



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 24th February 2019

Discipleship Lent Course

Over the 5 weeks in Lent we are exploring the theme of Discipleship as a church. Home groups will be looking at themes, following on from the sermons on Sundays. For those **not in home groups** there will be a chance to discuss these themes on Thursday nights with Andy and Hilary for 5 weeks at 7:30pm.

The 5 Thursdays will be:

14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April, 11th April

A venue will be decided once I know the size of the group. If interested please sign up at the back of church or contact vicar@stsimons-southsea.org.uk.

Andy Finn

Safeguarding Refresher training

Jill Kingston from the diocese will be running a C5 Safeguarding Refresher session at St Jude's on **Tuesday 5th 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

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.

Alpha Course

St. Margaret's Community Church is running an Alpha Course, starting **Thursday 14th March** – further details are available on the [diocesan website](#) or direct from St. Margaret's.

'Orrible 'Istories Evening

Friday 15th March – make a note of the date. Tickets available soon.

Grub Club Curry Night

Grub Club is going to The Spice Merchant on **Friday 22nd March**. Please book a place with Lois if you wish to attend.

St. Simon's Board Game Café

3-5 p.m. **Saturday 30th March** in the church centre. This is an exciting new social event for all of us who enjoy playing traditional board games, for everyone of school age and above. Come along and learn some new games or refresh yourself on old ones! Board games will be provided and you can teach others or learn some you've not played before. If you've got a game you really like, bring it along and share it with others. Help will be available with all games, so just come along and join in. Tea, coffee and cake will be for sale on a pay-as-you-go basis. Tickets are £1 each and will be available soon from Dinah Walters and Ruth Taylor. See you there for a fun afternoon!

Work Morning

A further Work Morning is planned for **Saturday 6th 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 at an appropriate level.

Church Membership Lists

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 7th 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.

If you complete an electoral roll form please ALSO complete a membership list form. This is needed for data protection purposes.

2019 Annual Meetings

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

Pentecost Sunday 9th June

A date for your diaries – in conjunction with the [Thy Kingdom Come](#) initiative, on Pentecost **Sunday, 9th June**, there will be a diocesan-wide event in the grounds of Portchester Castle. A picnic will be held at 1.00 pm followed at 2.30 pm by worship and prayer in a number of different styles. More background information is available now on the [diocesan website](#) and further details will follow nearer the time.

Social events

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

Safeguarding Training

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.

Job Vacancy – St. Luke's

St. Luke's church is looking to appoint a Curator of a co-working space there. Details are available on the [diocesan website](#). The closing date is **Sunday 10th March**.

Job Vacancy – St. Jude's Nursery

St. Jude's Nursery is looking to appoint a Cleaner, term time only, 11 hrs per week at £8.75p/h. Monday – Thursday 2 hours per evening, Friday 3 hours. Working hours are between 5.30-9 pm. This post is subject to a successful enhanced DBS and references. For more info contact Mrs Glanville on 023 92 821726.

Job Vacancy – St. Jude’s Church

St. Jude’s is looking to appoint a full-time Worship and Communications Lead. For further details, see the [New Wine website](#). Closing date is 18th March.

Job Vacancy – North End Baptist Church

NEBC are recruiting a Food Bank Manager for 9-10 hours per week. Details are available direct from the church or via St. Simon’s 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 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 24th February

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 3rd March

09.30 am Shipmates

10.45 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



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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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