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#### **Prayer Diary**

#### Sunday 7th March

Give thanks that we've been brought into God's Kingdom through Jesus. Pray we now live lives of true love for God and true love for others (Mark 12v28-34).

#### Monday 8th March

Pray for those on the Christianity Explored course. Pray they will have all their questions answered in Jesus.

#### Tuesday 9th March

Pray for families who are using the Food Pantry at Bishop David Shepherd School. Pray they feel welcomed, pray they will receive all the help they need.

#### Wednesday 10th March

Pray the new people who have joined our church will feel part of our family and be able to get to know people and feel welcomed.

#### Thursday 11th March

Pray for our church family, for those who are struggling, through ill health, bereavement or from isolation due to Covid. Pray they will find comfort in God's presence and will know that He never leaves or forsakes us.

#### Friday 12th March

Pray for the work Open Doors is doing in Nigeria with Christians. Pray violence will end. Pray for comfort for believers mourning the loss of loved ones. Pray for healing for those who have been attacked. Pray the Nigerian Christians keep trusting in God, looking to him for the strength to carry on.

#### Saturday 13th March

Pray for our Junior Church Children as they are still not able to meet. Pray they will continue to hear about Jesus and His love for them. Pray their hearts will be open to the gospel, pray they will walk closely with Jesus every day of their lives.



## WELCOME

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11am Sunday Service Mark 12v13 - 44

#### COVID-19 & Services

Thank you for coming this morning - we're delighted to have you with us!

We've done everything we can to make our services as safe and welcoming as possible. We are required by law to wear masks inside the building, we have some disposable ones by the door if you have forgotten yours.

We ask that windows remain open and that you take this sheet away with you at the end of the service. Please follow the one-way system and leave by the Fire Exit at the front of the building.

Our services will continue to be livestreamed and available every Sunday via our website and YouTube Channel. Why not share the link with a friend or family member

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#### MARK 12 v 13 - 44

<sup>13</sup> Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. <sup>14</sup> They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay, or shouldn't we?" But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." <sup>16</sup> They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied.<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.

<sup>18</sup> Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. 19 "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 20 Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. <sup>21</sup> The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. <sup>22</sup> In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. <sup>23</sup> At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"24 Jesus replied. "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? <sup>25</sup> When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him. 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac. and the God of Jacob' ?27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!"

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."<sup>32</sup> "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. <sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, "Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? <sup>36</sup> David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." <sup>37</sup> David himself calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?" The large crowd listened to him with delight.

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. <sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

#### **LATER TODAY**

#### **Zoom Tea & Coffee**

Begins ten minutes after the 11am service ends. Meeting ID: 830 1421 7210; Passcode: StSimons Phone in: 0203 051 2874

#### **NEXT WEEK**

#### Sunday 14th March - Mark 13 v 1-37

In-person and live-streamed via our YouTube Channel. Children's activity packs will be available in the building and to download on our website. Email <a href="mailto:admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk">admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk</a> to book a place.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING 2021**

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 12.15pm

After the 11am service there will be a short break of 10 mins. You can attend in person (please book) or via Zoom (link to be provided). The Annual Report will be emailed, or we can provide you with a paper copy.

This year five people will be elected to the PCC along with the annual election of two wardens. Details of those wishing to stand can be found at the back of the church building.



## Is this your first time?

Hello & welcome! Please make yourself at home.

# Need anything? Ask one of our welcome team who will be pleased to

Young Children
Groups for 3-14s
happen during the
service. Please drop
your child off before
the service begins.
There is also an
unsupervised creche
room with sound
feed.

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Mobile Phones
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