



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

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

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### Discipleship Lent Course

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Today sees the start of our Lent series 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, starting Thursday this week with Andy and Hilary for 5 weeks at 7:30pm. The 5 Thursdays will be: 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April and 11th April. The groups will meet at the vicarage.

If interested please sign up at the back of church today or contact [vicar@stsimons-southsea.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stsimons-southsea.org.uk).

Andy Finn

## Molly Treagus

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The funeral of Molly Treagus will take place on **Wednesday, 13th March** at 3.15pm at The Oaks, Havant Crematorium, Barton Road, Havant, PO9 5NA. After the service, friends and family would be welcome at the Regency Care Home, St. Helen's Parade (opposite Canoe Lake), for refreshments.

## Alpha Course

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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.

## Open Church Feedback

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In addition to the e-mail request for feedback on Open Church, there will be a short opportunity to discuss this after the service on **Sunday 17th March**. If you were a volunteer at Open Church this year, please consider attending.

## Tuesday Bible Alive – future dates

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19 <sup>th</sup> March	Our Creator God - God's Being
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Our Creator God – God's Character
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Our Creator God – The Fatherhood of God

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Church Lounge.

## 'Orrible 'Istories Evening

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

## Grub Club Curry Night

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

## St. Simon's Board Game Café

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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

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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 at an appropriate level.

## Church Membership Lists

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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.

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

## Maundy Thursday

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St. Luke's will be hosting a joint service and Passover meal on **Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. Further details will follow.

## Easter

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Other Easter services will include a Walk of Witness on Good Friday morning followed by the An Hour at the Cross meditative service at 2.00 pm. On Easter Sunday, there will be an early sunrise service and an all-age service of Holy Communions at 10.30.

## Southsea Skiffle Orchestra

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Hilary Poley is playing ukulele with the orchestra when they come to St. Simon's to entertain the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. Hilary has a few special invitations. Please ask her for one if you would like to come.

## 2019 Annual Meetings

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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.

## Pentecost Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

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A date for your diaries – in conjunction with the [Thy Kingdom Come](#) initiative, on Pentecost **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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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.

## 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.

## Bishop's Lent Appeal 2019

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### **Supporting people, especially children and young people, with mental health difficulties**

The focus of this year's Lent Appeal will be **Mental Health**, and the support of people, especially children and young people, with mental health difficulties. The main charity we are supporting in 2019 is Heads Together, a mental health initiative spearheaded by The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, which combines a campaign to tackle stigma and change the conversation on mental health with fundraising for a series of innovative new mental health services.



## **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> March

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

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

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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