



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Leading Your Church into Growth

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A reminder of future LYCIG dates:

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

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

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

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

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

All church members are encouraged to attend the sessions from 26<sup>th</sup> April.



## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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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.

## Men's Group – Chop, Cook Eat!

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A new five-week cookery course for men aged 60+ looking to learn how to cook simple low cost meals – breakfast, lunch, main meals and snacks. Watch the demonstration, cook and then eat!

Dates: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017    Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm at All Saints Church, Commercial Road, Portsmouth. Cost: £2.50 per session, booking essential (more groups will be setting up across the city).

For more information and to reserve your place contact Jayne Gentle on 023 9284 1762.

## Pensioners' Fair

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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Cathedral, Old Portsmouth. Free entry with refreshments available, and lots of information and advice from organisations in the city who work with older people. This is organised by Flick Drummond, MP for Portsmouth South.

## Coffee and Cake Crowdfunding Afternoon

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Dinah and Mick Walters are holding a Coffee Afternoon from 3-5 p.m. on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February** at their home. This is a fund-raising event in order to cover the cost of a bed, which was bought recently for Yvonne Holmes who cannot use stairs. Please contact Dinah if you hope to come, so we have enough cakes to go round!

## 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.

## Silver Screen Film Show

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The next film show is “The King and I” with Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.00 pm in Becket Hall, Cathedral House, Oyster Street (behind the Cathedral). Free entry, tea and coffee available. No need to book, just come along.

## 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 is Revd. David Power, vicar of St. Cuthbert’s, who will be speaking on the subject “If only you know”. Please contact Cliff Golledge for details.

## **“Dementia Friends” session**

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This will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at 7.30 pm, with refreshments from 7.00 pm. The session will be delivered by Cliff Cropley, a “Dementia Friends Champion” (and Dementia Support Worker with the Alzheimer’s Society). Please let the office or myself know by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February if you would like to attend. Geraldine Pouter.

## **Healing Meetings**

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Experience the Healing Power of God. This will be held on **13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 pm at Oasis the Venue, Arundel Street. “If you or your friends need healing in your body then this is the event for you. Three nightly meetings of healing, prophecy and the power of God. Come and expect a miracle.” Details - 023 9261 7397.

## **“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>

## **Minibus Trip to Brighton**

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Dave Howell is running a minibus trip to Brighton on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April**. Suggested donation to cover costs is £6. Please contact Dave or Anthea to book a seat.

## 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](#).

## 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 [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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A reminder of the key dates for 2017:

Revision of the electoral roll – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Revised roll will be displayed – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Annual meetings – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

## “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.

## **Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017 - From Slavery to Freedom**

This year's Lent Appeal is called From Slavery to Freedom. It supports two causes. The main one is Stop the Traffik, working to prevent human trafficking. The other is domestic abuse, particularly among women. This was featured in the February [Pompey Chimes](#). You can donate by putting donations, clearly marked, in the offering boxes.

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

9.30 am Shipmates  
10.30 am Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 am Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

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



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