



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 12th January 2020

Just One 2020

As we journey from Christmas to Easter, it is worth remembering the Just One Event which will be held in Portsmouth Guildhall on the 4th and 5th April 2020.

J John who will be speaking at the event has an appealing style and powerful way of sharing the good news. We are encouraged as congregations across the city to attend and take one friend with us. Tickets are £5 and already available. Please see Andy if you would like some.

It would be good to think about who that friend might be now and get the date in your diaries. Please be praying about this and perhaps having that conversation with a friend.

Inside the newsletter you will find details of the Natural Evangelism course which will help us to share faith with our friends and is part of the Just One Event. There are also opportunities to pray for this event listed inside.

Please be praying for this great opportunity in our city.

Natural Evangelism Course

A simple yet insightful training programme for anyone wanting to be more effective in friendship evangelism. St Margaret's Church, Highland Road, PO4 9DD 9.30 am to 3.30 pm on **Saturday 11th January and Saturday 1st February**, as part of the preparations for the Just One event.

Men's Beer and Curry evening

The next Men's Beer and Curry evening will be on **Friday 17th January**. Meet at The Fifth Hants at 7.30 p.m. and then around 9 p.m. go for an Indian meal. Please contact Cliff Golledge for more details.

An opportunity to understand more about Safeguarding within St. Simon's

Would you like to understand more about Safeguarding within St Simon's, if so you are invited to attend an interactive session that Vicky Bell (PSO) will be hosting on **Thursday 23rd January** at 8pm in the Church Lounge.

The aim of the session is to seek to explain how the paperwork, processes and procedures that have recently been introduced fit together and fit within the Safeguarding Policy that St Simon's has adopted as well as the House of Bishops Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

We'd hope that by the end of our time together those attending would have:

- Gained greater understanding and knowledge
- Have had the opportunity to ask any questions they may have
- Gained a sense of ownership of Safeguarding for themselves and the role they have to play in seeking to create and maintain a church that is safe for all
- Go away encouraged about the place that safeguarding has within the church

There will be a time of explanation as well as an opportunity to address any questions or concerns people may have.

Please leave your name on the list on the Welcome Table or email safeguarding@stsimons-southsea.org.uk if you hope to attend.

Thanks, Vicky

Just One – Prayer Meetings

Prayer meetings for the Just One event will be held as follows:

January

- 6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 14th - Portsdown Hill, Mick’s Burger Van
- 6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 21st - Portsdown Hill
- 9.30am-10.30am Saturday 25th - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
- 6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 28th - Portsdown Hill

February

- 9.30am-10.30am Saturday 1st - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
- 6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 4th - Portsdown Hill
- 9.30am-10.30am Saturday 8th - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
- 5pm-6pm Monday 10th - Chichester Theatre Car Park
- 6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 11th - Portsdown Hill
- 9.30am-10.30am Saturday 15th - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
- 6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 18th - Portsdown Hill
- 9.30am-10.30am Saturday 22nd - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
- 6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 25th - Portsdown Hill
- 9.30am-10.30am Saturday 29th - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps

Grub Club goes Chinese

The next Grub Club Chinese meal will be on **Friday 7th February** at the Noble House, Osborne Road. Please contact Michelle McGannan for details or to book a place.

Just One – 4th and 5th April 2020

The Just One event will be held in Portsmouth Guildhall on the **4th and 5th April 2020**. J John will speaking and we are encouraged to begin thinking and praying for “Just one” person who we may take along to hear his message across that weekend. In preparation for this event, there is a Natural Evangelism course being run across the city in 2019 and 2020. This is designed to help us think as a church about how we might tell others about Jesus and to journey alongside those who we might take to the event in April. There are some fliers on the back table of church with the dates on for 2019 and 2020. In early 2020, there will be a course running at St Margaret’s Church. Please be praying, thinking about someone who we may take to this event and/ or think about attending the evangelism course.

“Left to their own devices?”

Care for the Family presents *Left To Their Own Devices? – Confident Parenting in a World of Screens*. This is for parents, carers or anyone who is passionate about helping children navigate the digital world confidently. Katharine and Sim will enable you to power up your parenting for the online generation.

Much of modern society is dominated by the digital world, and our children are growing up with countless online possibilities at their fingertips. It’s an exciting world for them to explore, but there are potential dangers. As parents and carers, it’s natural to want to protect our children from any pitfalls.

So what strategies can we adopt to ensure our children gain the benefits of being online, whilst developing a responsible relationship with technology?

7.30 pm on **Monday 4th May** at City Life Church, Tangier Road.

Tickets are £4 and may be [booked online](#).

Communion Linen

After many, many years of service, Pat Griffiths would like to hand over her responsibility for laundering the Communion linen. If you would be prepared to consider helping with this, perhaps on a rota basis, please contact the church office or Pat directly. The need is to wash, starch and iron the holy table cover approximately monthly or to arrange to have this done professionally.

Social Events January – June 2020

The [list of planned social events for January - June](#) is now available. Printed copies are available on the Welcome Table. **Please note** that this has been updated since the previous Newsletter.

Job Vacancy – Aggie’s

Aggie's, a forward-looking Christian Charity supporting the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and their families for 140 years, has a vacancy for a Lay Pastoral Worker to join the Chaplaincy team at HMS Collingwood, Fareham 18—22 hours per week, annual salary £8,999—£10,999. This exciting post calls for a Christian vocation with the ability to work effectively in a disciplined military environment. For a full recruitment pack visit www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies
Closing date: 26th January 2020, interviews during week commencing 10th February 2020.

Volunteer Dog Walkers wanted

The Cinnamon Trust (<https://cinnamon.org.uk/>) is a charity that helps retired people that are 65 years old and over, and the terminally ill in the latter stages of life. The trust helps with a variety of services including dog walking, and would love to have some new volunteers in the Southsea area. A Volunteer Registration Form can be downloaded from the website <https://cinnamon.org.uk/volunteers>

Next Meal

Next Meal (<https://nextmeal.co.uk/>) is a national list of organisations offering food and support to the homeless and hungry. This includes Sunday Suppers. A supply of business cards with the website address is available on the Welcome Table. These are designed to be given to people that you may come across in the street; please help yourself.

FairShare Pickup Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking to fill two vacancies on the rota for the FareShare pickup on a Saturday morning from Tesco in Palmerston Road and often also from Waitrose. This would entail one Saturday morning once a month, at about 8.30 a.m. Food needs to be collected from the back entrance of Tesco and from the loading bay of Waitrose, and taken into the church kitchen ready for Sunday Suppers the next day. Please contact Dinah Walters if you could help out with this on the rota, which is vital to the success of our outreach work.

Regular Events

Little Shipmates (Mondays 9.30 – 11 am, Church Centre, term time)

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 12th January

10.30 am Morning Praise

5.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 19th January

10.30 am Holy Communion

5.30 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



Useful Contacts:

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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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