



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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### Leading Your Church into Growth

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A reminder of future LYCIG dates:

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)



## Window repairs

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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

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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.

## Grub Club Lunch, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30

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We are planning a lunch at Restaurant 69 in Palmerston Road next to the Akram store. They do a lovely one- two- or three-course lunch at a reasonable price e.g. £11 for two courses. Names please to Gail Chipperfield or Dinah Walters.

## All-Age Film Afternoon, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, postponed

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The all-age film afternoon that was planned for **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** has been postponed due to uncertainty over whether the projector and large screen will be back in use by that date.

## The Alpha Course

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Our next Alpha course starts on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. Further details will follow.

## LYCiG Follow-up Events

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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***

Friday 2nd March 2018 7pm-9:30pm OR Saturday 3rd March 2018 9:30am-3:30pm.

### ***7 Sacred Spaces***

Friday 18th May 2018 7pm-9:30pm OR Saturday 19th May 2018 9:30am-2pm.

## Minibus driver wanted – August 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

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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 24<sup>th</sup> August** please? Please contact Bryn or Mick in the office if you may be able to help.

## Parenting Course

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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.

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## **Church Centre Volunteers for Sunday Suppers needed**

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Please speak to: Lorna Sandland, Bob Mason or John Bazley, Michael and Sue Piper.

Alternatively you would be more than welcome to pop in!

## **Piano available - free**

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Mayville High School has a piano that is no longer needed and is available free to anyone who can collect it. If you might be interested, please contact Mick in the church office or contact the school directly.

## **Have you got a warm heart and a downstairs loo?**

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Would you be willing to host a group of elderly guests for tea and cake for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon, once or twice a year? If the answers to these questions are Yes - please contact Jill Phipps, Older Person's Advocate, on 07710 394 351 for more information.

## **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 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 30<sup>th</sup> April

10.30 am All-Age Morning Praise  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 am Morning Praise  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

09.30 am Shipmates service  
10.30 am Holy Communion  
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](http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk)



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