



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### 2019 Annual Meetings and Church Membership Lists

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The 2019 annual meetings will be held on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. There will be a bring-and-share lunch 11.45-12.30 and the meetings will start at 12.30.

Associated with the annual meetings, this year we are renewing (as opposed to simply revising) the church electoral roll and the church membership list. This process is now in progress. If you wish to have your name on either the new electoral roll or the new membership list, please complete an application form. You must do this by **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** at the latest.

Electoral roll forms must be completed on paper.

Membership List forms may be completed on paper or [online](#).

All documents and forms are available on the Welcome Table, the [website](#) and on request from the church office.

Formal notices are in the notice case outside the north door.

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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19th February - Christian Character – Shutting up, jumping for joy?

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## Men's and Ladies' events, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

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Men's breakfast, 08.30 a.m. at the Tenth Hole Tearooms, organised by Cliff Gollidge

Ladies' Afternoon Tea. We invite the ladies of St. Simon's to meet at 3 p.m. at the D-Day Story Museum café on the seafront for tea, coffee, cake and chat. Lois will be there to save some tables so don't leave her lonely! Just come along - no need to book.

## Safeguarding Refresher training

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Jill Kingston from the diocese will be running a C5 Safeguarding Refresher session at St Jude's on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. If you need to do your refresher training and are available that morning, you are welcome to attend. If you do wish to attend, please book with St. Jude's church office.

## Ladies' SAS (Share a Skill) Night

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Save the date! There will be a ladies' evening on **Friday 8th March** in the Church Centre. It will be a social with a supper of some kind and a chance to demonstrate and share skills. If you have a talent that you would like to share with others, please contact Gail Chipperfield or Dinah Walters. We'd love to hear from anyone who can contribute. More information in due course.

## 'Orrible 'Istories Evening

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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – make a note of the date. Tickets available soon.

## Work Morning

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A further Work Morning is planned for **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. This is an opportunity to help clean, repair and restore the church building that we all depend on, and perhaps to meet other members of the congregation that you don't know so well. All work will be appropriate.

## Social events

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The [list of social events planned for the first half of 2019](#) is now available on the website and the Welcome Table.

## Mission Team

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Ruth and Geraldine would welcome a few new people to join with them on the Mission Team. If you're interested please speak to either one of them.

## Safeguarding Training

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New dates for safeguarding training have now been loaded on to the Diocesan Website and places can be booked online by clicking [here](#) and choosing the training that you require.

## The Pastoral Team

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If you've heard of the Pastoral Team you may wonder what they do. They are a small group invited by the vicar to support him in pastoral ministry and related matters. They meet on most Wednesday mornings and as well as considering individuals who are new to the church or who have known pastoral needs they pray for one of their number. They also back up the Home Group Co-ordinator by keeping a link with the home groups, and they back up the Care Home ministry by having a focus on the care homes every quarter, when the people in care home ministry join them. They would be glad to know of any church members experiencing pastoral needs, so please pass these, either about yourself or others, to Mick in the office. In the course of considering and praying for pastoral concerns the Pastoral Team occasionally recognises temporary financial needs, and can recommend a contribution from the 'Help Fund' to an individual. Current members of the Pastoral Team are: Andy Finn, Phil Gower, Bob Mason, Mel Mason, Michael Piper, Sue Piper, Kathy Richardson and Ruth Warner.

## **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 3.45-5.15 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 10<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 am Holy Communion

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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To give information to the Pastoral Team about a pastoral need please ring or e-mail the Administrator



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