



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 19<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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28 <sup>th</sup> February	Miracles(2):Part 5 – Faith!!!
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Miracles(2):Part 6 – Faith Continued!
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Women of the Bible(1):Part 1 – In the Beginning

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Singers/Musicians Workshop

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Apologies, this (planned for **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**) has had to be cancelled/postponed.

## '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.

## The Big Clearout

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We are having a major clearout of unwanted items throughout all areas of the church over **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. The church will be open for this 11.00 am – 12.00 midday on both days. If you would like to help identify items that you feel can be disposed of, please come along on either day. We would also appreciate help from a few people with cars on the Saturday in order to take items to the tip please. If you are concerned that something may be disposed of that should be kept – please ensure that you make this clear in advance!

## Afternoon Tea and Cakes for the Rowans Hospice

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Afternoon Tea and Cakes with The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and his Lady Mayoress, in the Banqueting Suite of the Guildhall on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** 2pm-4pm. There will be a singer called Gareth performing. All proceeds will go to the Rowans Hospice. Tickets £3 per person available on the door only.

## 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.

## Change of office telephone provider

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We are changing the provider of internet and telephone services for the church office on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note that there may be periods of unavailability on that date.

## "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.

## "It Takes Two" marriage event

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A reminder of this event on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at Cosham Baptist Church. Details were in the [5<sup>th</sup> February Newsletter](#).

## 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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For your diaries - **Friday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> June through Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. 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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A reminder of this event on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. Details were in the [5<sup>th</sup> February Newsletter](#).

## **Bishop’s Lent Appeal 2017 – From Slavery to Freedom**

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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.

## **Thank you from the Langmeads**

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Neil, Abby, Isaac and Owen Langmead would like to say a huge thank you for all your love support and encouraging prayers during their recent missionary furlough time in Southsea. They will be sending regular news updates/prayer needs to Ruth Warner and Geraldine Pouter, (St. Simon’s missions board) after their move to the USA.

Thank you for your continued prayers as they transition to a new season. They look forward to what God will do next, both in Boston and here through St Simon’s, Southsea.

## **Bereaved Families Holiday, August 2017**

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Following the success of running family holidays for those widowed young for a number of years in Devon, Vicky and Jane are hosting a Bereaved Families Holiday in August 2017 at CMC Adventure (Bryn-y-Moel). This holiday is specifically for widows and widowers and their dependent children from 0 -18 years old. It will be held from **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**. Those who book can expect a great six days joining in various activities. Full details are available from Vicky Bell or the church office.

## **LYCiG Materials**

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If you were unable to make any of the LYCiG sessions the course materials for all the sessions to date are now available online [here](#). Each folder contains the handout, DVD clips and the presentation. Please respect the copyright of these materials and do not distribute them outside of St. Simon's. If you have any queries about the course please do not hesitate to contact either Lorna or John Bazley. The next LYCiG session for the church leadership team will take place on Wednesday 1st March at 7.15 for a 7.30 start and the all church members meeting on the 26th April, also at 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

## **Fabric Committee - New member required**

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The Fabric Committee needs new blood! Are you interested in improving and maintaining our church building? You don't need to be any sort of professional or even a DIY person; you just need to be willing to attend meetings (approximately 4-5 times per year) and to use your "common sense". If you feel that you might be interested or would like more details, please talk to Louise Roulston-Thomas or Mick Walters.

## **Vintage Messy is coming soon!**

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You've heard of Messy Church – but **Vintage Messy** is coming soon! This will be a Christ-centred morning of crafts and coffee (less chaos but just as much fun) held in a Care Home in the city. I need a team of volunteers, no qualifications needed except a warm heart and a willingness to chat and listen; anyone interested in helping in this new venture, please contact me on 07710 394 351 or by email. Thank you, Jill Phipps, From Older Person Advocate, Portsmouth Diocese.

## Deanery Synod Report

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The last deanery synod was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February. There was a presentation on the work of the All Saints Counselling Services, which is mainly for clergy to access. Harbour Church updated us with the fact that their coffee shop is going well. All are encouraged to use it – (below Sprinkles). They have youngsters helping out in order to encourage them into work.

The Deanery Youth Chaplaincy continues to thrive, but will need more money if it is to continue after May. The PCC will need to look at this, to see if we can contribute again. They continue to run a Breakfast club at Charter School and are on site at Portsmouth College. They offer a counselling service for Mayfield School but are looking into the possibilities of providing more counselling. They are always looking for more voluntary help.

An update was given on the Older Person's Project which is going well. Activities are set up & they have even set up mini congregations in some Care Homes and Sheltered Housing. This funding runs out at the end of May.

The Bishop of Ho's car Appeal, has now enough money in the fund to purchase him his new car, which is excellent news. Thanks to all who contributed to this.

All in all there is a lot of good happening in our deanery. Any enquiries re offering help of any kind please, to Susi, Hugh Mason or Sue Piper.  
Sue Piper

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

10.30 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.30 pm Sunday Supper

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

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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