



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 28th May 2017

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come, the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative to pray from Ascension (25th May) to Pentecost (4th June) will be taking place during that period. The Prayer Room will be accessible 09.00 am - 12.00 midday each working day and there will be a led session 7.30-8.30 pm each evening (subject to a leader being available).



Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

6 th June	Women of the Bible (1): Part 4 - It's not fair!
20 th June	Women of the Bible (1) : Part 5 – Daughter-in-law of Judah

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Ladies' Day Out

We are running a minibus trip for the ladies of the church on **Saturday, 10th June** to West Dean Gardens, in Sussex. The plan is to leave the church car park at 11 a.m. and arrive at the gardens in time for lunch in the cafe, which serves a wide variety of delicious of home-made food. Then the afternoon is free to wander round, maybe have a cup of tea/coffee towards the end, and leave around 4.30 so we are back in Southsea for 5.30. Entry to the gardens is £8.75 or £9.70 with Gift Aid and there will need to be a contribution towards fuel. Places are limited to 15 - Please contact Dinah Walters for more information and to book.

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.

Catering for the Parenting Course – Cooks Wanted

Our Parenting Course starts on **Wednesday 14th June**. We need 5 individuals who can cook during any of the dates please: 14th, 21st, 28th June, 5th and 12th July. It will be for around 15 people and food will need to be served at 7.30pm at the church. Please contact me or the church office with offers of help. Thanks, Susi

Prayer Space at St. Jude's School

Liz, the Children's Youth and Families Ministry Co-ordinator at St. Jude's, writes...

I wanted to share with you the details of this really exciting event we have coming up and ask for your prayers and support. We are going to do a Prayer Space week at St Jude's School from **12-16th June**. The Prayer Space will involve a class room and an outdoor space dedicated to prayer for a whole week. Inside these area will be set up Prayer Stations to help the children think about God and themselves and encourage them to pray. These will be very creative and 'hands on'. Each class will have an hour slot to experience the prayer space with their teacher. This is an amazing opportunity to bless the school and the children. It is the first prayer space in a primary school in Portsmouth and we are hoping it will lead to further opportunities.

I am gathering a team of people to help the children engage with the prayer activities. There are going to be six prayer stations and I would absolutely love to have a volunteer for each station as this will greatly enhance the children's experience.

I would love St Simon's support with this project - through prayer and any volunteers you might be able to provide. All volunteers would require a current DBS certificate for work with children. We plan to have a training meeting for volunteers on the Thursday 1 June 8-9pm.

If you are able to help, please contact Liz via either church office. Even just one morning/afternoon would be a tremendous help.

Church Weekend at Home 2017

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

Friday 23rd

6.30 pm

Quiz with fish and chip supper
(fancy dress entirely optional)

Tickets £5 from Andy, Louise or the office

Saturday 24th

11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Children/Family Fun Morning

3.30-5.30 pm

Youth Fun Time

6.30 pm

Praise and Worship, Rev Ben Read

Sunday 25th

10.30 am

Morning Praise, Rev Ben Read

Our guest speaker, Rev. Ben Read, writes...

We're really looking forward to joining you for your church weekend at home in June. It will be great to meet you and hear of some of the things that God is doing among you. We live in Kingsclere, near Newbury, and, as a family, worship at St. Mary's Church, Kingsclere. Ben is vicar of this church and two others and Bethan is an older adult psychiatrist. Cara is 4 and Chloe is 3 and they both enjoy dancing and swimming. We only moved to Kingsclere a year ago having lived in Wales for many years. We are enjoying getting to know the area and love our new home and garden (Ben is particularly keen on gardening). We've just started some new services in our village this last weekend. God has been amazing in open doors for us (most unexpected and not matched by our feeble faith). People have been praying for years here and so we should hardly be surprised. God is faithful. Praying that we may have a great time together and that God will speak to us all.



Afternoon Tea

A fundraising afternoon tea for senior church members and their friends will be held in the church on **Monday 3rd July** in support of the charity Action Aid. Tickets will be available in due course from Dinah Walters and the church office.

Save the date!

If you are involved with Sunday Suppers or Breakthru, please save this date - **Wednesday 19th July** to join with us in celebrating our volunteers and supporters of Sunday Suppers and Breakthru. Time: 7:30pm, venue: Church Centre: St Simon's Church, Waverley Road. The evening will be a time of meeting fellow volunteers and celebrating these two outreaches and thanking our amazing volunteers, who enable so much of what we do. It will also be an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas for moving forward. Lorna Sandland

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.

Ride & Stride 2017

Ride & Stride will be on **Saturday 9th September** this year. We need volunteers to help with welcoming and refreshments on the day and one or two people to co-ordinate things in advance – offers to Mick in the office please.

LYCiG material online

A reminder that the LYCiG materials are available online [here](#). Please respect the copyright of these materials and do not distribute them outside of St. Simon's.

Feedback e-mails

We now have a dedicated email address for all feedback. Please use this email address for all feedback whether it is about Children's ministry, Youth ministry, Sunday Suppers, Breakthru or Sunday services. This is so that your feedback will not be lost in the sea of emails that comes to Susi every day.

feedback@stsimons-southsea.org.uk

This is only for feedback. For all other enquiries or pastoral matters please contact Susi or the church office direct.

Window repairs

It is planned to replace the south windows during the week commencing 29th May and for most of the internal scaffolding to be removed before the Church Weekend at Home. Work on the west window will follow.

Chernobyl Children

Six children are coming to Portsmouth this summer for one month. There will be four boys and two girls aged 10-14. If anyone would like to give a gift, the following is suggested: packets of vegetable seeds, regular multi-vitamins, new socks and underwear or a donation to help take them on trips. These are one-off trips to England and help these children greatly. Their radiation levels are reduced by their month's stay by breathing better air and eating good food. Your help is greatly appreciated. The North End group of Chernobyl Children Life Line send a BIG thank-you to all for donations and clothes already received. Blessing, Katy Richardson.

Tuesday Time Together (TTT)

TTT is always at 10.00 am on Tuesdays in the South Room. This is not a closed group and anyone is welcome to come and visit us and join with us in worship and prayers. We are always pleased to see new faces. Kathy Richardson.

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 28th May

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 11th June

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 4th June

9.30 am Shipmates
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



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