Sermon Notes

Prayer Diary

Sunday 31st January

Praise God that he has reconciled us to one another through Christ. Pray we live out the unity we have as one body as we grow together (Ephesians 2v11-22).

Monday 1st February

Pray for those attending the Christianity Explored course this evening. As they about the problem of sin, pray for soft hearts.

Tuesday 2nd February

Pray for all who work in care, in hospital, care homes and those caring for people in their homes. Pray for renewed strength to keep going, pray for comfort when days are hard and pray for rest at the end of the day.

Wednesday 3rd February

As the number of deaths has gone over 100K, pray for families who have lost family members and friends over over the last year, pray for comfort and for them to lift their eyes to God, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

Thursday 4th February

Pray for the Food Pantry and the Foodbanks in our town. Pray for enough volunteers and enough food for demand. Pray for those who need the services, pray they will be given all the help they need. Pray that Gods love will be demonstrated to them in this practical way.

Friday 5th February

Give thanks for the tomato harvest in Sierra Leone. Pray the young people from New Hope Church will get involved in learning how to grow food and pray future harvests will be successful.

Saturday 6th February

Pray we will feel part of our church family, even though we are scattered, some of us in our homes and some in the church building. Pray we will reach out to each other and help each other feel less isolated.



WELCOME

Sunday 31st January 9am & 11am Sunday Service Ephesians 2v11-22

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?

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

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LENT BOOKS

An Ocean of Grace by Tim Chester

"An inspiring collection of daily devotions and prayers from great Christian writers of the past. These heart-warming words of saints of old exalt the grace and glory of Christ's work, and will encourage and inspire readers as much today as they did when they were first written.

Each daily reading has been selected, edited and introduced by Tim Chester to make these treasures accessible to every reader. They will help you reflect on Jesus in the run-up to Easter."

Meals with Jesus $\ensuremath{\mathsf{by}}\xspace$ by Ed Drew

"These simple 10-minute family devotions in Luke's Gospel explore Jesus' character through nine meals that he shared with people. There are different questions for 3-4s, 5-7s, 7-12s, teens and even parents, so the whole family can enjoy looking at the Bible together."

Both books are £5.50 and can be ordered by emailing <u>admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk</u> by Wednesday 10th February.

PRAYER MEETING

Church family prayer meeting – 7.30pm 2nd February A chance to gather and pray for our church, and world Via Zoom with no pressure to pray out loud. Meeting id: 829 7277 7456 Passcode: Prayer Dial in: 0203 901 7895

LATER TODAY

Zoom Tea & Coffee

Begins ten minutes after the 11am service ends. All are welcome to join for a brief time chatting in smaller groups. Meeting ID: 830 1421 7210 Passcode: StSimons Phone in: 0203 051 2874

NEXT WEEK

Sunday February 7th – Ephesians 3 v 1-13 Coming in person? Please book by contacting admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk or calling 07548193566.

The 9am will be an all-age service which those with children and young people are encouraged to come to. Both services will be livestreamed via the St Simon's and St Jude's with All Souls YouTube Channel.

EPHESIANS 2 v 11-22

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.



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 happen during the service. Please drop your child off before the service begins. There is also an unsupervised creche room with sound feed.

Hearing difficulties? A hearing loop is installed.

Mobile Phones Please turn them off or to silent.