



## St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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### 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 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**

05.45 am Sunrise Service on the beach behind the Pyramids.

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

## The Mark Drama

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If you are reading this in time, [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. This is intended as an 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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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**, is the last opportunity to add your name to the electoral roll before the annual meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

The new electoral roll will be displayed for two weeks from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Any errors or omissions should be notified to the church office please.

## Lunch Club

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Lunch Club is going to the Brewhouse and Kitchen (previously the White Horse), Southsea Terrace, at 12.00 on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. The [lunch menu](#) is available online. Please contact Phil Gower to book a place.

## New Church Locks and Keys

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Locks to the external church doors will be changed on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. If you are an existing key holder, please return your current key to the church office.

Keys to the new locks will only be issued with the personal approval of Andy Finn. If you have a need to hold a key to the new locks, please complete a request form, available from the church office, and submit it to Andy for approval.

## Lent Lunch

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A Lent lunch will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** at Chris Teuten's house, from 12 noon onwards. £5 for three courses, proceeds to general church funds. Tickets are available from Dinah Walters.

## 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.

## 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 is available 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.

## Annual Review Response Forms

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During our series on Discipleship in Lent we encouraged the congregation to undertake an annual review of giving. The sermon is available to listen to on our [website](#). A [leaflet](#) is available to explain the annual review together with a [response form](#). There are copies available at the back of church or online [here](#).

Please could you return your response forms to the treasurer Gail Chipperfield (via the Church Office) by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.

## Tea Dance for The Rowans Hospice

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The annual Tea Dance to raise funds for The Rowans Hospice will be held 2.00-5.00 pm on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at the Royal Beach Hotel with DJ Steve Kingsley. Tickets are £10 to include a cream tea, available from Christine Banerjee.

## 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)

**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 7<sup>th</sup> April

09.30 am Shipmates Service

10.45 am Holy Communion

6.00 pm Sunday Supper

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

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](http://www.stsimons-southsea.org.uk)



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