



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 5th March 2017

Easter Services 2017

Easter services are as follows:

Maundy Thursday, 13th April

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday service at St. Simon's

Good Friday, 14th April

10.00 am Walk of Witness

11.30 am Good Friday service at St. Simon's

Easter Sunday, 16th April

10.30 am Easter Communion service

Invitation cards will be available nearer the time.

Sunday morning changes

Please note two important changes to Sunday mornings effective from 5th March:

Refreshments will now be served from 10.00 – 10.25 am each Sunday instead of after services. This applies to first and all other Sundays.

Shipmates (09.30 on first Sundays) will be in the nave instead of the Church Centre.

Both of these changes are for a three-month trial period.

Job Vacancy – Street Pastors’ Administration Manager

Portsmouth Street Pastors has a vacancy for an Administration Manager working 20 hours per week. Closing date is **Sunday 5th March**. Details are available from the church office.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

14 th March	Miracles(2):Part 6 – Faith Continued!
28 th March	Women of the Bible(1):Part 1 – In the Beginning

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Healing Meetings

Experience the Healing Power of God. This will be held on **13th, 14th and 15th 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

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

Indian Cookery Demonstration and Taster Evening

Come and join Ruth and Christine on **Friday 24th March** at 7.00 pm as they share simple dishes, wonderful aromas of herbs and spices and delicious tasting. Tickets £6, to include “tasters” and soft drinks, from Geraldine, Anthea or Julie.

Grub Club – a Chinese meal out

The next Grub Club outing will be to the Noble House Chinese Restaurant in Osborne Road, Southsea, on **Friday 31st March**. This is being organised by Michelle McGannan – further details in the next newsletter.

Ceilidh for the Rowans Hospice

A fundraising Ceilidh is to be held from 7-11 p.m. on **Saturday 8th April** at Admiral Lord Nelson School. Tickets are £8, which includes a ploughman’s supper, cake and a soft drink (but you are welcome to bring your own beer, wine etc.) If you would like to join a group going from St. Simon’s, please contact Dinah Walters for details about how to obtain tickets.

Minibus Trip to Brighton

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

The Alpha Course

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](#).

Leading Your Church into Growth

A reminder of future LYCIG dates:

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 26th April.



Church Weekend at Home 2017

For your diaries - **Friday evening 23rd June through Sunday 25th June 2017.**
Further details will follow.

Social Dates for 2017

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

A reminder of the key dates for 2017:

Revision of the electoral roll – Monday 27th February to Monday 13th March

Revised roll will be displayed – Tuesday 14th March to Sunday 2nd April

Annual meetings – Sunday 2nd April

“Shakespeare in the Garden” at Swanmore

A reminder of this event on **Saturday 15th July**. Details were in the [5th February Newsletter](#).

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.

LYCiG

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. The next LYCiG session for everyone is at 7.15 for a 7.30 start on **Wednesday 26th April**.

Fabric Committee – New member required

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.

Minibus driver wanted – August 19th and 24th

Bryn is taking a group to Soul Survivor in August. Is anybody available to drive the minibus for them on either **Saturday 19th and/or Thursday 24th August** please? Please contact Bryn or Mick in the office if you may be able to help.

LYCiG Follow-up Events

Please note the following events:

Creating a Culture of Welcome

Venerable Bob Jackson, who is a national church expert on church growth, will speak about ways to make our churches more welcoming on Friday 19th May 2017 7pm-9.30pm OR Saturday 20th May 2017 9.30am-2pm.

Discipleship in the Workplace

Charles Hipsley, who is currently working on a project called “Worker Friendly Churches”, will be speaking about discipleship in the workplace on Friday 6th October 2017 7pm-9:30pm OR Saturday 7th October 2017 9:30am-2pm.

Refreshing Worship

John Bell, who has written many collections of original hymns and songs, will speak about refreshing worship with the aim of improving music offering in Church on Friday 2nd March 2018 7pm-9:30pm OR Saturday 3rd March 2018 9:30am-3:30pm.

7 Sacred Spaces

George Lings, who believes his vocation is to study fresh expressions of Church, will be speaking about the Seven Sacred Spaces and what they are for on Friday 18th May 2018 7pm-9:30pm OR Saturday 19th May 2018 9:30am-2pm.

Booking forms will be available nearer the time.

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)

Temples for 11-18 year-olds (Tuesdays 7.00-8.30 pm)

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 5th March

9.30 am Shipmates
10.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 19th March

10.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 12th March

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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