



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 26th August 2018

Priest-in-Charge appointment

Andy Finn and family are hoping to move to Southsea in mid-autumn. Discussions regarding the licensing service are in progress. Sunday 11th November is one possibility but this is not yet confirmed. Please watch this space.

Youth Pastor and Worship Leader advertisements

Our advertisements for a Youth Pastor and a Worship Leader are live. The closing date is Friday 31st August. Please pass this to anyone that you feel may be interested.

[Worship Leader advertisement](#)

[Youth Pastor advertisement](#)

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

4th Sept. The 12 Disciples: Part 1 – Peter & Andrew
18th Sept. The 12 Disciples: Part 2 - James, Simon & Judas

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Ride & Stride 2018

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

St. Jude's Associate Vicar

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

Talking Jesus course

This course is designed to equip Christians to talk about Jesus sensitively, appropriately and with respect in everyday life. There are six practical video-based teaching sessions and short parable-style films. Hilary Poley will lead a group to meet, watch the video, discuss and pray together, asking God to help us make Jesus known.

When: Six Wednesdays, starting **Wednesday 12th September**

Where: Church Lounge

Time: 7.15 for 7.30 pm start, finish by 9.00 pm

Required: Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or leave your name with Mick in the church office.

Each group member will need to buy a course guide book at £1.50.

Silver Surfer computer session

Dinah Walters has set up a series of three sessions aimed at seniors who have basic computer and internet knowledge but would like a little help and advice. Topics include general internet use, emails and social media. They are on three Thursday mornings beginning **Thursday 13th September**, at a cost of £4 per session or £10 for all three. There is a poster on the church noticeboard with more information or follow [this link](#).

Work Day

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

FREE to be

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 11th October** at City Life Church, Tangier Road. Tickets are available at the Early Bird price of £4 until 21st August. Please contact Andrea Grainger if you are interested. Further details are available on the Care for the Family [website](#).

Cliff Richard – Live 60th Anniversary Concert

Various cinemas will be showing this on **Friday, 12th October**, among them Cinema No. 6. See <https://www.no6cinema.co.uk/films/cliff-richard-live-60th-anniversary-tour> It might be nice to go as a group – in which case, perhaps anyone interested can book their own tickets and we could meet at the venue.

Harvest Thanksgiving 2018

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

Social Events

Please make a note of the following dates from the Social Committee. More details will follow shortly:

Saturday 29th September

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at the home of Mick and Dinah Walters

Monday 12th November

Minibus trip to the Poppy Factory, where the Remembrance poppies are produced, in Richmond, followed by an afternoon for lunch/shopping etc. in Kingston-upon-Thames

Saturday 17th November

Big Quiz Night, organised by Tear Fund to raise money for the charity.

Please note:

The Curry Night planned for Friday 16th November will take place on another date, to be arranged.

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

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 26th August

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 2nd September

09.30 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



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