



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 5th November 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

14th November

Women of the Bible (2):Part 3 - It Takes Courage

28th November

Women of the Bible (2):Part 4 - A New Beginning

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Thanksgiving Evening

Thanksgiving Evening, **Friday 10th November** – a two-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!

Curry Night

The next Curry Night is **Friday 17th November**. Please contact Lois Earl to book a place.

Alms Fund 2018

Nomination forms for the 2018 Alms Fund organisations are available on the Welcome Table and must be returned by **Sunday 19th November** please.

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.

Carol Singing in Palmerston Road

On **Saturday 9th December**, St. Jude's will be leading carol singing in the Palmerston Road precinct from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm. Please come along and join them – the more the merrier.

Christmas Grub Club

As usual, we are going to The Jolly Sailor on Clarence Parade for our Christmas Grub Club Dinner on **Thursday 14th December**. See the [TJS website](#) for prices and menu choices. A hard copy can be found on the church noticeboard. I have booked tables to sit down at 7.30 – drinks at the bar from 7 p.m. All are very welcome so if you would like to join this merry band, please contact me, with a £10 deposit and your menu choices. Last orders will be taken on Monday, 4th December. Dinah Walters.

Shep Woolley concert

[Shep Woolley](#) and various other performers will be holding an event at the Square Tower on **Sunday 17th December** from 5.00 to 10.00 pm. Proceeds will go to St. Simon's (Sunday Suppers in particular, to be confirmed).

The series of live acts - all playing for free – is as follows:

- 5.00 Shep Woolley - MC (downstairs)
- 5.15 Red Sky Divers (downstairs)
- 6.00 Shep (upstairs)
- 6.15 Skiffle Orchestra (upstairs)
- 7.00 Shep (downstairs)
- 7.15 The Muvvas (downstairs)
- 8.00 Shep (upstairs)
- 8.15 The Wireless (upstairs)
- 9.00 Shep (downstairs) Raffle
- 9.15 Scarlet Town (Downstairs)
- 10.00 finish

See also the poster on a subsequent page.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Guildhall

Last Night of the Christmas Proms, 7.30 p.m. on **Friday 22nd December**. The blurb says, “Kick off Christmas with our fun-packed concert for all the family, featuring seasonal classics old and new, all wrapped up with a sprinkling of magic and sparkle.”

Currently four of us are planning to go, sitting on the side circle where tickets are priced at £22. If anyone would like to join us, please contact me, or Mick in the church office, as soon as possible and by Sunday 12th November, at the latest, as many seats are already sold. Dinah Walters

Christmas Day at Harbour Coffee House

Harbour Coffee House (run by Harbour Church in Commercial Road) is open on Christmas Day for anyone who is lonely, homeless or for any reason might not have anywhere to be.

They will be serving free hot drinks, and a lunch of hot turkey, stuffing and cranberry rolls with vegetable soup.

People are very welcome to come along and help, but the maximum number of volunteers needed is 15. The volunteering will be as part of the friendship team - sitting and eating with the guests to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere and company on Christmas Day.

Further details are available from St. Simon’s church office.

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.

Enthusiastic bakers required

Breakthru, would love to build a team of volunteer bakers to work with small groups of people, or 1-2-1 during the morning of a Breakthru session (10:15 am – 12.00 pm).

Sharing your baking skill, really helps people practically. Baking with others also gives the ideal opportunity to get to know people.

You can tailor this time to what you enjoy baking & plan future bakes with people in the Breakthru Community.

Please speak to Lorna, or leave a message in the office, if you would like to find out more information. **Thank you!**

Barn Dance

Save the date! – **Saturday 24th February** – Barn Dance with Supper. Details to follow. Please contact Geraldine Poulter in the meantime.

Sunday Suppers @ Christmas

We would love to remain open throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to join us either in the Church Centre, spending time with our guests, or in the kitchen preparing food please do get in touch with Lorna, via the church office.

Dates we need additional cover for: 24th December, 31st December, 7th January



CHARITY GIG

RAISING MONEY FOR ST SIMONS'S CHURCH TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

**AT THE SQUARE TOWER: SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER
DOORS 5pm**

SHEP WOOLLEY PRESENTS

SCARLET TOWN

RED SKY DIVERS THE WIRELESS

SOUTHSEA SKIFFLE ORCHESTRA

THE MUVVAS

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£5**

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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 (youth club for 10-14s) (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 5th November

09.00 Shipmates Service
10.30 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 19th November

10.30 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 12th November

10.30 am Remembrance Sunday
Service
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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