Portsmouth Mediation Service present a morning conference for the City's Christians, “Restorative Justice and the Church in Portsmouth” at Oasis, Arundel Street, Portsmouth on **Wednesday the 13th July** 9.00am to 12.00pm, including tea, coffee and continental breakfast on arrival from 8.30am.

Ride + Stride 2016

Ride + Stride will be taking place on **Saturday 10th September** this year. Julie Jamieson would be grateful to hear from anyone who is willing to help on the day on a rota basis.

Calling all bakers!

Cake donations would be very much appreciated for Sunday Suppers!

Behind the scenes of Sunday Suppers amazing people contribute their time and talents, to bless our wider community. Some of our regular contributors are unable to bake at the moment. If you would like to bake up a tray bake, tea loaf, or your signature dish it would be very much appreciated!

Please contact Lorna with any offers.

Calling all cooks!

Susi has suggested that we might like to organise a team of volunteers, who would be willing to make a meal for folk who have just had, for example, a baby or been in hospital, especially for people living on their own. If you are willing to be part of this team – and it would probably operate only occasionally – please let me have your names. Thanks. Sue Piper.

Growing a Healing Ministry course

“Growing a Healing Ministry” is a course designed by the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation which outlines the essentials of Christian Healing Ministry and gives participants the opportunity to engage in a practical way. It is ideal for parishes who do not yet have a healing prayer team or who wish to include new members, lay or ordained, to an existing team. It will be led by David Pearson and will take place in Farlington on six Thursday evenings from 29th September to 10th November, excluding 27th October (half-term), 7.30pm - 9.30pm. The cost of the course will be £8, which will include a participant’s handbook. Booking is required, preferably by the end of July. For further details, please contact Mick on the church office.

To everyone involved in leading/helping in Sunday services...

Among the many things that I am enjoying at St Simon's, "prayer before each Sunday service" is one of them. I believe this a very important ministry as we seek God's face before we start the service. So, could I kindly encourage everyone who is involved in leading/helping in the service to make every effort to join me and the rest of the team to pray before the start of each service. I am extremely grateful for everything you do and God is glorified by your commitment.

Replacement car for the Bishop of Ho, Ghana

Portsmouth parishes are being asked to contribute towards a replacement car for the Bishop of Ho in Ghana, our link diocese in West Africa. Information leaflets and donation envelopes are available on the Welcome Table.

Visit of Children from Chernobyl

Children from the area of the 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster visit this year for respite and a wonderful experience, arriving on 22nd July and leaving on 19th August. There are 10 children coming – 6 girls and 4 boys, aged 9-12 years. If you would like to give a gift – new undies, clothes, smoke alarms and sewing kits (these can be bought for £1 from the pound shop) would really help. However, if you would like to give a money gift instead, please give it to me and I will pass it on. Thank you – Kathy Richardson.

Every week

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

After School Church (3rd 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 19th June

10.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 26th June

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 3rd July

09.30 am Shipmates Service
10.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 10th July

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



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