



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 9th September 2018

Priest-in-Charge appointment

The licensing of the Revd. Andy Finn as priest-in-charge of St. Simon's is likely to take place at an evening service on **Wednesday 21st November** when his formal appointment will begin. Tea, coffee and cake will follow the service. The time of the service is not yet confirmed.

Pop-Up Social Event at the Bandstand and meal

If you're reading this in time, this **Saturday, 8th September**, is the finale of the Southsea Bandstand season, culminating in tribute acts The Bootlegs and Absolute Bowie. A group of us are going to the 6 – 6.45 p.m. session of Absolute Bowie, followed by the Bootlegs from 7 – 7.30 p.m., and then going on to the White Horse pub in Southsea Terrace for an evening meal (missing the final session of Absolute Bowie, followed by fireworks). If you'd like to come along and meet up, please contact Mick through the Church Office. If you'd like to come for the meal instead of or as well as the bandstand, let him know by 12 noon Saturday and so that we can book the table accordingly.

Tuesday Time Together

TTT has now restarted following a summer break. This is a time of praise and prayer held in the South Room at 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

18th Sept. The 12 Disciples: Part 2 - James, Simon & Judas

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

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. There will be six sessions on Wednesdays, starting **Wednesday 12th September** in the Church Lounge at 7.15 for a 7.30 pm start, finish by 9.00 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or leave your name with Mick in the church office.

Work Day

We will be holding a further Work Day to carry out minor repairs, etc. on **Saturday 15th September**. Please contact Louise Roulston-Thomas for details.

Job Vacancy – Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission has a vacancy for a Regional Manager in the south of England. The closing date is **Wednesday 19th September**. There is an occupational requirement for the Regional Manager to be a practicing Christian. Detail are available on the Leprosy Mission's [website](#).

Graham Farr's funeral

Graham's funeral will be held in St. Simon's at 1.30 pm on **Thursday 20th September**. Light refreshments will be available immediately after the service.

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](#).

Song from the Shows for The Rowans Hospice

The South Downe Musical Society presents *Songs from the Shows* at St. Jude's Church on **Saturday 13th October** at 2.00 pm. Tickets are £7 in advance or £8 on the door, available from Christine Banerjee. Tea and cakes will be available.

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.

Minibus trip to Bath

There will be a minibus trip to Bath on **Saturday 27th October**. Please contact Geraldine or Anthea for details.

Alms Fund proposals for 2019

We need your help please, to choose two charities to benefit from church donations through next year, 2019. There are many needy causes in the current financial climate. So this is your opportunity to nominate two. It would be very helpful if you could give a short reason. Nominations need to be in by **Sunday 18th November** ready for the PCC's decision on 26th November. Nomination forms are available on the Welcome Desk.

Social Events

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

Friday 14th September

Chinese Grub Club at Tang's, Elm Grove. Please contact Michelle McGannan to book a place.

Saturday 29th September

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at the home of Mick and Dinah Walters. Please let Dinah know if you plan to attend so that we know how many to cater for, thank you.

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.

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Services at St. Simon's

Sunday 9th September

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 16th September

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



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