



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 25th September 2016

New sermon series – The Apostles' Creed

Our sermon series, looking at the Apostles' Creed, continues:

25th September –

“...who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,”

2nd October –

“...suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.”

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

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.

International Day of Older People

From Jill Phipps, Older Person's Champion for the inner city Churches:

A big thank you! to all who supported and helped with the "Do Something Different" days for older people that we held in our churches during August. Each day was a great success and enjoyed by all. We are now looking to do something like this on a regular basis, more information to follow!

A date for your diary – A Service to celebrate the International Day of Older People on **Friday 30th September** at St Mary's Church, Fratton. There will be organisations (eg Energy advice, Pompey Dial A Ride) offering information and advice for older people before the service and tea and cake afterwards! So come along from 1.30 pm onwards, look forward to seeing you! Any queries, please contact me on 07710 394 351.

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.

Boogie Night

This is a fundraising charity disco of hits, mostly from the 1960s and 70s on **Saturday 8th October** – a chance to dance for charity! It is held at the Dockyard Club in Onslow Road. Tickets are £5 and this time we are raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Please bring your friends! Tickets are available from Dinah Walters.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We will be organising Christmas shoeboxes again this year to be delivered to children in troubled parts of the world. The appeal will be launched on **Sunday 9th October** and the Pack and Wrap Party is planned for **Saturday 12th November**. For further details, please contact Ruth Taylor.



Mini Quiz Night

Mick and Dinah Walters are holding a mini quiz night at their home on **Friday 14th October** to support a project run by their son and his wife, Chris and Amy Walters. They are youth workers at their church in Kent and are taking a group of church youngsters to a building project in Romania which their church sponsors. Tickets for the Quiz Night are £10, which includes a ploughman's supper and puddings, and there will be five rounds of questions. Numbers are limited to 18 (three teams of six). Please contact Mick and Dinah directly if you would like to come and/or if you would like more information about the Romania project.

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.

Women's Breakfast

Our Women's Breakfast is planned to be on **Saturday 29th October** from 8.30 am onwards. Great fellowship, cooked breakfast along with an inspiring short talk by Revd. Annie McCabe. Ladies 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 at least 6 men who would cook and serve on that day to return the favour that we received during the men's breakfast. For more info speak to Susi, Ruth James or Cliff Gollodge.

Table Top Sale

Afternoon Table Top Sale, **Saturday 29th October** 1-3pm. To book a table please contact Julie J or Mick in the office. Offers of help please. Good quality items wanted for sale on the church tables. Please pass to Julie nearer the time. Many thanks, Julie J.

Christmas Day Sunday Supper

Christmas Day this year falls on a Sunday. We plan to offer a Sunday Supper as normal but the usual kitchen team is unavailable due to family commitments. We therefore need volunteers to prepare food, etc. for this one date. If you are able to help or would like further information, please contact Lorna or Mick in the office. It may seem some time away but we need to know soon please.

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. |

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.

Church Lounge – Wednesday Evenings

Please note that from 21st September the Lounge will be in use on Wednesday evenings from approximately 7.30 pm and should not be used as a thoroughfare. This is for a one-month trial initially. Please inform any member of the Standing Committee or Mick in the church office if you find that this is a problem.

Stop Press – Prayer for St. Jude's School

Prayer for St. Jude's School - Tuesday 4th October 9-10 am at the school (tea/coffee from 8.45 am; please sign in as a visitor at reception first and then make your way to the Lodge).

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 25th September

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 9th October

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 2nd October

09.30 am 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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