Sermon Notes

Prayer Diary

Sunday 23rd May

Pray for each of us, single or married, to live out and encourage God's good design for marriage, as a picture of Christ's relationship to his people. (Ephesians 5v32).

Monday 24th May

Pray for Happy Mondays. Pray for friendships to develop and for more people to attend. Pray that Jesus will be spoken of easily and naturally in conversation.

Tuesday 25th May

Pray for the 13 clients now using the Food Pantry. Pray relationships will build with the volunteers and pray they will be able to sign post them to other services which might be helpful. Pray that tea & coffee can be served to help people feel relaxed and comfortable.

Wednesday 26th May

Pray for Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade as they plan to start back after half term. Pray for safety, for lots of fun, for good friendship and for the children to be receptive to hear the good news of Jesus.

Thursday 27th May

Pray for Wellfield Church. Pray for the curate Pete Harvey whose curacy has come to an end. Pray for the right church to for him to become vicar and pray that decision will be obvious for them as a family.

Friday 28th May

Pray for our church family, for those who are struggling, through ill health, bereavement or from isolation due to Covid. Pray they know 'the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 4:7

Saturday 29th May

Pray for the children using the creche. Pray they will settle quickly and enjoy making friends. Pray for the leaders, pray for energy and for creative ideas to help the children settle.



WELCOME

Sunday 23rd May 9am & 11am Pentecost Communion

Ephesians 5 v 21-33

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 11am service will be livestreamed and available every Sunday via our website and YouTube Channel. Why not share the link with a friend or family member?

Our Vision Statement "To call people into a loving community that follows Jesus Christ"

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EPHESIANS 5 v 21-33

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church - ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife. and the two will become one flesh.' ³² This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

Our church Weekend Away takes place from **Friday 3rd until Sunday 5th September 2021.** The weekend costs £65 per adult; £32.50 for 5-16s; and £10 for under 5s. However, if cost is a problem, please speak let us know.

Places are now limited so please contact Alex Swarbrick on <u>alex_swarbrick@hotmail.com</u> or 07762440311 by Monday June 7th if you were considering attending.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 30th May - Ephesians 6 v 1-9 "Being a Christian at home and at work" 9am & 11am Morning Service

The 11am will be livestreamed and will include a supervised creche as well as groups for children aged 3-14 in the hall. Please book in by emailing <u>admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk</u>

TRAINING COURSE – TASTER EVENING

The **North West Gospel Partnership** run training courses every year for anyone who wants to grow in their love of God and his word. On June 14th there is a free Taster Evening via Zoom to find out more.

Email <u>sara@northwestpartnership.com</u> to book a place or find out more.

BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' BRIGADE

Girls Brigade will start back on Tuesday 8th June 6.30-8pm. They will then start their summer activities. If you would like any more information, then please contact <u>melanieholmes@hotmail.com</u>

Boys Brigade will start back on Wednesday 16th June 6-7.30pm. If you would like more information, then please contact <u>lorna.norcross@yahoo.co.uk</u>

The first meeting of both groups will be in our church hall.

CHURCH PICNIC – JULY 4TH

After the 11am service the whole church family are invited to a bring your own picnic and BBQ at the Ascroft farm (April Dene, Taylors Meanygate, Hundred End, PR4 6XD). Please pray that it will be a wonderful chance to spend time together after months of restrictions.



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 help you.

Young Children

Groups for 3-14s are held in the hall during the 11am service. Please drop off children before the service begins and collect from the car park doors at the end. We also run a supervised creche for under 3s.

Hearing difficulties? A hearing loop is installed.

Mobile Phones Please turn them off or to silent.