



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### May sermon series

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Among the many things that I am looking forward to do at St Simon's, preaching is one of them. I have been praying for the last couple of months asking God to give me a message that He wants me to share as I begin my ministry at St. Simon's and with all of my heart I believe God has given me a message and for the next four Sundays (from my licensing) myself and Bob Mason will be sharing this.

This is a four-week series and it is called "The Great".

The Great God - 8th May  
His Great Plan - 15th May  
His Great Promises - 22nd May  
His Great Commission - 29th May

I believe and Pray during this four-week series that God will make his future plans for St. Simon's clear, therefore could I humbly urge everyone at St. Simon's to do everything you can to be there for all four Sundays.

Thank you very much. Susi

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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17th May Pentecost: Part 1 – God’s Promise!  
31st May Pentecost: Part 2 – What sort of Church? A 'Well' Church!

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## “Quiz and Chips”

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Immanuel Baptist Church is holding a Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper on **Saturday 14th May**, at 6.00 pm. Tickets are £8.00. Further details are available from St. Simon’s church office or directly from Immanuel Baptist Church.

## “Thy Kingdom Come”

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The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting churches to pray for the evangelisation of the nation during the week before Pentecost Sunday, **8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May**.

For details, please see the [announcement](#) and <http://thykingdom.co.uk/>

## Christian Aid Week 2016

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Christian Aid Week is **15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May** this year. Please consider which roads you might collect in – Sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time.



## Tea Dance on behalf of the Rowans Hospice

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**Sunday 15th May**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea.  
Dancing to Steve Kingsley DJ. Tickets are £8.50, to include scone jam and cream, tea or coffee. Please contact the church office for tickets.

## Mayville - GCSEs

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Mayville High School will be using the upper Church Centre for GCSE exams during the period **16th May to 27<sup>th</sup> June** inclusive. It would be very much appreciated if users of the lower Church Centre could keep noise to a minimum during these times please, thank you.

## Grub Club goes to Rocksby's

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Grub Club is going to Rocksby's Restaurant on the sea front for lunch, on **Wednesday 1st June**. Tables will be booked for 12.30 so please come along around that time. On Wednesdays there is a "Senior Citizens' Special" – for £6.99 you get three cod goujons, chips and peas, plus one scoop of ice cream, plus a cup of tea or coffee. I imagine this is available to those aged 60 or over, but of course if you are below that age, you can dine from their ordinary menu! Please contact Dinah Walters (023 9281 4599) if you would like to join us. Grub Club is simply the name given to the group of members of St Simon's and their friends, who enjoy good food and convivial company! All are very welcome to come along.

## "We'll Meet Again"

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A World War II tea / street party

1940's / Dad's Army fancy dress – WW II quiz – cucumber sandwiches / home-made cakes / sausage rolls – skits / Glen Miller Music / etc.

4.00pm – 6.00pm, Saturday 25th June

Tickets are £5.00, available from Andy Taylor or Louise Roulston-Thomas

## Social events

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The initial list of social events for January – June 2016 is available on the [website](#) and on the Welcome Table.

## Chris and Nadege Cowley

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Chris and Nadege with Timothy and Nicholas will be visiting Southsea from **24<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. If anyone is able to loan or rent suitable accommodation for the four of them, please contact Mick in the church office, thank you.

## **Every week**

**Little Shipmates** (Mondays 9.30 – 11 am, Church Centre, term time only)

**After School Church** (Mondays 3.30 – 4.45 pm, Church Centre, term time )

**Tuesday Time Together** (Praise and Prayer, 10 am in the South Room)

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

**City Churches Prayer Meeting** (Wednesdays 6.30am, at Oasis, Arundel Street)

**Youth Cell** (Thursday evenings at St. Jude's. Contact Babette – see below)

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

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

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

**Rhythm of Prayer** (Wednesdays at 6.00 pm and Fridays at 09.30 am)

**Starlight Theatre Academy** (Sundays 1.00-2.30 pm. Contact Babette)

There is also a variety of **Small Groups** for adults for discipleship, prayer and support. Phone the Church Office on 9282 9440 or you can find a list of our current groups on our website.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 am Morning Praise  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

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

10.30 am Shipmates Morning Praise  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

09.30 am Shipmates Service  
10.30 am Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

10.30 am Morning Praise  
6.30 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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