

Godfrey Birtill Visit to St Simons September 3rd & 4th An Opportunity To Pray for Portsmouth

On Sunday 4th September we are very pleased and privileged to welcome Godfrey Birtill who will be both preaching and playing with the band at the 11.15 communion service. Godfrey is also leading a **Prophetic Worship workshop from 2-4pm on Saturday 3rd September at St. Simons** and a time of **Worship and Intercession at 7.30pm** both times when we hope that members of other churches will join us to worship and pray for Portsmouth (see flier for more information - all welcome !)



Godfrey Birtill was born in Chorley and formerly worked as a press photographer. His family has Moravian roots dating back to the early 1700's. The Moravian hymn writer James Montgomery (Angels from the realms of glory, Lift up your heads you gates of brass) being one of his ancestors. He is married to Gill, has 4 children and lives in Lincoln. It has been said that Godfrey's unique 'minstrel anointing', blending worship and intercession, is in part an inheritance from his Moravian roots. The 100 year prayer meeting is part of Moravian history, they were also a major influence on the Wesleys and more recently have been an inspiration for the 24/7 prayer movement.

Many of his songs like, 'Outrageous Grace', 'When I look at the blood' and 'Wonderful God' have a prophetic edge to them and have been picked up internationally.

Much of his ministry is connected to 'grass roots' city prayer gatherings across the denominations. He often writes songs on location that are connected to the city, seeking to release that city's indigenous song and lament. He's led worship and done 'Song and Intercession' workshops across the UK, South Africa, Europe and America,

Godfrey has released 14 live CDs of his songs, a studio CD (You're Still God) and a live DVD (that is included with the R U Ready CD). Two of his live albums have

been recorded with the Christian Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Organisation Betel.

Congratulations to Rohan Walters who has been signed to the Portsmouth Academy for three years. His first serious match for the Portsmouth Academy side is on September 4th against Bristol City followed by Southampton and Cardiff City away the following two Sundays. We'll be cheering him on! It will be a hectic time for the family, with Rohan also training three evenings a week, but we will hold him in our prayers as he uses his God given footballing talent. Sadly, this means we won't be seeing quite so much of Patrick, Rohan and Gwaenelle on Sunday mornings but they will be with us when they can and are still very much part of the St Simons family.

Marie, Jarvis and Jason Weir would like to thank all at St. Simons for their support during the sad time surrounding the death of her brother John. He died on Friday 12th August at home in Ormskirk, Lancs.

Social Networking can be used for the good! About 15 people from six different churches gathered at St Simon's at very short notice on the evening of August 9th to pray for the nation in the light of the disturbances in cities throughout England. This was in response to a call that day from Les Isaacs of national Street Pastors. We prayed with the noisy background surrounding the fire at 'Joannas,' which though thankfully unrelated to what was happening elsewhere was a vivid reminder not to be complacent and our need to cry out to our Lord for Salvation, Restoration and Healing in our own city.

Arts and Crafts Extravaganza!

We plan to hold an Arts and Crafts fair in aid of the Building Fund sometime in the late autumn... so please get creating whatever you love to create now so that we'll have lots of lovely things to sell. Baked goods / chutneys/jams etc will be welcome too.

Don't despair if you're not arty/crafty - there will be other ways you can get involved if you would like to! Watch this space for date and time!

Bubbles - Wha-wha (Baby crying!) – Bubbles needs some Volunteers! Only once a month on the 4th Sunday and is not at all arduous. Jo would also like to have Bubbles on the 3rd Sunday, which at present is not covered, so if anyone feels they could help, please see Jo Borley. Thanks Sue Piper

Mini-Bus Trip to Oxford - Dave is taking the mini-Bus to Oxford on Saturday 17th September, departing the Church car park at 9:00am. There are seats still

available, at the suggested donation of £8. If you are interested, please contact Dave or Anthea on 02392 753 850 or mob: 07886999986.

We have received a cheque from the Inland Revenue for almost £16,200 which is the reclaimed amount under the gift aid scheme!

A **BIG** Thank You to everyone who gives in this tax efficient way of giving. For More info, See Gail!

Calendar

WEEKLY GROUPS:

Parent & Baby Club (Mondays 9.30 – 11am in Church Centre)

Parent Time (Cell Group for Parents with Crèche: Monday's 1 - 2.30pm
tel: 92733068)

Youth Cell (Monday evenings: tel 92295739)

Tuesday Time Together (Praise and Prayer 10 a.m. in Church Lounge)

City Churches Prayer Meeting (Wednesdays 6.30 a.m.)

Beer and Bible (Wednesday, ask Kev or Rob)

Sunday Morning Worship with Children's Groups (see back page)

Sunday Suppers (food and friendship) + **Sunday Extra** (Sunday nights 6 to 7.15pm)

There are also a variety of **Small Groups** for adults for discipleship, prayer and support. Phone Church Office on 92829440 or you can find a [list of our currently running groups](#) on our website.

For **Youth and Children's Activities** speak to Jo Borley (92295739)

Other Events:

Wed 31st of Aug: Building Project Prayer meeting 7:30pm till 8:30pm

Sat 10th Sept: Church Building Project Gift Day, 10am-12noon, 2pm-4pm

Sat 17th Sept: Mini bus Trip to Oxford

If you would like more details of any of the events listed in 'Calendar' ... please phone the Church Office, open 10am - 12 weekdays. Or visit the Calendar on our website: www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk



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Sunday Services

Sunday, August 21st

10.30 AM Morning Praise
Service

6:30 PM Sunday Supper +
Sunday Extra

Sunday, August 28th

10.30 AM Morning Service and
Holy Communion

6:30 PM Sunday Supper +
Sunday Extra

Sunday, September 4th

9:30 AM KISS Service

11:15 AM Morning Praise with Godfrey Burthill

6:30 PM Sunday Supper + Sunday Extra

Sunday, September 11th

10.30 AM Morning Praise Service

6:30 PM Sunday Supper + Sunday Extra



Deadline for next newsletter – September 6th 2011

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Or email stsimonsnews1@yahoo.co.uk (attachments preferred)

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