



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 18th November 2018

Priest-in-Charge appointment

The licensing of the Revd. Andy Finn as priest-in-charge of St. Simon's by the Bishop of Portsmouth will take place at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 21st November** when his formal appointment will begin.

Light refreshments will be available from 6.00 pm.

Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

20 th November	Christian Character: Great riches, Blisters!
4 th December	Christian Character: Habits, Vim and Vigour
8 th January	Christian Character: Coffee, Broken Pottery
22 nd January	Christian Character: A Disposable Nappy, an Old Dog!

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

Minibus trip to Kingston

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

Nelson Mandela: His Life and Legacy

[Immanuel Baptist Church in Southsea](#) would like to invite you to a special talk by the Rev Colin Chambers marking the **Life and Legacy of Nelson Mandela**. Rev. Chambers served as Nelson Mandela's Chaplain during 8 of the years that Mandela was imprisoned at the Maximum Security Prison on Robben Island, and for a further 4 years whilst he was imprisoned at Pollsmoor Prison in Cape Town. In this, the 100th anniversary year of Nelson Mandela's birth, this retrospective is a unique opportunity to gain an insight into the events which shaped the life of South Africa's first black president. Please join us for refreshments before this free event: **Saturday 24th November, 2:30 p.m.**

Empty Bowls Evening

Tickets for the Empty Bowls Evening on **Thursday 6th December** are now available from the church office at £7.50 per person. The evening will run from 6.30 to 9.00 pm.

Mince Pie Sunday, Sunday 9th December

We traditionally invite church members to donate some mince pies to be given out over the Christmas period, notably for Carols by Candlelight. We would thus be very glad to receive any contributions on **Sunday 9th December**, in time for that service on Sunday 16th December. Please just bring them along place them in a box in the church centre. Thank you so much in anticipation.

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.

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.

Bishop's Lent Appeal - Thank You

The following has been received from Bishop Christopher:

I am immensely grateful for another outstanding year for my Lent Appeal and offer my thanks for the many events arranged and the generosity of gifts and donations. In excess of £26,000 has been raised for international and local charities committed to challenging and eradicating the trauma facing refugees and supporting them in times of distress and need.

The receiving charities will be presented with cheques at Evensong in Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday 18 November at 6pm. You and others from your parish are welcome to be present for the service and reception.

With thanks for our partnership in the Gospel.

Shoebox Pack and Wrap Party 2018

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the 2018 Party and Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Collection. 53 boxes were wrapped and filled on the day. A good result! Thank you again, Ruth Taylor

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.

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Services at St. Simon's

Sunday 18th November

10.30 am Holy Communion

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Wednesday 21st November

7.00 pm The Licensing of

Rev Andy Finn as Priest-in-charge

Sunday 25th November

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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