



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 22nd October 2017

December Services

Early notice of our services this December:

Date	Time	Service	Notes
3 rd	09.00	Shipmates	
3 rd	10.30	Holy Communion	
10 th	10.30	Holy Communion	
10 th	19.30	Carols by Candlelight	
17 th	10.30	Nativity	Not Communion
23 rd	16.00	Crib Service	
24 th	10.30	Morning Praise	
24 th	23.30	Midnight Communion	
25 th	10.30	Christmas Day, All-age	Not Communion
31 st	10.30	All-age service	With "Big Breakfast"

Please note these for your diary. The pattern has some differences from previous years.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

31 st October	Women of the Bible (2):Part 2 – It Takes All Sorts!
14 th November	Women of the Bible (2):Part 3 - It Takes Courage
28 th November	Women of the Bible (2):Part 4 - A New Beginning

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

Pack and Wrap party - **Saturday 11th November** 2.30 pm – 5 pm in the Church Centre. Help wrap and pack boxes with the donated gifts, everything provided, just bring yourself!

St. Nicholas Supper

This social event will be at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 6th December**. Further details to follow – please contact Louise Roulston-Thomas.

Shep Wooley concert

[Shep Wooley](#) and various other performers will be holding an event at the Square Tower on **Sunday 17th December**. Proceeds will go to St. Simon's (Sunday Suppers in particular, to be confirmed). Further details to follow.

Alpha

The next Alpha Course will start on **Thursday 25th January 2018** with an Alpha launch dinner, including a sit-down meal and interesting after-dinner speaker. All church members and friends are invited. Tickets available in January.

Any offers of help with cooking or washing up gratefully received.

Please contact Hilary Poley to book a place or to offer help.

Waitrose

We have received a donation of £500 towards Sunday Suppers from the recent Waitrose token scheme. Thank you to all who supported this.

Ride and Stride

Many thanks to everyone who walked, welcomed people into our building or sponsored our church members. We have sent £334.50 to Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust and in due course they will send us half back. A great effort from everyone.

This annual event takes place every second Saturday in September. Please be praying as to whether you would like to oversee organising this event and speak to Julie J or Mick to find out more. Thankyou everyone, Julie J

News from the Langmead Family

Just a note to let you all know how we are doing and what's coming up.

Next month Neil is travelling to China with Isaac. He will be ministering at Capital Community Church in Beijing and catching up with some old friends to encourage them in their work. The church in China is growing and strong- with an estimation of around 180 million Chinese Christians there. The next stage for the church there is to mobilize missionaries and evangelists, train them in how to share their faith and look at the needs of people in border countries. Pakistan is one such example. Friends of ours John and Annalise Gates who are based in Beijing and are working with the missionary organization Pioneers, travel regularly into Pakistan with Chinese missionaries and have a heart to see

the Kingdom come in a country that has been traumatized by war and poverty. Whilst Neil is in Beijing he will be meeting with them to see how we can support their work. We are excited about the opportunities God is opening up for us!

Other news- Whilst in China you may remember that I assisted the Children's Pastor with children's worship. When I left China we had 200 children singing together songs of praise every week, and 2/3rds of these children are Chinese but with foreign IDs. This enables them to receive a Christian education through the Sunday School programme that they are denied from receiving anywhere else due to government law. We are literally changing young hearts and minds with the transforming power of the Gospel.

After asking what the current needs are, the Children's Pastor has it on her heart to start a children's book library as a resource for families to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Neil and Isaac are willing to pass on any financial donations to the Children's library book ministry or Pioneers ministry for the outreach work into Pakistan.

If you feel led to give either to the book fund or to the work in Pakistan, firstly thank you for your willingness to sow into the persecuted church in China. You are making a huge difference to the lives of Chinese families who cannot worship freely as we do. You are also helping to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth! You can donate simply by giving into an account the details of which are available from Mick in the Church Office.

With much appreciation, love and blessings to you all,

Abby, Neil, Isaac and Owen Langmead
Elim Missions.

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.

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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 22nd October

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 29th October

10.30 am All-Age Worship

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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