



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 4th March 2018

Easter Services and Events

Maundy Thursday, 29th March

An evening service 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, 30th 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, 31st March

2.00 pm (time tbc) Easter Garden event

Easter Sunday, 1st April

06.30 am Sunrise Service on the beach behind The Pyramids.

09.30 am Shipmates service

10.30/10.45 am Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

6th March Journey of a lifetime (2): Part 2 – The Church Marches On
20th March Journey of a lifetime (2): Part 3 – Keep on Keeping On

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Grub Club Curry Night

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

Lunch in aid of The Samaritans

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

The session planned for **Thursday 22nd March** has been cancelled due to low take-up.

Pastoral Team Training

A training event will be held at St. Jude's church 10.00-12.00 on **Saturday 24th March** on the subject of bereavement/loss. Please contact St. Jude's church office for further details.

Maundy Thursday

Please note that the event on **Maundy Thursday 29th March** at St. Jude's will be a normal joint service. The planned performance of Mark's Gospel has been cancelled.

The Passion of Christ in Trafalgar Square

Please contact Dinah Walters if you would like to book a place on this minibus trip to London to see a performance of the [Passion of Christ](#) on Good Friday, **30th March**. Details were given in the [18th February Newsletter](#).

London Men's Convention

A group of men from St. Jude's church is going to the London Men's Convention on **Saturday 2nd June**. If any men would like to join them, please contact St. Jude's church office. Details are available on the LMC website <https://christianconventions.org.uk/lmc>

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

A reminder of the dates:

Revision - **Friday 9th March to Monday 26th March**

Display – **Monday 26th March to Monday 9th April**

Annual Meetings

The annual meetings will be held at **noon** on **Sunday 22nd 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.

DIY Summer Ball, 7th July - Postponed

Due to difficulties in hiring a live band, this event is now postponed to 2019.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018

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

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

Now that we have coffee after both services on first Sundays, the load on the volunteers has increased, especially the washing up. From 4th 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.

Open Church report

If you haven't yet seen it, a report on the Open Church project is available on the [diocesan website](#). This includes some photographs taken at St. Simon's.

Feedback

A reminder that you can provide feedback on any aspect of Sunday services and other subjects via the feedback e-mail address or the feedback box on the Welcome Table.

Christian Aid Week 2018

Christian Aid Week is 13th – 19th May this year.



Barn Dance

Thank you to all who supported the recent Barn Dance in any way. A total of £835 was raised! so.... £535 to the church and £300 to Beating The Blues.

Appointment of a new priest in charge

The process to appoint a new priest in charge is underway. We plan to advertise in June with interviews to be held on Monday 16th July. This timing will tie in well with people coming to the end of a three- or four-year curate's post. It is hoped that we will have somebody in post before Christmas. The vicarage has been let in the interim. If you have any questions about the timing or the process, please contact either of the churchwardens.

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)

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)

Home Groups

There are several mid-week Home Groups, both weekly and fortnightly, to which church members are encouraged to belong. There is a list of the groups on the website and on the notice board in the lower hall. More information is available by speaking to Michael Piper, the Home Group Co-ordinator, or from the church office.

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 March

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

Sunday 18th March

10.30 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 11th March

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



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