



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 11th September 2016

New sermon series – The Apostles' Creed

Our new sermon series, looking at the Apostles' Creed, starts on 11th September:

11th September –

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

18th September –

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

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

An Evening with Graham Kendrick

Friday 16 September 7.30pm at Cowplain Evangelical Church. Tickets £10 in advance. With several decades of song-writing under his belt, and having penned some of the world's best known worship songs, 'An evening with Graham Kendrick' sees Graham in a different mode, set in the performance style that first brought appreciation for his music. Who is it for? Of course it is for everybody who loves Graham's music, but it is also the kind of event to bring friends to who may not feel comfortable in a church service. The songs bring to life characters and events from the Gospels from the Advent to the final dramatic events of Jesus life, inviting the listener into the story.

Further details are available from the church office. Tickets **MUST** be bought in advance.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

20th September	After Pentecost: Part 4 – Building a Firm Foundation
4th October	After Pentecost: Part 5 – To the ends of the Earth
18th October	After Pentecost: Part 6 - Hope

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

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.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon

Mick and Dinah Walters are holding their annual Coffee Afternoon for Macmillan Cancer Support in their home from 3-5 p.m. on **Saturday, 24th September**. Everyone is invited to come along for tea, coffee and home-made cakes. Please would you let either of them know, so that they know roughly how many to expect and can bake accordingly!

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.

Portsmouth University CU Freshers' BBQ

A message from Portsmouth University CU:

As a Christian Union we are now preparing for our Freshers' events. One of these events will be our annual BBQ on the common, at which we invite all students and leaders of churches and student groups to come along and get to know one another. This will take place on **Friday 30th September 2016** 4:00 - 6:30pm. We would love to see you all there, and look forward to working with you all to welcome freshers, and existing students, to Portsmouth. Please do let us know if you or a representative from your church will be able to join us.

Reply address is available from the church office or the [CU website](#).

Spring Harvest – One for All event

Spring Harvest, together with Samaritan's Purse, has an event at 7.30 pm on **Friday 30th September** at Testwood Baptist Church, Southampton. Tickets are £5 in advance or £7 on the door. Flyers are on the Welcome Table and further details are available on the [Spring Harvest website](#).

Family Film Afternoon - The Jungle Book

Who doesn't like to watch a classic children's movie and have a sing-a-long? So why not do both and join us for an afternoon watching the original film version of The Jungle Book on **Saturday 1st October**? "I wanna be like you" is one of the best known Disney songs written. Come along and join us at St. Simon's no matter of your age, there is no barrier when fun abounds. Please feel free to invite family and friends. If you're interested in coming, contact Cliff Golledge or the church office so that we have numbers for catering purposes. Please would you kindly consider making a donation (£1 per child, £2 per adult or £5 per family) to cover catering costs incurred. Refreshments available: popcorn, hotdogs and squash. Start time is 3.00 pm.

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.

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.

Social events

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

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| Wednesday 12th October | - A ladies' evening. |
| Saturday 15th October | - Men's Movie Night in the Church. |
| Saturday 29th October | - Ladies' Breakfast in the Church Centre. |
| Saturday 12th November | - Shoe Box Pack and Wrap Party. |
| Friday 18th November | - Grub Club curry night at Purple Mango. |
| Thursday 15th December | - Grub Club Christmas Meal. |
| Sunday 1st January, 2017 | - Walk along Southsea Seafront, 2 pm. |

Use of the dishwasher

The dishwasher has apparently been used on a few occasions recently to wash items containing children's paint and then left dirty. Please do not use it for this purpose as it is unhygienic and gives other users (Sunday Suppers in particular) the added task of cleaning the dishwasher before it can be used.

Carrier bags wanted

We need a number of carrier bags in order to give away food parcels at Sunday Suppers. Please pass any unwanted bags to the church office. Thank you.

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 Bryn – 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)

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 11th September

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 25th September

10.30 am Harvest Thanksgiving

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 18th September

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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