



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Easter Services and Events

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#### **Maundy Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**

A evening performance of Mark's Gospel at St. Jude's church  
This is a joint event with St. Jude's, St. Luke's and St. Simon's  
Further details to follow

#### **Good Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00 am Walk of Witness starting at South Parade Pier  
2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross meditative service at St. Simon's

#### **Easter Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March**

2.00 pm (time tbc) Easter Garden event

#### **Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April**

09.30 am Shipmates service  
10.30/10.45 am Easter Sunday Holy Communion

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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20<sup>th</sup> February Second journey of a lifetime: Part 1 – Dynamic Growth

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Lent Lunches

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XCell will be running lunches throughout Lent on Tuesdays from 12am. They will alternate between Gail's and Chris Teuten's houses. Cost will be £5.00 for 3 courses. Anyone wishing more details please see Gail. Barbara Moore will be taking bookings. This is an opportunity not just for food but for fellowship throughout Lent. The first one is **Tuesday 20th February**.

## Grub Club Curry Night

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This will be at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at Kadirs (was Jaipur) in Albert Road. Please note the change of date from Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Lois for details and to book a place.

## Lunch in aid of The Samaritans

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On **Sunday 18th March** XCell is hosting a lunch in aid of The Samaritans. Cost will be £10.00 for three courses at Gail's house. Tickets from Dinah, Gail or Julie Jamieson.

## Cybercrime Advice

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Revival Meetings at Oasis, Arundel Street

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Three nightly meetings of Healing, Prophecy, and the Power of God. **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.**

<http://www.doxa-encounters-ministries.com/>

## Godspell

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Visionworks, a local Christian theatre company, is performing Godspell at the John Pounds Centre over Easter. Performances are at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, 2.30 pm on **Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Tickets are £12.50 and £10 from

<http://www.visionworksproductions.co.uk/godspell/>

## The Passion of Christ in Trafalgar Square

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I am planning to run a minibus trip to London to see a performance of the Passion of Christ on Good Friday, **30<sup>th</sup> March**, if there is sufficient interest. We would leave Southsea at 9 a.m. to arrive in central London at about 11 a.m. There are two performances, at 12 noon and 3.15 p.m., in Trafalgar Square. The production is open air, with large screens to aid visibility, but there is no seating provided and no shelter from inclement weather. See <https://www.wintershall-estate.com/passion-jesus-london> The plan is to leave for home at 7 p.m. to allow for an early evening meal and to be back in Southsea by about 9 p.m. There will be a small contribution required towards the cost of fuel and parking – probably around £10. We need at least six people to make this trip viable. Please contact Dinah Walters or the Church Office asap if you would like to come.

## Social Events January - June

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

## Revision of the Electoral Roll

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The church electoral roll (the formal list of church members) will be revised during the period **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> April; no additions or removals are allowed during this period, although any errors may be corrected.

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

## Annual Meetings

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The annual meetings will be held at **noon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. There will be a break following the morning service for refreshments and/or a picnic lunch before the business of the meetings starts at 12.00.

## The Real Easter Egg

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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](http://therealeasteregg.co.uk) for full details.



## **Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018**

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Leaflets and envelopes for the Bishop's Lent Appeal are now available on the Welcome Table. The focus this year is on supporting refugees, both overseas and in the UK, via Christian Aid. Please put donations in the envelopes and then place in the offering boxes. More details are available on the [diocesan website](#).

## **Notices in Sunday Services**

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If you have a notice that you would like to be given orally during a Sunday service, please ensure that the information is with the service leader no later than the preceding Friday. This is to allow us to manage the content and duration of notices and to avoid the leader being distracted before and even during the service.

## **Coffee on first Sundays**

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Now that we have coffee after both services on first Sundays, the load on the volunteers has increased, especially the washing up. From 4<sup>th</sup> March we will be trialling the use of (plastic-free) disposable cups at the discretion of the coffee volunteers. Please also consider bringing your own reusable travel mug on any Sunday.

## **Regular Events**

**Little Shipmates** (Mondays 9.30 – 11 am, Church Centre, term time)

**Temples for 10-18 year-olds** (Mondays 7.00-8.30 pm)

**Tuesday Time Together** (Praise and Prayer, 10 am in the South Room)

**Tuesday Bible Alive** (Alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge)

**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 18<sup>th</sup> February

10.45 am Holy Communion  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 am Morning Praise  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

09.30 am Shipmates  
10.45 am Holy Communion  
(coffee from 10.30)  
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](http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk)



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