Sermon Notes

Prayer Diary

Sunday 2nd May

Pray that Christians at St Simon's keep loving one another well because of who they are now as Christ's people (Eph. 5v1-2).

Monday 3rd May

Pray for Andy and the leadership of our church as they plan the rest of the year. Pray for clarity around the Covid restrictions and pray for wisdom.

Tuesday 4th May

Pray for parts of the world still ravaged by Covid. Pray especially for India. Pray for more medical supplies and for vaccines to be made available to them. Pray for those who have lost loved ones, for comfort and peace.

Wednesday 5th May

Pray for the children who usually come along to Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade. Pray they will want to come back when the groups start back again. Pray for opportunities for them to continue to hear the good news of the Gospel

Thursday 6th May

Pray for Schools Worker Trust and the work they are doing with Primary & Secondary schools in Southport. Pray their relationship education lessons will show the children Gods perfect plan for relationships and point them to Jesus.

Friday 7th May

Pray for our church family, for those who are struggling, through ill health, bereavement or from isolation due to Covid. Pray they 'hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful' Heb 10:23 **Saturday 8th May**

As we have the great privilege of being able to meet together without persecution, pray for Christians across the world who are unable to meet together. Pray they will still feel part of the body of Christ, pray they continue to grow in faith and in knowledge of God. Pray for an end to persecution.



WELCOME

Sunday 2nd May 9am & 11am Communion Service Ephesians 4 v 17 - 32

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 4 v 17-32

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ 'In your anger do not sin': do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you

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 9th May at 9am & 11am Ephesians 5 v 1-14 "What does the Christian life look like?"

The 11am will be livestreamed and will include groups for children aged 3-14 in the hall. Please book in by emailing admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

All our warmly invited on our Weekend Away, from **Friday 3**rd **until Sunday 5**th **September 2021.**

We're going to **Bassenfell Manor** where we'll enjoy spending time together as we listen to God's word in the beauty of the Lake District. Rev Mark Pickles will be speaking and all are welcome to join, no matter what your age or stage.

The team at Bassenfell have worked hard to make the centre 'Covid Secure', but by September the hope is only minimal restrictions will be needed. Visit <u>www.bassenfell.org.uk</u> to find out more about the current measures.

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.

To book contact Alex Swarbrick on <u>alex_swarbrick@hotmail.com</u> or 07762440311 by Monday June 7th.



ls 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. 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.