



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Priest-in-Charge appointment

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The following statement has been issued by Archdeacon Gavin Collins:

Following this week's interviews, we are delighted to announce that, subject to legalities, the Revd. Andy Finn has accepted Bishop Christopher's invitation to be our next Priest-in-Charge. Andy is currently serving his curacy in the Chelmsford Diocese, and we anticipate that he, together with his wife Tamar & children Reuben, Caleb & Esther, will be joining us at a date yet to be arranged at some point during the autumn.

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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31<sup>st</sup> July      Final Journey: Part 4 - Unchained  
All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Do Something Different!

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Jill Phipps, the 'older persons champion for the inner city churches' is including St. Simon's in her August programme of 'Do Something Different Days'. This will be on **Thursday 2nd August** from 10.00 until about 3.30 in the church / centre, and it will include a fish and chip lunch and a film in the afternoon. It should be a really fun time and all who consider themselves in the 'older person' category are invited to come. It's a good opportunity to invite friends / neighbours. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

## Senior Citizens Holiday Club at St. Jude's

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Come and join us for some fun on **Monday 13th, Thursday 16th, Monday 20th and Thursday 23rd August**. Application forms are now available from the Welcome Table here and from St. Jude's reception.

## Canal Narrowboat Trip

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Minibus trip to the Horse Drawn Narrowboat at Newbury on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**. A two-hour round trip costs £10.50 for seniors and £11.50 for the younger ones amongst us. After the trip we will make our way to a nearby pub for lunch. The trip is from 11am until 1pm so the bus will leave about 9.15 from the Church Car Park. This has proved to be a very popular trip in the past and as there are only 15 places altogether please book early! Gail or Dinah will take names and a £5.00 deposit.

## Ride & Stride 2018

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Ride & Stride is on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** this year. We need volunteers to help with welcoming and refreshments on the day. If you are able to help, please let Mick in the church office know.

## St. Jude's Associate Vicar

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The Rev'd Neil Smart will be licensed as the new Associate Vicar at St Jude's on **Monday 10th September** at 7.30pm.

## Work Day

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We will be holding a further Work Day to carry out minor repairs, etc. on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**. Details will follow nearer the time.

## FREE to be

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FREE To Be is an event for Christian ladies run by Care for the Family. It will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at City Life Church, Tangier Road. Tickets are available at the Early Bird price of £4 until 21<sup>st</sup> August. Please contact Andrea Grainger if you are interested. Further details are available on the Care for the Family [website](#).

## Harvest Thanksgiving 2018

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Harvest Thanksgiving will be on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October** this year. The 10.30 service will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

## Pastoral needs

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To remind you, the Pastoral Team meets weekly and would be glad to know of any church members experiencing pastoral needs; please pass these, either about yourself or others, to the Team via the office. In the course of considering and praying for pastoral concerns the Pastoral Team occasionally recognises temporary financial needs, and can recommend a contribution from the 'Help Fund' to an individual.

## Social Events

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The [programme of social events for July – December](#) is now available. Printed copies are available on the Welcome Table.

## Next Newsletter date

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Due to the summer holiday period, the next Newsletter will be published on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August**.

## **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)

**Play and Praise** (Tuesdays 1 - 2.30 pm for over 2s, term time only)

**Shipmates Cafe** (Tuesdays 3.30 - 3.30 pm for under 10s, term time only)

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

**Breakthru Self-Help Community** (Fridays 10.30 am to 2.30 pm, term time)

**Fusion Café** (youth club for 10-14s) (Fridays 4.00-5.30 pm, term time)

**Sunday Suppers** (Sunday nights 5.30 to 7.30 pm, from 5.15 pm to help set up)

**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, 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 from 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 complete [this online form](#).

## Services at St. Simon's

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July

10.30 am Café Church  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August

09.30 am Shipmates  
10.45 am Holy Communion  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August

10.30 am Moring Praise  
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August

10.30 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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