



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 25th June 2017

Church Weekend at Home events

Friday 23rd June

6.30 pm

Quiz with fish and chip supper

("Kings and Queens" fancy dress optional.
Note change of theme)

First quiz round at 7.00 pm, food 7.30 pm

Saturday 24th June

11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Children/Family Fun Morning

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Youth Fun Time

6.30 pm

Praise and Worship, Rev Ben Read

Refreshments from 6.00 pm

8.45 pm

Greek/Turkish meal (booking required)

Deadline for booking – 7.00 pm Friday 23rd

Sunday 25th June

10.30 am

Morning Praise, Rev Ben Read

followed by a bring-and-share lunch

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

20 th June	Women of the Bible (1) : Part 5 – Daughter-in-law of Judah
4 th July	God’s Plan for Us: Part 1 – God is Great
18 th July	God’s Plan for Us: Part 2 – His Purpose

There will be no meetings in August.

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

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.

“Shakespeare in the Garden” at Swanmore

Anthea and Dave Howell are organising a minibus trip to a performance of *All’s Well that Ends Well* at Hill Farm, Swanmore on **Saturday 15th July**. The minibus will leave the church at 5.30 pm. Bring your own picnic/drink. This is a fundraising event for the “Ickle Pickles” neonatal charity. Tickets for the performance are £12; a small additional charge will be made to cover the cost of fuel. Please contact Anthea for further details or in order to book a place by **Sunday 25th June** at the latest.

Portsmouth Prayer Mission

A reminder of that the team of Korean Christians is coming to Portsmouth in June and will be at St. Simon’s for a city-wide Praise and Prayer evening on **Friday 30th June at 7.00 pm** and Sunday 2nd July at 6.00 pm at City Life Church, Tangier Road.

Minibus driver wanted – August 24th

Bryn is taking a group to Soul Survivor in August. Is anybody available to drive the minibus to bring them home on **Thursday 24th August** please? Please contact Bryn or Mick in the office if you may be able to help. Note that the venue is now the East of England Showground in Peterborough.

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.

Christian Aid

£424.68 was raised by our willing volunteers who collected. Many thanks to all.

Shipmates services

Please note that, starting on 2nd July, Shipmates services will start at 09.00 am with refreshments. The service will start at 09.15 am and finish by about 10.00

am. This will enable preparations for the following Holy Communion service at 10.30 am.

Window repairs

Work on the south windows is nearly completed. Most of the scaffolding in the nave should be removed before the Church Weekend at Home. Work on the west window will follow as soon as possible. Total costs are still unknown, but are likely to be around £90-100,000. We are very grateful to the trustees of the Coffee Tavern Trust who have given two grants of £25,000 each together with a loan to cover much of the VAT (which we hope to recover). Further donations are still required please.

Oasis of Hope

Three members of City Life Church are moving to Poland to plant a church [Oasis of Hope](#) there. You can hear more about this at the Vision Night at 7.30 pm on **Monday 24th July** at City Life Church. They need funding for the initial work to establish a summer youth camp. You can read more about this and donate here...

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oasisofhopepoland>

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)

Fusion Café (Fridays 4.00-5.30 pm, term time)

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 25th June

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 9th July

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 2nd July

09.00 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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