



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 9th February 2020

Prayer for St. Simon's

Before Christmas we had a couple of evenings when we gathered together to pray as a church. I would like to continue this as I feel it is an important part of our church life together. Everyone is welcome, we meet for an hour between 8 and 9pm in the church.

The dates for the coming months are:

26th February 2020

24th March 2020

22nd April 2020

20th May 2020

23rd June 2020

Each evening has worship, a short Bible study and then time for prayer. Please be aware that we will enter the church by the font door as the lower church centre will be in use.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Andy

Note: At this time there are some concerns around the roof in the prayer space. For the time being it will be out of use and prayer ministry will happen in the main body of the church.

Just One – Prayer Meetings

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

February

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

Geoffrey Cross' funeral

The funeral of the late Geoffrey Cross will be held in St. Simon's at 11.00 am on **Thursday 13th February**. The family would welcome support from anyone who remembers Geoffrey.

Ladies' Afternoon Tea at the D-Day Story Café

The ladies of St. Simon's are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee/cakes at 3 o'clock on **Saturday 22nd February**. It would be helpful, but not necessary, if you could let Dinah Walters know, so we can save tables.

Fairtrade Fortnight

At the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, we will be having a Fairtrade stall in St. Simon's on **Sunday 23rd February**. Please come prepared to buy Fairtrade goods. Any questions to Sue Piper, many thanks.

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be a short service of Holy Communion in church at 09.30 am on **Wednesday 26th February**.

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.

Annual Meetings

The two annual meetings, one to elect the churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will be held on **Sunday 26th April 2020**. Please put this date in your diary. Further details will follow.

“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](#).

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.

More FairShare Pickup Volunteers wanted

We are grateful to Paul and Linda for stepping in to fill a monthly slot. However it would be really helpful to have someone to cover in case the regulars are not available or can't find a swap. Please contact Dinah Walters if you could help out on an occasional basis.

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)

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.

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Services at St. Simon's

Sunday 9th February

10.30 am Morning Praise

5.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 16th February

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



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To give information to the Pastoral Team about a pastoral need please contact the Administrator.



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