



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

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

### Easter Services and Events

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

7.00 pm Passover Supper and Holy Communion at St. Jude's church

This is a joint event with St. Jude's, St. Luke's and St. Simon's

There is no charge but a **ticket is required** – booking required by 25th

#### **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

7.00 pm "Renew" event at Harbour Church

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

2.00 pm (time tbc) Easter Garden event

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

06.30 am "Son-rise" Service on the beach behind The Pyramids.

09.30 am Shipmates service

10.30/10.45 am Easter Sunday Holy Communion

## Lunch in aid of The Samaritans - Postponed

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The lunch that had been planned for **Sunday 18th March** has been postponed due to low ticket sales.

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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20 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter 2018
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Journey of a lifetime (2): Part 3 – Keep on Keeping On

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Pastoral Team Training – Helping with Loss

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A training event will be held at St. Jude's church 10.00-12.00 on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March** on the subject of bereavement/loss. Learn to listen and encourage those feeling the pain of loss. Please contact St. Jude's church office for further details. The speaker is the Revd. Canon Nick Fennemore, Cathedral Chaplain, Winchester Cathedral. If you plan to attend, please inform St. Jude's church office 023 9275 0442.

## Maundy Thursday

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Please note that the event on **Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** at St. Jude's will be a normal joint service. The planned performance of Mark's Gospel has been cancelled. There will be a Passover Supper (soup, rolls, cheese and fruit) and Holy Communion at 7.00 pm. There is no charge but **tickets are required** – please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table or book direct with St. Jude's church office on 023 9275 0442. Bookings are required by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## The Passion of Christ in Trafalgar Square

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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 [18<sup>th</sup> February Newsletter](#).

## “Renew” at Harbour Church, Good Friday

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Renew is Harbour Church’s Good Friday event that brings together different areas of creativity in an evening of music, arts and performance. 7.00 pm on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Further details are on the [website](#).

## Revision of the Electoral Roll

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A reminder of the dates:

Revision - **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Display – **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

## Showing of the film “Risen”

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There will be a showing of the film “Risen” in the Church Centre on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Doors open at 6.45 pm with the film starting at 7.00 pm. There will be a half-time break for coffee. This event is free. [Risen](#) tells the story of the search for Jesus’ body from the point of view of the Roman soldier charged with finding it. The classification is 12A. Please let us know if you plan to come – Phil Gower, Hilary Poley, Mick Walters.

## Men’s trip to Brooklands Museum

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There will be a men’s trip to Brooklands Museum on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**. The minibus will leave the car park at 09.30 am. Entry to the museum is: Adult £15, Senior (60+)/Student £12.65, Children (5-16) £7.70. Cost of the minibus is a donation of your choice. Please contact Cliff Gollidge for further details and to book a seat.

## Annual Meetings and Lunch

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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 when a free finger buffet lunch will be provided before the business of the meetings starts at 12.00. The lunch will include a vegetarian selection and everything will be nut free.

The meetings will include the election of two churchwardens and three lay members of the PCC. Nomination forms are available on the [church website](#) and from the church office.

## 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](#).

## Christian Aid Week 2018

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Christian Aid Week is 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May this year.



## Whole Church Day Away 2018

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A Day Away for the whole church is being planned for **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be at St. John's, Shedfield, which we have used for similar events in the past. Please put the date in your diaries. Further details will follow.

## Appointment of a new priest in charge

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The process to appoint a new priest in charge is underway. We plan to advertise in June with interviews to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Barn Dance

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A huge thank you to everyone who supported a successful Barn Dance. We made an amazing £835! I had to count three times! Church has received £535 and Beating The Blues £300. It was a lovely mixture of ages, birthdays and welcoming of new faces. Do let me know if you would like another one next year. Geraldine

## **Classical music CDs**

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Diane Melikian has a set of approximately 50 classical CDs available free. If you might be interested in having any of these, please contact Diane.

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 am Holy Communion  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

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

10.30 am Morning Praise  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday service  
at St. Jude's church

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

10.00 am Walk of Witness  
2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

6.30 am Sunrise Service  
9.30 am Shipmates  
10.45 am Holy Communion  
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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