



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 7th October 2018

Priest-in-Charge appointment

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.

It's a boy!

Congratulations to Yana and Geraldo who are now the proud parents of a baby boy born on Wednesday 17th September.

Caring for the marine environment

If you're reading this in time... St. Mary's Church is hosting a free half day Conference on **Saturday 6th October** from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm about caring for our oceans and marine life. Expert Guest Speakers will contribute. Event is organised by the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

16th October The 12 Disciples: James, Simon and Judas

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

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. 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

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 Bring and Share Lunch

Harvest Thanksgiving will be on **Sunday 14th October** this year. A bring-and-share lunch will follow the 10.30 service. Please bring a contribution for a cold buffet (sweet or savoury), cooked and ready to serve. Water and squash will be provided.

Minibus trip to Bath

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

Letting the Kingdom Come

A teaching and training day on Christian healing is being held at St Jude's Church on **Saturday, 27th October** from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. The Speaker is the **Revd John Ryeland**, Director of the Christian Healing Mission, and his particular focus will be on Prayer Ministry facilitating an encounter with God. The day is especially recommended for our own Prayer Ministry Team, but others are most welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be provided during the day, but participants need to bring their own packed lunch. A contribution of £7 is requested to cover costs.

Pre-booking is advised. Please see Bob for further details and an application form.

Minibus trip to Kingston

There will be a minibus trip to Kingston on **Saturday 24th November**. Please contact Anthea for details.

Social Events

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

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.

Notices during Sunday services

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

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

Graham Farr's funeral, donations

A total of £633.31 was given at Graham's funeral for Faith and Football. Thank you to all that donated.

Ride and Stride

Thank you to all that contributed in any way to Ride and Stride. A total of £419.80 was raised. St. Simon's will receive half of that amount.

Christmas Shoe Box Collection 2018

St. Simon's is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Child Shoe Box Collection again this year. Put simply, filled shoe boxes are sent to needy children around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

How you can help:

- 1) Pray for the whole project, particularly the children who will receive the boxes.
- 2) Pick up a leaflet and a box from the Shoe Box Table at church and pack your own box(es).
- 3) Donate items to go in the boxes via the Church Office.
- 4) Donate money to buy items to go in boxes via the Church Office.
- 5) Knit items to go in the boxes - knitting patterns on the Shoe Box Table.
- 6) Come to the Pack and Wrap Party on **Saturday 10th November** 2.30-5.00 pm in the Church Centre. Help wrap and pack boxes with the donated gifts, everything provided, just bring yourself!

Please read the leaflet carefully about what can and cannot go in a box and remember to include £5 per box to go towards postage.

For more information, see <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> or contact Ruth Taylor.

NB Closing date for completed boxes to be brought to church is **Sunday 18th November**.

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 7th October

9.30 am Shipmates
10.45 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 14th October

10.30 am Morning Praise
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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