



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 8th March 2020

Lent

Our Lent course continues over the next couple of weeks as we think more about our call to care for creation. This week we think about the land that God has blessed us with. I encouraged us as a church to take time to learn, pray and then think about how we might act as a church in response to what we heard.

This series links up with the national Church of England Lent campaign. If you would like to find out more please see: www.churchofengland.org/lent.

Lent can be a real time of growth as we take time to stop and think about our relationship with God.

Just a reminder that there will be another opportunity to come together as a church and pray on 24th March. This will be in the church from 8-9pm. Please keep this date free in your diary.

Andy

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.

Church Administrator

The advert for a new church administrator is now live on the church website. Please be praying and feel free to pass this information to anyone who may be interested.

Maundy Thursday

On Maundy **Thursday, 9th April** St Simon's, St Luke's and St Jude's are joining together for a holy communion service, followed by a shared meal. Dinah and Gail have kindly offered to cater. The evening will start at 7pm with communion. Please let the office know if you would like to come, to help with numbers and if there are any dietary requirements.

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. Cards which could be used as invitations are available from the welcome table. Andy also has a few tickets available for the event. They are priced at £5 per person. If you think the price will prevent you from coming then please see Andy.

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 are also available. 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.

All-Age Service and Café Church

Next Sunday (**15th March**) will be an All-Age service with communion as we look at the final of the “I am” sayings. Our morning service on the 29th March will be a café church service. This will be the final in our Lent series.

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 8th March

10.30 am Morning Praise

5.30 pm Sunday Supper

Sunday 15th March

10.30 am All-Age 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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