



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 23rd February 2020

Just One – April 4th and 5th 2020

Please pray and be considering who you might invite to the Just One Event at Portsmouth Guildhall on the 4th and 5th April from 7:30pm -9pm.

Both the events are the same on each day so you could go on either Saturday or Sunday. J John has a unique and entertaining style of presenting the Gospel. Combined with music on the evening this should be a great event to invite those who don't know Jesus along to. There are flyers on the welcome table with information on.

As part of the event the organisers are looking for people to help steward or with the prayer response team at the event. If you think that you might be able to help with either of these then please let Andy or Mick in the office know as soon as possible.

Andy has a number of tickets for the event. They are priced at £5 per person. If you think the price will prevent you from coming then please see Andy or a church warden.

This is an exciting event for our city. Please be praying for J John and the team of organisers over the coming weeks.

Andy

Prayers for St Simon's

This **Wednesday (26th)** is our first prayer for St Simon's event of the year. We meet in the Church between 8pm and 9pm. This is an important part of our church life together. Everyone is welcome. Please be aware that we will enter the church by the Font door as the lower church centre is in use.

Just One - Prayer Meetings

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

February

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

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**. Any questions to Sue Piper, many thanks.

Funeral - Shirley Parker

The funeral of the late Shirley Parker will be held at St. Swithun's church at 10.30 am on **Monday 24th February**.

Ash Wednesday Service

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

Prayer Ministry Team meeting

The next Prayer Ministry Team meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 5th March** in the Lounge.

Film Screenings at the Kings Theatre

Come to the Kings Theatre for an exciting programme of relaxed film screenings. Each event includes film screening, free refreshments and live entertainment from actors, singers and musicians to help bring the film to life!

Doors and refreshments at 10:00 am, Screening starts at 10:30 am

Monday 9th March - Easter Parade

Monday 20th April - An American in Paris

Monday 18th May - South Pacific

Tickets £5 (Carers go free). To book your ticket please contact the Box Office 023 9282 8282.

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll is the formal list of church membership for those who are eligible. The annual revision will take place from **Sunday 22nd March** to **Sunday 5th April**. Please notify any changes to Mick in the church office. If you would like to add your name to the Roll, please complete an [application form](#) and return it to the office before 5th April. Your name should be on the Roll if you wish to attend the APCM (see below).

Service of Healing

There will be a Service of Healing at St. Cuthbert's Church on **Saturday 28th March** 2.00-3.00 pm with refreshments to follow. All are welcome to receive prayer for healing of every kind of need. Organised by the Portsmouth Deanery Healing Group.

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**. There will be a bring-and-share lunch after the morning service and the meeting will start at 12.30. The [Agendas](#), the [draft minutes from 2019](#) are now available on the church website. The nomination forms for Churchwardens, Deanery Synod members and lay members of the PCC will follow in the next week. These need to be with Andy by the 20th April. Finally, there will be a report and the accounts from the last year available after the next PCC meeting on the 23rd March. If you are coming to the meeting, please make sure you have read the report before coming to the meeting.

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)

Bible Alive (Alternate Fridays, 2.00 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.

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 23rd February

10.30 am Morning Praise

5.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 1st March

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



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



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