



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 16th 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 – 11.00 am Walk of Witness (meet at South Parade Pier)
11.30 am Meditative 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

9th May	Women of the Bible (1): Part 2 - A Nation is Born
23rd May	Women of the Bible (1): Part 3 - Looking Back

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

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](#).

Ladies' Breakfast

The next Ladies' Breakfast is at 08.30 am on **Saturday 22nd April**. Suggested donation of £4. Please sign up on the list on the Welcome Table. Numbers are needed by Wednesday 19th at the latest for catering purposes. (contd...)

The guest speaker is Jane Clamp. Jane is a writer and broadcaster living in the heart of rural Norfolk, though born and raised in Southsea. She is Creative Writer in Residence on the Sunday Breakfast Show of BBC Radio Norfolk and on the Thought of the Day team of Premier Radio. When not writing, Jane works as an Interior Designer and music teacher and plays saxophone for function band The Ideals.



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.

Men's Day Trip to Amberley Museum

The next Men's Day Trip, on Saturday 29th April, is to the Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre (<http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk/>). Cost is £4 per seat in the minibus (limited places). We may need use of cars if more people are interested. Entrance fee from £6 child (4-15 inc), £9.50 senior (60+) to £10.35 adult. We will be leaving the church car park at 09:30 am. Please bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch there. Please pass names to Cliff Gollidge if interested and willing to use your own car.

Church Weekend at Home 2017

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

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.

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.

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 are 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. Please let me know if you can help, Thank you. Sue Piper

Indian Cookery Demonstration and Taster Evening

Thank you to everyone who supported this particular fundraiser. But an extra special thanks to Ruth and Christine who worked so hard to provide us with a wonderful evening. We raised £200 for the new heating system. Geraldine. [Apologies for the typo in the previous Newsletter giving the incorrect total].

Church Centre Volunteers for Sunday Suppers needed

Come and join us in the Church Centre and be a part of an amazing ministry, recently described as an, **'Effective barrier breaking, people-gathering outreaching outreach' Sunday Suppers, rarely about soup'**.

Possibly the easiest form of ministry out there! Building relationships, being present in our community and sharing the love of Jesus. For inside information please speak to: Lorna Sandland, Bob Mason or John Bazley, Michael and Sue Piper.

Alternatively you would be more than welcome to pop in!

Job Vacancy - Administrator

Buckland United Reformed Church is seeking a talented administrator with a range of skills including management experience and basic bookkeeping. The position is for 10 hours per week (£11.50 per hour). There would be flexibility for a parent returning to work or an active retiree, but continuity throughout the year would be essential. Details are available from the church office.

APCM - Thank you

Very many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our APCM a great success. Susi.

Job Vacancy - Cleaner/Caretaker

We are currently advertising for a [Cleaner/Caretaker](#), 15 hours per week. The closing date is 23rd April. Please share this with anyone that you feel may be interested.

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 16th April

6.00 am "Son-Rise" Service
10.30 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 30th April

10.30 am All-Age Morning Praise
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 23rd 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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