



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 23rd October 2016

Sermon series – The Apostles' Creed

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

23rd October

“...and he will come to judge the living and the dead.”

30th October

“I believe in the Holy Spirit...”

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

1st November The Miracles of Jesus (1): Part 5 – Aline and Well
15th November The Miracles of Jesus (1): Part 6 – Body Parts!
29th November The Miracles of Jesus(2): Part 1 – Lessons in Faith
All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

St. Simon's Youth present: The Launch Night

We are hosting a night of food, fun and games in St Simons Church on **Thursday 27th October**. This night will give young people a space to have fun and will give us the opportunity to meet them and introduce ourselves.



The night will take place in the main church from 7pm-9pm. There will be lots of activities to do, and we will be hiring out some bouncy castles!

We need all the help we can get to run the night, so if you can give up a few hours please come along and help us out. To find out what you can do, speak to Bryn or email him via the church office.

Ladies' Breakfast

Our Ladies' 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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

St. Simon's is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection again this year. Put simply, gift filled shoe boxes are sent to needy children around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.



How you can help:-

- 1) Pray for the whole project, particularly the children who will receive the boxes.
- 2) Pick up a leaflet and a box from the Shoe Box Table at church and do your own box(es).
- 3) Donate items to go in the boxes via the Church Office.
- 4) Donate money to buy items to go in boxes via the Church Office.
- 5) Knit items to go in the boxes - knitting patterns on Shoe Box Table.
- 6) Come to the Pack and Wrap Party on :-

Saturday November 12th 2.30 pm – 5 pm in the Church Centre - Help wrap and pack boxes with the donated gifts, everything provided, just bring yourself!

Please read the leaflet carefully about what can, and can't, go in a box, and remember to include £3 per box to go towards postage. More information: www.operationchristmaschild.org or see Ruth Taylor (023 9283 3318)

NB. Closing date for completed boxes to be brought to the Church Office is 18th November.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Coordinator

Samaritan's Purse is looking for a local coordinator. It is a role that doesn't involve anything other than receiving the details of those who require a collection and then emailing them or phoning them to ask them to either bring them to a collection point or offer them a collection. If you might be interested, please contact Mick in the church office.

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.

Portsmouth Carers' Centre

Do you, or somebody you know, care for a family member or friend? You may like to know that Portsmouth Carers' Centre in Orchard Road offers a range of services that may help you: emotional support, carers' breaks, a sitting service, cooking sessions, training, carers' groups, support for young carers and adult mental health carers, as well as volunteering opportunities. Leaflets are available in the rack in the Church Centre or see the [City Council website](#) or the [Centre's Facebook page](#).

Church Weekend at Home 2017

We are planning a whole-church "Weekend at Home" for next year. This will be from **Friday evening 23rd June through Sunday 25th June 2017**. There will be a number of events across the weekend. Please put the date in your diaries. Further details will follow.

Christmas Grub Club

We are going back to the Jolly Sailor for our Christmas Grub Club, and I have booked a table for 20 people at 7 for 7.30 p.m. on **Thursday, 15th December**. The menu is available [here](#) or alternatively, you can find it on a notice board in the church Centre. The price quoted is three courses for £22.95 or two courses for £18.95. There is a 10% discount for parties on a Thursday night, so I suggest that we all pay the stated price and the discount will form the tip/service charge. In previous years we have all been very happy with the food and the service, so I hope that is acceptable to everyone who comes. I need a £10 deposit to confirm the booking and they are asking for this, together with menu choices, by **14th November**, please. Contact me via the church office or on 023 9281 4599 if you would like to join us. Dinah Walters.

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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| 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.

Drivers Wanted - OCC Shoeboxes

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child say... "We are looking for drivers to join our team, who can either drive a van or their own cars or minibuses to help us collect shoeboxes in the PO postcode area". Please contact the church office if you may be able to help with this.

All-Age Party

Last January we held a very successful all-age afternoon tea and games party in the church centre and I undertook to make it an annual event! To this end, I have booked the church for the afternoon of **Saturday 7th January**. Please make a note in your nice new diaries and come along for an afternoon of traditional fun, games and tea. Dinah Walters.

Church Office, 24th-28th October

The church office will be staffed only 10.00-12.00 each day 24th-28th October inclusive.

Apples wanted

Millie French would be grateful to receive any cooking apples please, for jam making.

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 23rd October

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 30th October

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 6th November

9.30 am Shipmates

10.30 am Morning Praise

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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