



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 28th August 2016

New sermon series

Our new sermon series completes this week:



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

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.

Hope not Hate Picnic

Hope Not Hate Picnic for *Everyone*. Come and celebrate the diversity of Portsmouth with food and music on **Sunday 4th September** (time to be confirmed) in St Mary's Churchyard, Fratton Rd, PO1 5PA (or inside the church if it's raining.) As part of the #MoreInCommon campaign in memory of Jo Cox MP and against the rise in hate-crime since June, we seek to build community and friendship by sharing a meal and music. If you can, please bring vegetarian food to share, instruments, your voice and picnic blankets. Most importantly, bring yourself, your family and friends.

Small Group Leaders' Meeting

Note that a meeting for all leaders and assistant leaders of small groups will be held at church at 7.30 pm (note – not 7.00 pm) on **Friday 9th September**.

Ride + Stride 2016

Ride + Stride on **Saturday 10th September** 10.00 am - 6.00 pm, is fast approaching. There are various ways you can be involved. Some of our members make a donation and walk or ride to the various churches that are open - as few or as many as you like. You could be sponsored to walk or ride to various churches; you could support Julie J at our own church by being on a rota to welcome people; you could help in the kitchen with soup over the lunch period and teas or coffees throughout the day, again on a rota basis. If you would like to be involved in any way at all please contact Julie Jamieson or via the church office. Many thanks Julie J

Ride + Stride is organised by [Hampshire and the Island Historic Churches Trust](#) which gave a grant to St. Simon's to help with the roof repairs.

National Prayer Weekend

The [National Prayer Weekend](#) will be held this year on the weekend of 23rd - 25th September. As we did last year, St. Simon's will hold a joint service of Prayer and Praise in St. Simon's church at 7.30pm on **Friday 23rd September**. All are welcome and do encourage friends and neighbours to attend. There will be themed prayer "Hot Spots" in the church, and people will be asked during the service to go and pray quietly at any of these. On Saturday there will be opportunity to pray at St Jude's – more details to follow and we would urge all members to take some time to go along there and offer prayer. As before we will be handing out prayer request cards, and we would be grateful if each person would take one and give to a friend or neighbour, asking if they have a prayer request, and then to follow up after the event, as to if there was any answer to their prayer. The cards will be available towards the end of August. Any queries to Sue Piper or Kathy Richardson.

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.

South Downs Singers concert for the Rowans Hospice

The South Downs Singers are performing a wonderful concert again this year to raise funds for the Rowans Hospice. The last few years have been enormously successful. The concert is at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Fawcett Road, on **Saturday 8th October** at 1.45pm and ends about 4pm. The cost is £7.50 including Tea/ Coffee and Cakes. There is limited car parking. Tickets are available from Christine Banerjee who can also offer a lift for up to three people.

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.

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.

Use of the Church Centre and other rooms

There have been occasions recently when people have assumed that the Church Centre, etc. is available. Please always book any requirements with the church office. We often take one-off bookings, sometimes at short notice. Please do not assume that anything is available without confirming in advance. Similarly please keep the office informed of any bookings that you no longer need (both regular and one-off).

Social events

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

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 28th August

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 11th September

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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