



St. Simon's Church Newsletter

Sunday 5th April 2020

The week ahead

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and marks the start of Holy Week. This year Holy Week is going to feel very different as we cannot meet in the building to remember Jesus' journey that week towards the Cross. I would encourage us to spend time reading through the events of that week at home.

As part of Holy Week I will post a reflection each day from Monday to Friday to help us think through some of those events of that week. There will also be an all age celebration of Easter Day next Sunday – available on Facebook and shortly afterwards on the Church Website.

Many thanks to all those who are phoning people as part of our Pastoral Chain as well as those who are phoning each other anyway. Let us continue to hold each other in our community at this time.

From next week and for this period, the Newsletter will be combined with the Prayer letter to make one weekly email.

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Maundy Thursday

There will not be a service in Church on Maundy Thursday. There will be an online communion service at 7:30pm online via Facebook and available on our church website shortly after.

Annual Meeting

The current Church of England guidance regarding the APCM is that they should not take place at this current time. Arrangements will be made once restrictions are lifted.

Coffee Makers needed!

Would you be willing to help with refreshments on a Sunday morning on a rota basis please? (Obviously only once services have restarted!) We have an urgent need for more people to join those who help to create a welcoming, social atmosphere after services by providing tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. This doesn't even need to be once per month – occasional help would be appreciated and you can always do your duty with an experienced person. Any offers or question to Mick on the church office please.

Sunday Suppers

We are unable to host Sunday Suppers during the current period due to the new guidelines. Food from Sunday Suppers has been donated to community projects across the city. A list of food distribution points is available outside the Church entrance.

Regular Events

All regular events are suspended at this time.

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

**Public services, Activities and Groups
have been suspended at the current
time until further notice.**

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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