



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 4th February 2018

New Sermon Series

Our new sermon series “Life’s Difficult Questions” started on Sunday 7th January and continues:

- 4th February – Who am I?
- 11th February – What about other faiths?
- 18th February – What happens after I die?
- 25th February – Is there a sin God cannot forgive?
- 4th March – How do you define success?
- 11th March – Free will or predestined?
- 18th March – Can Christians get involved in politics?
- 25th March – How do you want to be remembered after you die?

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

6th February First journey of a lifetime: Part 3 – The Irrepressible Gospel
20th February Second journey of a lifetime: Part 1 – Dynamic Growth

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Ash Wednesday

There will be an Ash Wednesday service from 6.00 to 6.45pm on **Wednesday 14th February**. As a start to Lent the service will be a celebration of our Home Groups, both existing and new ones, and the preacher will be Jit Patel from St. Jude's. Home Groups are invited not to meet that week and come to the service instead, as well as other church members.

Alpha on Ash Wednesday

We need some further help with Alpha on **Wednesday 14th February please**. We need one hour of washing up/clearing up in the kitchen from 7 pm – 8 pm. If you can help, please offer to Hilary Poley or Mick in the office.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be at 08.30 am on **Saturday 17th February** at [The Tenth Hole Café](#), Eastern Parade.

Barn Dance, Saturday 24th February

The Polite Mechanicals are returning to lead us in an all-age, all-ability, Barn Dance! Date: – **Saturday 24th February**, 7.30-9.30 pm. Cost:- £10 adults, £5 children, to include a ploughman's and 'pudding'. BYOB. Raffle prizes. Money raised will go to St Simon's church and "Beating the Blues", a local inclusive group meeting weekly at Bransbury Part providing music for wellbeing. Tickets are limited to 80. Available from Geraldine Poulter and the church office from 14th January. Suitable footwear please. Dress code – just come! For more information, please contact Geraldine Poulter.

Senior Citizens' Party

The Year 8 pupils at St. Edmund's Catholic School are hosting a party for senior citizens 2.00-4.00 pm on **Wednesday 7th March**. Senior citizens at St. Simon's are invited to this event where there will be food drink and entertainment. A poster is available in the Church Centre giving contact details. Booking is essential if you wish to attend – please either contact St. Edmund's as per the poster or via Mick in the church office.

Cybercrime Advice

Various forms of cybercrime are a threat to every user of the internet. A free session on how to help protect yourself from cybercrime is being offered on **Thursday 22nd March 11.00-12.00**. This will be provided by the University of Portsmouth's Cybercrime Awareness Clinic. The session is suitable for anyone and is open to all church members and their friends. It will be held either in the Church Centre or the nave. If you would like to attend, please contact Mick in the church office as we need to have some idea of the numbers attending.

Whole Church Day Away 2018

A Day Away for the whole church is being planned for **Saturday 9th June**. Please put the date in your diaries. Further details will follow.

DIY Summer Ball, 7th July

So far five tables have been booked for this ball, which means I will go ahead with confidence that we will have ten tables for the event! For those of you who missed this, please see the [paper giving further details](#). If you don't have enough people to make up a big table, please do let me know and I will probably be able to suggest another small table that you might like to join up with. Alternatively you can have a smaller table exclusively for your group!
Dinah Walters

New Wine 2018 at Shepton Mallet

If you may be interested in attending the New Wine summer event (28 July – 3 August or 5 – 11 August), please speak to Lorna Sandland or Hilary Poley.

Prayer Diaries

From March 2018, the monthly St. Simon's Prayer Diaries will no longer be announced by e-mail. Instead, they will be available on [the church website](#).

Social Events January - June

The [list of social events](#) is now available on the website with printed copies on the Welcome Desk.

Revision of the Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll (the formal list of church members) will be revised during the period **Friday 9th March to Monday 26th March**. Your name needs to be on the roll if you wish to attend the annual meetings or if you wish to stand for election as a member of the PCC, a churchwarden or a member of the Deanery Synod. You may apply to have your name added during the revision period. If your name is already on the roll and you wish to remain on it, you do not need to take any action. The formal notice of the revision will be placed on the Church Administration noticeboard in the Church Centre.

The revised roll will be displayed during the period 26th March to 9th April; no additions or removals are allowed during this period, although any errors may be corrected.

The annual meetings will be held following the morning service on **Sunday 22nd April**.

For any questions on this process or for forms, please contact Mick in the church office.

The Real Easter Egg

The “Real Easter Egg” is available again this year, now in three options - Original £3.99, Dark £5.50 and Special Edition £9.99. There is also an Egg Hunt Box containing 6 smaller eggs and a Sharing Box containing 30 smaller eggs. The Original is available from branches of Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose and ASDA. Others are available online and from some Christian bookshops, cathedrals and other retailers. See therealeasteregg.co.uk for full details.



New Children's Projects

We have begun a couple of new projects:

Play and Praise

A second toddler group with a Christian input and

Shipmates Cafe

This will be a group for under 10's to attend with their families. Parents will attend with their children but I also need support in the kitchen and packing up either on a weekly or rota basis.

The positions needed are:

Tuesdays 3.30 to 5.30

Support welcoming and serving refreshments.

Tuesdays at 5.30

An additional fit able bodied volunteer to help pack up bouncy castle.

If there is a possibility you could help even once a month please let me know.

Many Thanks,
Andrea Grainger
Children and Families' Pastor

First Sunday service times

Effective immediately, service times on first Sundays will be as follows:

09.30 Shipmates

10.30 Coffee

10.45 Holy Communion

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 4th February

09.30 am Shipmates
10.45 am Holy Communion
(coffee from 10.30 am)
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Wednesday 14th February

6.00 pm Ash Wednesday service

Sunday 11th February

10.30 am Morning Praise
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



Useful Contacts:

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