



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Easter Services 2017

Maundy Thursday, 13th April

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday service at St. Simon's
(booking is required for catering purposes)

Good Friday, 14th April

10.00 am Walk of Witness
11.30 am Good Friday service at St. Simon's

Easter Sunday, 16th April

6.00 am "Son-Rise" service behind the Pyramids
10.30 am Easter Sunday Communion service

Window repairs

As announced recently, the necessary repairs to the south and west windows are anticipated to cost in excess of £90,000. We need to raise the funds for this urgently. If you feel that you would be able to contribute, please contact our Treasurer, Gail Chipperfield, or if preferred, Susi or Mick in the church office. We would appreciate donations, offers of pledges over time, loans or help with grant applications or writing to others who might help.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

11 th April	Women of the Bible(1):Part 2 - A Nation is born
25 th April	Women of the Bible(1):Part 3 – Looking back

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Annual Meetings, Sunday 2nd April

On **Sunday 2nd April** it will be our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting). As we have tried many new things this year, this year's APCM will be part of our main service. It is going to be slightly different to our normal service with elections and reports along with prayers, worship and a short talk. It will be an opportunity to hear what God has been doing in different areas of Church life. Importantly, the service will finish with a bring and share lunch – please come prepared with a contribution.

We have two vacancies for lay members of the PCC. Please consider whether you might stand for election for these. The two churchwardens and the two deanery synod representatives will also be elected at these meetings. All nomination forms are available on the church website or from the church office.

The 2016 Annual Report and Accounts, together with all necessary nomination forms, are available on the [church website](#). If you would like printed copies of any of these or if you have any questions about them, please contact Mick in the church office.

The late Yvonne Holmes - Funeral

The funeral will be held in church at 1.00 pm on **Monday 3rd April** followed by Portchester Crematorium at 2.15 pm.

Rowans Hospice Tea Dance

A Tea Dance to raise funds for the Rowans Hospice will be held 2.00-5.00 pm on **Sunday 14th May** at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea. DJ Steve Kingsley, tea/coffee, scones, jam and cream – tickets are £9.00 available from Christine Banerjee.

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 to 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.

Praying for Sunday Services

Every Saturday evening from 8 pm - 9 pm there will be a prayer meeting at the church praying for the next day's Sunday service. An opportunity to pray for every single part of the service and pray for God's amazing move and presence. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Job Vacancy – Deanery Administrator

The Deanery of Portsmouth is seeking to appoint a
Deanery Administrator
for 27.5 hours each week (FTE salary of £17,500 pa)

The successful applicant will be mainly based at St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport, and should have general office experience, excellent secretarial skills, and be competent in using Microsoft Office.

Further details are available from the church office.

Prayer Group for St. Jude's School

You are invited to join us in praying for St Jude's School on **Tuesday 9th May and Tuesday 13th June** 9-10 am (tea/coffee from 8.45am) in the School Lodge at the school (St Nicholas Street). Please sign in as a visitor at Reception first and then join us in the Lodge. Also on **Monday 22nd May and Tuesday 11th July** 8.15-9.15 pm (tea/coffee from 8 pm) at St Jude's Church, Kent Road. Parents, staff, governors, and anyone else interested in praying for the school are all welcome - please spread the word! For any more information please contact Kathy Bacon via the church office.

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 **Saturday 19th and/or Thursday 24th August** please? Please contact Bryn or Mick in the office if you may be able to help.

Indian Cookery Demonstration and Taster Evening

Thank you to all who supported this event. A total of £00 was raised towards the cost of a new heating system.

Fusion Café – Volunteers needed

Bryn will soon be starting Fusion Café and needs volunteers to help with this please. Fusion Café is a youth (secondary school) drop-in club on Fridays 4.00-5.30 pm. You can be any age and simply need to be willing to come along and support this new venture. Please contact Bryn to offer your help or if you have any questions.



Parenting Course

At St. Simon's we will be running our first Parenting Course (for those parenting 0 to 10 years-old) and the dates are **14th, 21st, 28th June, 5th and 12th July** (5 Wednesday evenings).

Food, materials and admission is FREE but only 12 places are available. Please contact the church office to book your place NOW.

Heidi's

As from 8th April 2017, Heidi's cake shop will be closing, so we will no longer be able to collect cakes and bread from them for Sunday Suppers. I am exploring other avenues regarding the bread, but would be very grateful for anyone to offer to bake a cake/s say once a month. We already have four regular people who kindly provide cake. Please let me know if you can help, Thank you. 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)

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 6.00 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 South Room. 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 2nd April

9.30 am Shipmates
10.30 am Easter Day Holy Communion
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 16th April

10.30 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 9th April

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.00 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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