



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 14th August 2016

New sermon series

Our new sermon series continues:



14th August - Is memorising scripture important?

21st August - The Bible and Prayer

28th 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.

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 four 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.

Picnic – Sunday 21st August

Babette's last Sunday with us will be **Sunday 21st August**. We will be saying goodbye during the morning service and there will be "goodbye picnic" by the Canoe Lake immediately afterwards. Please just come along and bring your own picnic or food to share.

Social events

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

Small Group Leaders' Meeting

Note that a meeting for all leaders and assistant leaders of small groups will be held at church at 7.00 pm on **Friday 9th September**.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiving will be on **Sunday 25th September** this year. A bring-and-share lunch will be held in the Church Centre following the morning service.

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.

Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper – 21st October

- All ages, all levels, dancers, non-dancers, hand clappers, toe tappers
 - All welcome, 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm
 - Music by The Polite Mechanicals
 - Tickets £8, children £2, on sale in September
 - Flat shoes please
 - More details later – please contact Geraldine Poulter in the meantime.
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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](#).

Barbeque, 24th July

Many thanks to all who contributed towards raising funds at Gail's recent Barbeque. We raised enough money to buy a wheelchair for one of our Excel group and also made £50 for Motor Neurone Disease.

Neil and Abby Langmead

If anybody would like to give to Neil and Abby's work, donations may still be made by putting them, clearly marked, in one of the offering boxes. Bank details are available from the church office if you would like to donate directly.

The Rowans Hospice - Volunteers Required

The Rowans Hospice is looking for volunteers to join their Floral Team and their Ward Team. Further details are available from the church office or the [Rowans website](#).

Communion Linen

After many, many years of service, Pat Griffiths would like to hand over her responsibility for laundering the Communion linen. If you would be prepared to consider helping with this, perhaps on a rota basis, please contact the church office or Pat directly. The need is to wash, starch and iron the holy table cover approximately monthly.

Youth Worker appointment

Thank you for everything that you did towards the recent Youth Worker's interviews. It was one of the toughest interview panels that I have sat on. All 5 of the candidates were good but 3 of them were outstanding and we could have appointed any one of them.

Then we came down to the last 2 and it was very hard as they both had different gifts and talents and both related very well with the kids during the activity. There were times we had to stop to pray and pray again as it was tough.

Finally on the grounds of whose gifts and talents might fit well into our church and parish outreach context, prayerfully we were able to come to a conclusion and have chosen Bryn Jenkins to be our next Youth Worker.

I have phoned Bryn and he is very happy and accepted the offer. God willing he will start in the first week of September.

Just want to say a massive thanks to all of you for all your support.

God bless,
Susi

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 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

Sunday 28th August

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 4th September

09.30 Shipmates Service
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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