



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 8th October 2017

Gift Day for the window repair work

At the time of writing, the grand total given or pledged towards the window repair work is £19,221. More is expected in due course. Many thanks to all those who contributed to this excellent result.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

17th October

Women of the Bible (2): Part 1 – Motherly Love

31st October

Women of the Bible (2): Part 2 – It takes all sorts!

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Ladies' Breakfast

The next Ladies' Breakfast is at 08.30 am on **Saturday 28th October**. Suggested donation of £4. Please sign up on the list on the Welcome Table. Numbers are needed by Wednesday 25th at the latest for catering purposes. Men, please sign up if you are able to help.

Thanksgiving Evening

Thanksgiving Evening, **Friday 10th November** – three-course meal and sketch. Tickets £10 from Gail, Julie or Dinah.

Christmas Shoebox Collection 2017

St.Simon's is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection again this year. Put simply, gift filled shoe boxes are sent to needy children around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

How you can help:-

- 1) Pray for the whole project, particularly the children who will receive the boxes.
- 2) Pick up a leaflet and a box from the Shoe Box Table at Church and do your own box(es).
- 3) Donate items to go in the boxes via the Church Office.
- 4) Donate money to buy items to go in boxes via the Church Office.
- 5) Knit items to go in the boxes - knitting patterns on Shoe Box Table.
- 6) Come to the Pack and Wrap Party on :-

Saturday 11th November 2.30pm - 5pm in the Church Centre

- Help wrap and pack boxes with the donated gifts, everything provided, just bring yourself!

Please read the leaflet carefully about what can, and can't, go in a box, and remember to include £5 per box to go towards postage. (Please note increased postage this year). More information: www.operationchristmaschild.org or See Ruth Taylor (023 9283 3318)

NB. Closing date for completed boxes to be brought to the Church Office is November 18th.

St. Nicholas Supper

This social event will be at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 6th December**. Further details to follow.

Alpha

The next Alpha Course will start on **Thursday 25th January 2018**. Please contact the church office to book a place.

News from Andrea, Children and Families' Pastor

A reminder of the need for volunteers from Andrea's article in the 24th September Newsletter:

So how can you help?

Continue to pray for the Children's Ministry, the Children and everyone involved in it. Consider volunteering either on a weekly, monthly or occasional basis to support the increasing number of groups, our Sunday team is stretched very thin at the moment, and the more volunteers we have the less often we have to call on them.

Positions available:

Sundays – Helpers especially for Under 3's group, Volunteers to join us for Lego Church

Mondays – Stay and Play - Volunteers to help in the kitchen, welcome families and serve refreshments. Help setting up or packing away.

Tuesdays – Play and Praise – Volunteers to help in the kitchen, welcome families and serve refreshments. Help setting up or packing away.

Saturdays – Occasional support with special events.

Christmas – Support with Crib service and or Nativity.

Lego Church – Support in the group weekly or monthly, Donations of old lego (**Not special kits just regular old fashioned blocks that you don't want back!**)

“A Steady Hand on the Plough”

This new book, by Bob Mason, is a biography of a hard-working Dorset clergyman. To quote the publisher's summary:

When the young Peter Jolliffe became Rector of Poole, he could never have foreseen that he would still be in post 70 years later!

Holding the record for the longest incumbency in the Church of England, Jolliffe remained faithful to his calling, labouring valiantly during the most turbulent era of Poole's history.

Suffering the tragic loss of his wife and three of his children, becoming the intended victim of a serious fraud, surviving a near catastrophic accident, and at times overcoming intense criticism, Jolliffe's example is one of perseverance with dignity.

Through the lens of a dedicated pastor's long and unique ministry, a fascinating glimpse into nineteenth century Church life in Poole.

Copies of the book, softback, 109 pages, plus many illustrations (and signed!), obtainable from Bob. Price £7.99.

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 8th October

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 15th October

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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