



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 3rd July 2016

New sermon series

Our new sermon series continues:



3rd July - Logos and Rhema

10th July - How do we interpret Bible verses

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

Showing God's love to refugees in Portsmouth

Following Refugee Week (20-26th June) Churches Together in Cosham would like to invite Christians from across the Portsmouth area to an event on **Sunday 3rd July** at 4.30 pm in The Link, Cosham Baptist Church, where we can pray and plan together about how we might get involved in supporting refugees who come to our city. Tea and cakes will be available from 4.00 pm.

Family Cycle Ride

Cliff Gollidge is organising a Family Cycle Ride on **Saturday 9th July**.

This will leave the church car park at 10:30 am and be back for lunchtime. The route is from St Simon's Church, across the Common to The Still & West, for tea/coffee/soft drinks while enjoying the sights across Portsmouth Harbour.



Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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.

Picnic and BBQ for all ages

This is hosted by St. Jude's on **Sunday 17th July** lunchtime (after the morning services) on Castle Field, Southsea (by the big trees near the Castle). Bring your own blanket or chair, food and drink. Bring a BBQ to grill on if you like (down-wind!) Cafe and toilet facilities are located at the Castle and the D-Day Museum. Contact Claire B on 07814 864 973 for more info. Don't forget your Frisbees, bats & balls etc.. Would anyone like to organise a rounders team for a St. Jude's vs. St. Simon's game?

Grub Club, Wednesday 20th July

Join us for lunch by the sea at Rocksby's Restaurant on the sea front. They have a senior citizens' special deal of fish gougons with chips and peas, followed by ice cream and tea or coffee, for £7. The usual menu is available for younger folk! Tables are booked for 12.30 and Phil Gower is organising this – please contact him on 023 9287 7389.

Visit by Matthew and Jayne, Sunday 24th July

Matthew and Jayne Holland will be visiting St. Simon's on **Sunday 24th July** when Matthew will be preaching on "The Bible and Spiritual Warfare".

Fundraising BBQ

Gail will be holding a BBQ at her home from 4 p.m. on **Sunday 24th July**, which will be raising money equally for two causes. The first is Motor Neurone Disease research, which is self-explanatory. The other is to purchase a lightweight wheelchair for Yvonne Holmes. Many will remember Yvonne, who was a church member for many years, helped as a volunteer with Baby Club on Monday mornings and was our part-time cleaner for a while. She is now in ill-health and has very little income; a wheelchair would make a huge difference to her quality of life. Tickets for the BBQ are £10 and for this you will have the usual BBQ items with salads, and a second course of delicious home-made desserts! Numbers are limited, so please see Gail or the church office if you would like to come.

Minibus Day Trip to London

The XCell home group has booked the minibus for their cell outing to London on **Wednesday 27th July**. If anyone would like to go to London for a donation of between £8 and £10 (depending on the number of those travelling), there are about 7 seats available. The bus will be leaving the church car park at 8.30 and leaving London for the trip back, at about 7 p.m. Please contact Dinah Walters if you would like to go.

Work Morning

A Work Morning will be held on **Saturday 30th July**, 09.00 am – 12.00 midday. This is one of a series of occasional mornings when all church members are asked to come along and contribute to the maintenance and cleaning of the church. The DIY Team will oversee the tasks on the day.

Visit by Neil and Abby Langmead

Neil and Abby Langmead, with Isaac and Owen, will be visiting Southsea during July. They will preach on **Sunday 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.

Social events

The [list of social events for July – December](#) is now available on the website and the Welcome Table.

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.

“Do Something Different Days” this August

‘Do something different days’ this August! Fun, food, film, and friendship for older people in the Portsmouth Deanery.

Wednesday 4th August – St Wilfrid’s Church

Tuesday 9th August – All Saints Church

Thursday 18th August – St George’s Church

Tuesday 23rd August – The Cathedral

Wednesday 24th August – St Faith’s Church

Wednesday 31st August – St Mary’s Church

Each day runs from 10am to 4pm; cost £5 per person to include all refreshments, activities and a fish and chip lunch. Places must be booked in advance through Jill Phipps on 07710 394 351.

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.

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.

Christian Aid Week 2016

A total of £836.82 was collected. A big thank-you to all who collected and donated.



Job Vacancy

The Parish of St Mary, Portsea

Requires an Administrative Assistant

Core hours are 8 each week @ £8.80 per hour

Hours are flexible, and will need to be negotiated with the Incumbent.

The successful applicant who will be based at St Mary's Church, Fratton, should have general experience of administration duties and be proficient in using Microsoft Office software such as Excel, Word, Publisher etc.

For further details please contact :

The Parish Administrative Officer
023 92 814444

New Wine

Is anybody going to New Wine week 2 (31st July – 6th August) please? If so, can you let Susi know.

Newsletter Dates

Due to staff holidays, the normal pattern of Newsletters dates will change temporarily. Future dates are: 10th July, 31st July and fortnightly thereafter.

Regular Events

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)

Prayer for Israel (fourth Fridays 3.00–4.00 pm Lounge. Contact Ruth Warner)

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 3rd July

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

Sunday 17th July

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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