



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

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### Priest-in-Charge appointment

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The licensing of the Revd. Andy Finn as priest-in-charge of St. Simon's will take place at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 21st November** when his formal appointment will begin. Tea, coffee and cake will follow the service. The time of the service is now confirmed.

## National Prayer Weekend for our Community

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At St. Jude's church, **Friday 28th - 30th September**. 48 hours of prayer starting at 9.00 am. Prayer is powerful, join us in responding to God's call to love our neighbours and the people around us. Gather prayer requests from your neighbours and people in the local area and pray as an individual or with a small group. Opportunities to worship together on Friday and Saturday morning. Please save the date, sign up for a time slot and come and pray at St. Jude's.

## Job vacancies

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We have re-listed our two job vacancies with a new closing date of **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Please share this with anybody that you feel may be interested.

[Worship Leader advertisement](#)

[Youth Pastor advertisement](#)

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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2nd October    The 12 Disciples: Philip, Nathaniel, Matthew and Thomas  
16th October    The 12 Disciples: James, Simon and Juda

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Mayville Harvest donations

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Mayville High School are holding their Harvest service in church on the morning of **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, 10.00-11.00 am. They are likely to donate a large number of tins and other food to us. We need several volunteers to help with sorting and storing the tins after the service please, from about 11.00am. If you are able to help, please contact Lorna or Andrea.

## FREE to be

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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 11<sup>th</sup> October** at City Life Church, Tangier Road. Please contact Andrea Grainger if you are interested. Further details are available on the Care for the Family [website](#).

## ***Songs from the Shows for The Rowans Hospice***

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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**

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

## **Minibus trip to Bath**

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

## **Social Events**

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

## **Alms Fund proposals for 2019**

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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 18<sup>th</sup> November** ready for the PCC's decision on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Nomination forms are available on the Welcome Desk.

## **Notices during Sunday services**

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If you would like to arrange a notice to be given during a Sunday service, please contact the service leader **in advance** of the Sunday. This is to allow for proper preparation and to limit the time taken in the service. There may need to be occasional urgent exceptions to this of course. Thank you for your cooperation.

## October PCC meeting

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The October PCC meeting will be held on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** (instead of 22<sup>nd</sup>) in order to avoid any clash with half-term.

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> September

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 am Café Church

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](http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk)



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