



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 31st July 2016

New sermon series

Our new sermon series continues:



31st July – What does a Bible saturated life look like?

7th August – How often do we need to read the Bible?

14th August – What do I do if I don't desire to read the Bible?

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

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

There will be no meetings in August.

6th September	After Pentecost: Part 3 - A Complete Turn-around
20th September	After Pentecost: Part 4 – Building a Firm Foundation

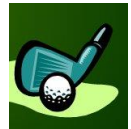
All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

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.

Men's Golf Evening

It's that time again. Men start practicing your crazy golf shots. The St. Simon's Open is at 7:30 on **Friday evening 5th August** at Treasure Island crazy golf course, Clarence Pier. Cost is £4 per round & refreshments afterwards, if required, at the White Horse. Please see Phil Gower if you are brave enough for the challenge (07741 476 562).



Minibus Trip to Stansted House

There will be an afternoon outing to Stansted House Tea Pavilion and Garden Centre on **Thursday, 11th August**. The minibus will leave the church car park at 2 p.m. and will return at around 5 p.m., giving plenty of time for an afternoon tea and a browse around the garden centre. There is also a bit of a walk around the estate, should anyone feel energetic!

There are 13 seats available for a £2 contribution towards fuel costs. Please book a place through Dinah Walters or the Church Office.

Men's Breakfast

Our Men's Breakfast is planned to be on **Saturday 20th August** from 8.30 onwards. Great fellowship, cooked breakfast along with an inspiring short talk. Men please sign in ASAP; sign-in sheets are available at the back of the church. A suggested donation of £4 or more would be appreciated. We also need 4 more women who would serve on that day, and men will return the favour during the women's breakfast. If you are a woman who can help serve could you talk to Susi or Cliff please.

Social events

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

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.

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 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. Details were in the 3rd July Newsletter.

The Eagle Lectern

A time to listen, share, pray and decide about the eagle lectern that has been waiting to be set up again. If you are someone who is passionate to see the eagle lectern restored again or someone who might think otherwise, why not come and join an open discussion which will help us to listen to each other and pray about this and discern. This meeting will take place on **Friday the 7th October** at 7.00 pm at St. Simon's.

Bishop of Ho's Car Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed to this – a total of £200 was raised.

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Thank you to all who supported this recent event – a total of £160 was raised.

Christian Aid

The final total for the Christian Aid collection this year was £896.55, thank you.

Church Membership

A reminder, especially if you are new to St. Simon's, that you may apply to have your name added to the church electoral roll or the list of church members.

In order to be on the electoral roll, you need to be at least 16 years old, baptised and either be resident in the parish or to have worshipped here regularly (minimum of once per month) for six months. Being on the electoral roll allows you to attend and vote at the annual meeting where PCC members are elected.

If you are not eligible (or do not wish) to be on the electoral roll, you may instead ask to be added to the list of church members. No formal qualifications are required for this.

In both cases, you will receive regular communications (Newsletters, Prayer Diaries, etc.) and one-off e-mails relating to St. Simon's. Being on either list also make it easier for church members to communicate with each other.

Forms are available from the Welcome Table, the church office and the [church website](#).

Donation to Portsmouth Synagogue

An anonymous donation was recently made via St. Simon's to Portsmouth Synagogue. We have received the following thanks:

Dear Gail, I've just returned from holiday and been told about your very generous donation to the synagogue. Please pass on my sincere thanks to the donor. With kind regards, David Clannachan, Hon Treasurer.

Thank you to the donor for their generosity to the Synagogue, St. Simon's and other charities working for Israel.

Regular Events

Little Shipmates (Mondays 9.30 – 11 am, 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 31st July

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 7th August

09.30 Shipmates Service
10.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 14th August

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 21st August

10.30 am Holy Communion
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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