



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 4th November 2018

Future dates for your diary

Shoebox Pack and Wrap Party – Saturday 10th November

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 11th November

Tearfund's Big Quiz Night - Saturday 17th November

Andy Finn's Licensing service - Wednesday 21st November

Empty Bowls Evening – Thursday 6th December

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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 the Poppy Factory at Richmond

On **Monday 12th 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

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

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

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.

Christmas Grub Club

Christmas Grub this year will be on **Thursday 13th 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

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

Christmas Shoe Box Collection 2018

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 10th 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**.

Cakes needed for Sunday Suppers

We have run out of cakes for Sunday Suppers and would be grateful for donations please. It would be really good if we could have as wide a selection as possible. Boxed is great, especially with a long date or home-made, especially if they can be frozen. It would also be great if people would like to bring in fresh and nicely iced ones on a Sunday. The cakes are a highlight to many who come into Sunday Suppers and say a lot about our generous hospitality and how much we care about those who come in.

As we are currently averaging high 40's on our count, volume is also very important! Thank you.

The Rowans Hospice

Thank you to everyone who attended the concert at St. Jude's Church on Saturday 13th October. Some of our favourite singers were absent, unfortunately, due to illness. The afternoon was enjoyed by many and the cakes and tea (included) followed with great success. The Total made for The Rowans Hospice was £650. Not bad for an afternoon's fun!

The Rowans has just launched a Silver Jubilee Appeal. Hoping to raise enough for refurbishment and replacement of some of the 'tired' parts of the Hospice. There are great plans to brighten up the building with more light and space. Please help if you can.

We are asking people to simply save all their 5 pence pieces for The Rowans Hospice. In fact any Silver is acceptable! Every little helps.

Sincere thanks for everyone's support. It is so much appreciated.

For more information about the Rowans Appeal please call Christine Banerjee on 023 9279 1519.

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 4th November

9.30 am Shipmates
10.45 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 11th November

10.30 am Remembrance Sunday
service
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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