



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 26th 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.

Just One – Prayer Meetings

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

January

6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 28th - Portsmouth Hill

February

9.30am-10.30am Saturday 1st - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 4th - Portsmouth Hill
9.30am-10.30am Saturday 8th - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
5pm-6pm Monday 10th - Chichester Theatre Car Park
6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 11th - Portsmouth Hill
9.30am-10.30am Saturday 15th - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 18th - Portsmouth Hill
9.30am-10.30am Saturday 22nd - Portsmouth Guildhall Steps
6.30am-7.30am Tuesday 25th - Portsmouth 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**. Please be praying, thinking about someone who we may take to this event.

“Left to their own devices?”

Care for the Family presents *Left To Their Own Devices? – Confident Parenting in a World of Screens* at 7.30 pm on **Monday 4th May** at City Life Church, Tangier Road. Details in the previous Newsletter. 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.

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.

Job Vacancy – Cleaner at Portsmouth Cathedral

Part-time Cleaner required

to work in the Cathedral, Cathedral House and Cathedral Offices as part of a small team of staff and volunteers.

Six hours per week worked Tuesday and Friday 9.00-11.00am and alternate Saturdays/Sundays 8.45-10.45am plus occasional overtime.

£9.00 per hour. Generous holiday allowance.

Details and application form from the Cathedral Offices:

023 9289 2963, email liz.snowball@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk
The Cathedral Offices, 63-68 St Thomas's Street, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2HA

Closing date for applications: 10am, Monday 27th January 2020

Job Vacancy – Parish Administrator at Waterlooville

St. George's Church at Waterlooville seeks to appoint a Parish Administrator for 7 hours per week at £9.50 per hour. Closing date is **Friday 7th February**.

Job Vacancy – Pastoral Worker with Aggie's

Aggie's has a vacancy for a lay Pastoral Worker to support Commodore RFA in HMS Excellent. 20 hours per week, annual salary £9,999. Closing date **16th February**. For details, please see <http://www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies/>

Taize Services at Portsmouth Cathedral

Taizé-style Night Prayer is a service for when you need some peace and quiet, when you might be seeking refuge in a hectic world, or you want a time of stillness and reassurance. We meet in the Cathedral in St Thomas's Chapel at 8pm to sing beautiful chants and be led in prayer with a time of quiet reflection and meditation. The service usually lasts about 40 minutes. Dates for 2020 are:

26 January

23 February

29 March

26 April

31 May

28 June

26 July

27 September

25 October

22 November

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 26th January

10.30 am Morning Praise

5.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 2nd February

09.30 am Shipmates

10.45 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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Andrea Grainger (Children and Families Pastor) c/o 023 9282 9440

Mick Walters (Administrator) 023 9282 9440

To give information to the Pastoral Team about a pastoral need please ring or e-mail the Administrator

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