



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 9th July 2017

Vacancy – Children and Families' Pastor

We are currently [advertising](#) for an enthusiastic and creative person who will maintain and develop our work with the children and their families in our congregation and in the local community. The post is for 16 hrs per week.

For an application pack with full details, contact the Church Administrator via: <http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk/contact-us/> or call 023 9282 9440.

Closing date for applications is midnight Saturday 22nd July 2017.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 26th July 2017.

Please share this with anyone who you feel may be interested in the post.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

18th 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.

An evening with John Njendahayo

Some of you may know Clare Seek, who lives locally and was recently in Uganda visiting a number of community development initiatives. She spent time with John who heads up the organisation, Nkuru-Nziza ('Good News' in Rwandese) in Uganda that focuses on poverty alleviation and environmental sustainability. From biofuel and rain harvesting, to medical centres and vocational training, he has an amazing, inspiring story, and you're invited to come along and hear him at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 13th July** in the Church Centre.

For more information: www.cred.org.uk/nkuru-nziza-foundation/.

Men's Breakfast, 29th July

The next Men's Breakfast will be at 08.30 am on **Saturday 29th July**. Men, please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Table if you plan to attend. Ladies, please also indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are able to help with catering.

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.

The Marriage Course

The Marriage Course starts on **Wednesday 6th September** and runs on Wednesdays until 18th October. Please see the coming leaflets on the Welcome Table for further details.

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.

Shipmates services

Please note that Shipmates services now start at 09.00 am with refreshments. The service starts at 09.15 am and finishes by about 10.00 am. This is to 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 is now removed leaving a small section to allow access to the west window. 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>

Church Weekend at Home Quiz Night

Many thanks for all those who supported this event. The event made a profit of £28 for the General Fund and the raffle made £165 which has been given to the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre at North End.

Shoeboxes

Please keep any shoeboxes that you may have – these will be required for the annual Samaritan's Purse boxes again this year. Thank you, Ruth Taylor.

Fundraising – Soul Survivor

Bryn, Jo and the youth group are looking to fundraise for Soul Survivor in August. They would like to fundraise over July by asking the congregation if you would sponsor them for jobs like car washing, house cleaning etc. We need to raise as close to £240 as possible.

Cleaner/Caretaker volunteers

We need volunteers to cover essential cleaning duties when William is on holiday. Please contact Mick in the church office if you are able to help on an occasional or longer-term basis.

Waitrose Southsea Green Token Scheme

Sunday Suppers will be one of beneficiaries of the green token scheme in Waitrose, Southsea during August. Please consider voting for this and spread the news among friends and neighbours.

Social events July-December 2017

The list of social events for July-December is now available on the [website](#) and printed copies are on the Welcome Table.

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 9th July

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 23rd July

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 16th July

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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