



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

### Leading Your Church into Growth

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A reminder of LYCIG dates:

Wednesday 25th January 7.00pm-9.00pm (For everyone)

Saturday 4th Feb 9.00am-2.00pm (an alternative to Wednesday evenings)

Wed 1st March 7.00pm-9.00pm (Just for leaders)

Wednesday 26th April 7.00pm-9.00pm (For everyone)

Wednesday 3rd May 7.00pm-9.00pm (For everyone)

Wednesday 10th May 7.00pm-9.00pm (For everyone)

Saturday 13th May 9.00 am-2.00pm (an alternative to Wednesday evenings)

All church members are encouraged to attend the sessions on 25<sup>th</sup> January or 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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| 31 <sup>st</sup> January  | Miracles(2): Part 3 – The Compassion of Jesus |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February | Miracles(2):Part 4 – All in a day’s work      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February | Miracles(2):Part 5 – Faith!!!                 |

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Window Repairs

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Significant repairs are required to the south, west and east windows in the church. The initial work on the high south windows will begin in the week commencing **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February** for an unknown period. This will need scaffolding to be erected in the nave. Please bear with the inevitable disruption and observe the necessary safety requirements during this work, thank you.

## Singers/Musicians Workshop

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A singers/musicians workshop with Sam Parker (lead worship leader, Harbour Church) will be held on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February** at 1.30pm in the Lounge. This is for all musicians, singers and anyone who would like to join the band/sing.

## ‘orrible ‘istories – The Golden Age of Hollywood

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‘orrible ‘istories is proud to present The Golden Age of Hollywood on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm**. Tickets are £10 to include a three-course American-style supper; these are available from Gail, Dinah or the church office.

## Men’s Breakfast

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The next Men’s Breakfast will be on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. The guest speaker will be confirmed nearer the time. Please contact Cliff Golledge for details.

## **“It Takes Two” marriage event**

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Care for the Family presents “It Takes Two – building a lasting marriage together” on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at Cosham Baptist Church. Tickets are £6 each or £5 each for 5 or more or £4 online. The event is from 7.30 – 10.00 pm with tea and coffee available 6.45-7.15 pm. “With refreshing honesty and plenty of humour, our speakers for the evening explore four essential aspects of a marriage – Communication, Connection, Conflict and Commitment. There are no group sessions or awkward audience participation to put you on the spot. Simply come along with your partner and discover afresh what it takes to build a lasting marriage together.”

For further details and online booking, please refer to...

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/marriage-events/it-takes-two>

## **Church Weekend at Home 2017**

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

## **Social Dates for 2017**

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A new [list of social events for 2017](#) is now available on the website. Printed copies are also available on the Welcome Table.

## **Revision of the Electoral Roll**

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The church electoral roll (the formal list of church members) will be revised during the period **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. Your name needs to be on the roll if you wish to attend and take part in the annual meetings on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** or if you wish to stand for election as a member of the PCC, a churchwarden or a member of the Deanery Synod. You may apply to have your name added during the revision period. If your name is already on the roll and you wish to remain on it, you do not need to take any action. The formal notice of the revision will be placed on the Church Administration noticeboard in the Church Centre.

The revised roll will be displayed during the period 14<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April; no additions or removals are allowed during this period, although any errors may be corrected.

For any questions on this process or for forms, please contact Mick in the church office.

## **Annual Meetings 2017**

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Please note that the two annual meetings (the meeting to elect the churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** this year.

Nearer the time, nomination forms for churchwardens, deanery synod and lay members of the PCC will be available at the back of church or on request from the Church Office.

Nominations for churchwardens must be received by midnight on the preceding Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. Nominations for lay members of the PCC may be made in advance or at the meeting.

It is likely that we will have two vacancies for lay members of the PCC. Please think and pray about whether this is something that you might consider. For further details of what is involved, please speak to any current member of the PCC.

## **Alpha at QA Hospital**

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A group of Christian staff at QA will be running an Alpha course from 16<sup>th</sup> February. If you know of any Christian staff at QA who are not aware of this, contact details are available from the church office. The group would also be very grateful for financial donations to help cover the cost of the food for this. If you would like to make a donation, the necessary bank details are also available from the church office.

## **Working to become Dementia Friendly**

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As part of the Alzheimer's Society's work on "Dementia Friendly Communities", they want to create a network of "Dementia Friends" across England in order to make a difference to people living with dementia.

If you're interested in a Dementia Friends session led by a member of the Society's staff, please could you let either the office or myself know by the end of January at the latest. It would be an evening session lasting about 45 minutes with time allowed afterwards for questions and hopefully one evening in February or early March. More information will be available once I have an idea of the numbers interested. Geraldine Pouter.

## **Wanted – A Single Bed**

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Wanted: a single bed and mattress in reasonable condition, free if possible. This is for Yvonne, our former church cleaner, who can no longer get up to her bedroom and is having to sleep in an armchair downstairs. Offers to Dinah Walters or the Church Office, please.

## **"Shakespeare in the Garden" at Swanmore**

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Anthea and Dave Howell are organising a minibus trip to a performance of *All's Well that Ends Well* at Hill Farm, Swanmore on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. The minibus will leave the church at 5.30 pm. Bring your own picnic/drink. This is a fund-raising event for the "Ickle Pickles" neonatal charity. Tickets for the performance are £12; a small additional charge will be made to cover the cost of fuel. Please contact Anthea for further details or in order to book a place.

## **Job Vacancy – Administrator at St. Luke's church**

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St. Luke's has a vacancy for an administrator, working 8 hours per week over 2 days. Further details are available from the church office.

## **The Alpha Course**

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Our next Alpha course starts on **Thursday 18th May 2017**. Please contact the church office to book your place. Watch [the Bear Grylls Alpha video](#).

## **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)

**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 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 023 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 am All-Age Morning Praise

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

9.30 am Shipmates

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](http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk)



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