



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Easter Services and Events

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#### **Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

19.00 Joint Passover Meal at St. Luke's. No charge, but booking in advance is required by 14<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00 am Walk of Witness starting at 10.00 am from South Parade Pier (time to be confirmed) to Palmerston Road precinct.

2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross meditative service at St. Simon's.

#### **Easter Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

09.30-11.30 am Easter Garden family event.

#### **Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

06.00 am Sunrise Service on the beach behind the Pyramids.

10.30 am Easter Sunday Holy Communion service (all-age) at St. Simon's.

## 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 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. Coffee and croissants will be served! Come along from 09.00 am.

## The Mark Drama

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[The Mark Drama](#) is a dramatic telling of the whole of Mark's Gospel in 90 minutes. It is a theatre-in-the-round performance at 7.30 pm on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April** at St. Jude's Church. A good opportunity to invite your friends. Tickets are free, but should be booked via St. Jude's church office. Note that this is not suitable for under-8-year-olds.

## Church Membership Lists

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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.

## Easter Egg Donations

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As in previous years, the Portsmouth Deanery is collecting donations of Easter eggs for needy children and young people. Donations of eggs should be made to St. Mary's church or St. Faith's church by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** please.

## Easter Service at Alexandra Court

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We have been invited to take an Easter service to the residents in Alexandra court at 3:00 pm on **Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. It would be good if a few members of the congregation could come and make up a small team to talk to the residents and join in with the singing. If you are able to help with this then please could you let Michael Piper or the church office know. Many thanks.

## Maundy Thursday Passover Supper

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St. Luke's will be hosting a joint Passover Supper on **Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.00 pm. The meal will include lamb tagine and couscous. There is no charge, but numbers are required by **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Table. The food is gluten- and dairy-free; please indicate if would like a vegetarian option.

## 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.



Donation envelopes are now available on the Welcome Table.

### 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.

A sign-up sheet for the lunch will be available in due course on the Welcome Table. This will be a savoury one-course lunch due to time constraints - finger food only please, no salads. We will be using disposable plates and no cutlery.

Nomination forms for churchwardens and PCC members are now available on the Welcome Table.

### 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.

## **In the Arena, men's event**

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Care for the Family presents *In the Arena*, an event for men, at City Life Church, Tangier Road on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30 pm.

“As men, we all encounter challenges that can test our resilience and character. But God has called us to live our lives with perseverance - to run the race set before us. So what does that look like for us today? We'll be tackling critical areas of everyday life such as relationships, sexual temptation, work, time and money.”

For further details and to book tickets, please see the [Care for the Family website](#).

## **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 - 5.30 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 24<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 am Morning Praise

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

10.30 am Mothering Sunday

Café Church

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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