



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018

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### Future dates for your diary

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Healing Training Day – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October

October PCC Meeting – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Shoebox Pack and Wrap Party – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Tearfund's Big Quiz Night - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Andy Finn's Licensing service - Wednesday 21st November

Empty Bowls Evening – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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30th October	The 12 Disciples: Judas Iscariot
6th November	Christian Character: Pig Food, Hugs, Kisses, Mariana Trench
20th November	Christian Character: Great riches, Blisters!

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## 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.

## Letting the Kingdom Come

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A teaching and training day on Christian healing is being held at St Jude's Church on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Empty Bowls Evening – Make a Bowl

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On **Saturday 27th October** there is an opportunity to help make bowls for the Empty Bowls Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This is a slab-making session with a taster session on the pottery wheel. There are two sessions, 10.00 - 11.45 am and 11.30 - 12.45 pm, with no more than 10 people per session. These are free. This will be held at the Omega Centre, Omega Street. Please wear suitable clothing - it will get dirty. Children are welcome but must be accompanied 1-1 by a responsible adult. If you would like to book a place, please pass your name to the church office.

## 'Orrible 'Istories evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

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Unfortunately we have had to postpone this event, which we hope will take place sometime early in 2019.

## Barn Dance at St. Jude's

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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Barn Dance at St. Jude's church. Various food options. Tickets are £7.80 with food, £4 advanced entrance only, £5 on the door. Please see fliers on the Welcome Desk for more details and to make your booking.

## Minibus trip to the Poppy Factory at Richmond

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On **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** Dave and Anthea are running a trip to the Poppy Factory in Richmond on where the Remembrance poppies are made. The bus will leave at about 8 a.m. to get there in time for the 10.30 tour of the factory. This will be followed by an afternoon in Kingston-upon-Thames for lunch and shopping, leaving for home about 4 o'clock. Please book your place with Anthea or Gail as soon as possible. There will be a modest charge for minibus fuel but the factory visit is free, though they would of course welcome donations for their worthy cause.

## Tearfund Big Quiz Night

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**Saturday 17th November** with arrivals from 7 p.m. for a 7.45 p.m. start. St. Simon's church is hosting a quiz night as part of the Tearfund Big Quiz Night, billed as "an epic evening of poverty-fighting fun"! For one night only, churches and other groups up and down the country will be taking part in the biggest multi-venue nationwide quiz ever. Tearfund is a Christian charity that is passionate about ending poverty and responds quickly when disasters strike. Tickets will be a mere £5 because we are not providing food - instead, players are invited to bring their own drinks and snacks for the evening. It's a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours to come and make up a team of up to eight. The questions are all provided by Tearfund and will be answered by everybody taking part at every venue. Tickets will be available from Dinah Walters and the church office very soon.

## Minibus trip to Kingston

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Christmas Grub Club

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Christmas Grub this year will be on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at the Duke of Buckingham, High Street, Old Portsmouth. Tables are booked at a slightly earlier time than usual, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Please see the menu [on the website](#) or the Church Centre noticeboard, showing £20 for three courses. We have negotiated a special price of £15 for two courses. If you would like to come, a deposit of £5 is needed to secure a place. Please contact Dinah Walters for more information and to book.

## 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.

## 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.

## **Graham Farr's funeral – a message from Claire**

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I would like to thank, so very much, those of you who sent cards, flowers and came to Graham's funeral. My thanks also go to those of you who made donations to Faith & Football, and those who played a part in the service, from setting the chairs out, to behind the scenes work, to playing in the music group, to clearing the buffet away and tidying the Church Centre and countless other things. I am also aware that many of you have been praying for me, which has been so much appreciated. I have very few memories of that day, but I do know that there were many people who contributed to making Graham's funeral a fitting tribute to the wonderful man that he was and I am grateful to each one of you for everything you did. He made an impact on many lives, both young and old, and he will be very sadly missed.

## **Christmas Shoe Box Collection 2018**

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St. Simon's is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Child Shoe Box Collection again this year. Full details were given in the previous Newsletter.

The Pack and Wrap Party is at 2.30 pm on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

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

## Christmas Shoe Box Collection 2018 - Drivers

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**OPPORTUNITY TO BE A VITAL PART OF  
GETTING SHOEBOX GIFTS TO NEEDY  
CHILDREN OVERSEAS!**

***Calling all drivers!***

**Operation Christmas Child** volunteer teams are looking for drivers to collect shoebox gifts from supporters across Portsmouth.

Are you being called to use your God given talents in this work? Could you spare a few days during November and December to play your part in getting these boxes to our processing centre in Milton so that they can be checked, packed and exported? Without willing people in these roles, boxes would not get to the children – ask your friends and families too. Please let us know by the end of October (latest) by emailing [david.gibbons@samaritans-purse.org.uk](mailto:david.gibbons@samaritans-purse.org.uk) Thank you.

### **“Growing Faith” course**

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Growing Faith (previously the Bishop’s Foundation Course) begins on **Wednesday 9th January 2019**. The course has been rewritten and simplified: it is now a 12-session course and no homework is required, just turn up.

If you have done a basic introductory course like Alpha and are looking to learn a little more, this course is for you. Some of the areas covered will be New Testament, Old Testament, Anglicanism today, faith and prayer, sacraments, ethics, who Jesus is and what he does.

Further details are available on the [website](#) or from the church office.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> October

10.30 am Holy Communion

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk)



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