



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 5th June 2016

New sermon series

Our new sermon series start on 5th June:



If you do miss any of these sermons, recordings are available on the church website - <http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk/sermons/>

First Sundays of each month

Please note that services on the first Sunday of each month will be at 09.30 for Shipmates and 10.30 for Holy Communion. There will be no services at 11.15. This is effective immediately.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

14th June	Pentecost: Part 3 - The believers share their possessions
28th June	Pentecost: Part 4 – Stephen is chosen
12th July	After Pentecost: Part 1 – The Church Persecuted & Scattered, Business as Usual
26th July	After Pentecost: Part 2 – The First Gentile Convert

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Mayville - GCSEs

Mayville High School will be using the upper Church Centre for GCSE exams during the period **16th May to 27th 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.

Midsummer Mystery Tour

The bus is booked, the driver is on standby but where are we going? It's a mystery! Join us on **Friday 24th June** for a little drive out into the countryside for a meal at an English hostelry. Priority for a place on the minibus will be given to those without their own transport and a small charge of £2 will be made towards fuel costs. The bus will leave the church car park at 6 p.m. Anyone who wishes to drive independently will be given details of the venue on the night and can meet us there at about 7 p.m. There is a typical pub restaurant menu – starters from £4.50 and main courses from £9.95 Please contact Dinah Walters on 023 9281 4599 if you would like to join us. All are very welcome.

'orrible 'istories Evening

Gail and her team are once more treading the boards and going back to the past to provide an evening's entertainment for our delight! The theme this time is "Portsmouth through the Years". This event is at 7.30 in the Church Centre on **Friday, 1st July**. Tickets are £7.50, which includes a meal. Please contact Dinah Walters or the Church Office if you would like to come.

Minibus Trip to Wells, Somerset, Saturday 2nd July

There are 12 places available. A ticket confirms a seat at £8. Leaving from the church car park at 8.30 am, leaving from Wells at 4.00 pm. There will be a refreshment stop on the return journey.

Please see Geraldine or Anthea for details and to book a place.

Breakthru featured in Pompey Chimes

The June edition of [Pompey Chimes](#) features Breakthru.

"We'll Meet Again"

People wanted to come to our....

World War II Tea Dance

4.00 – 6.00pm
Sat 25th June 2016



**St Simon's Church
Southsea**

Tickets – £5.00

Cucumber
Sandwiches!!!

Support Your Tea Dance!!!



Short WWII talks /
Memorabilia
+
Mystery Guest

1940's Fancy
Dress

1940's music /
Quiz /
Prizes!!!

Tickets available either at St Simons or
leave message on 02393 070664



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.
Ticktes from Andy Taylor or Louise Roulston-Thomas

Social events

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

Chris and Nadege Cowley

Chris and Nadege with Timothy and Nicholas will be visiting Southsea from **24th June to 3rd 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.

Ride + Stride 2016

Ride + Stride will be taking place on **Saturday 10th September** this year. Julie Jamieson would be grateful to hear from anyone who is willing to help on the day on a rota basis.

Calling all bakers!

Cake donations would be very much appreciated for Sunday Suppers!

Behind the scenes of Sunday Suppers amazing people contribute their time and talents, to bless our wider community. Some of our regular contributors are unable to bake at the moment. If you would like to bake up a tray bake, tea loaf, or your signature dish it would be very much appreciated!

Please contact Lorna with any offers.

Calling all cooks!

Susi has suggested that we might like to organise a team of volunteers, who would be willing to make a meal for folk who have just had, for example, a baby or been in hospital, especially for people living on their own. If you are willing to be part of this team – and it would probably operate only occasionally – please let me have your names. Thanks. Sue Piper.

To everyone involved in leading/helping in Sunday services...

Among the many things that I am enjoying at St Simon's, "prayer before each Sunday service" is one of them. I believe this a very important ministry as we seek God's face before we start the service. So, could I kindly encourage everyone who is involved in leading/helping in the service to make every effort to join me and the rest of the team to pray before the start of each service. I am extremely grateful for everything you do and God is glorified by your commitment.

Job Vacancy – Caretaker/Verger

St. Alban's Church, Copnor (the new Harbour Church), has a vacancy for a Caretaker/Verger 12-15 hours per week. Please contact Mick in the church office for further details.

Job Vacancy – After School Club Deputy Leader

The Salvation Army in Albert Road has a vacancy for a Deputy Leader of their After School Club, 15 hours per week. The closing date is 24th June. Please contact Mick in the church office for further details.

Replacement car for the Bishop of Ho, Ghana

Portsmouth parishes are being asked to contribute towards a replacement car for the Bishop of Ho in Ghana, our link diocese in West Africa. Information leaflets and donation envelopes are available on the Welcome Table.

Visit of Children from Chernobyl

Children from the area of the 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster visit this year for respite and a wonderful experience, arriving on 22nd July and leaving on 19th August. There are 10 children coming – 6 girls and 4 boys, aged 9-12 years. If you would like to give a gift – new undies, clothes, smoke alarms and sewing kits (these can be bought for £1 from the pound shop) would really help. However, if you would like to give a money gift instead, please give it to me and I will pass it on. Thank you – Kathy Richardson.

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 5th June

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

Sunday 19th June

10.30 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 12th June

10.30 am Morning Praise
6.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 26th June

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



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