

# SANDY PARISH CHURCH - ST SWITHUN'S

**WELCOME!** - *Our doors are open to people from different backgrounds regardless of where they are in their faith or life journey.*

**25th November 2018**

**Please take away details of our regular services and activities from the information table.**

**This Newsletter is also available on the church website [www.sandyparishchurch.org](http://www.sandyparishchurch.org)**

## PARENTS and Children

We would like everyone to feel welcome and relaxed. If your child becomes restless please feel free to use the **area to the left** with toys and activity sheets.

**Creche in the Tower Room** at the back for babies and toddlers and is also a quieter space for mums.

**Please do not leave your children unsupervised in the church.**

## CHILDREN'S GROUPS 4+ -

the children's team would love to welcome them for activities in the Church Rooms after the start of the service.

## Memory verse for November:

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2 v 11

## Christmas Tree Festival 1st - 2nd December

Next weekend it is time for the Christmas Tree Festival.

We are looking forward to welcoming visitors to see the many trees decorated by local charities, organisations and businesses.

*Can you volunteer to help at the Christmas Tree Festival?*

*There are many different ways you can help so please sign up on the sheet on the information desk in church or contact*

*Corinne Hetherington 01767 681353*

*[sandytreefestival@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandytreefestival@yahoo.co.uk)*



## Services in December

(please note changes to usual service times)

### **Sunday 23rd December**

Services at 8.15am and 9.30am (no 11am service).

Lessons and Carols by Candlelight at 6pm

### **Sunday 30th December:**

Services at 8.15am and 9.30am only (no 11am service)



## BIBLE READINGS

### **November 25th**

Matthew 8 v 5 - 13 Acts 8 v 4 - 8

### **December 2nd - Advent 1**

Acts 8 v 9 - 17

### **December 9th - Advent 2**

Acts 8 v 26 - 35

### **December 16th - Advent 3**

Acts 9 v 1 - 18

### **December 23rd - Advent 4**

Acts 9 v 19 - 31

**Giving Friends** - We are so grateful to all who are able to give financially to help resource the ministry of the church and maintenance of our buildings either through regular donations or supporting of our fund-raising events.

Please take our Financial Giving leaflet home for details.

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## **MUSIC EVENTS**

### **REGULAR COFFEE CONCERTS**

**at 11:30am. Every first Friday of the month**  
with Luke Howard - Element String Quartet and Friends.  
Friday 7th December - Kayleigh Tir (viola)

### **Christmas Concert in aid of The Leprosy Mission**

**with the Stotfold Salvation Army Band, St Swithun's Primary School pupils  
and other local groups**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.**

Tickets £4 (children free) are available from Colin (01767 682032) or on the door.

### **Amici Singers Christmas Concert**

**Saturday 8th December 7.00pm**

### **St. Swithun's Singers Christmas Concert**

**Wednesday 19th December 7.30pm**

Tickets at the door £5

**Leprosy Mission Project 2018** is supporting the work of Premananda Hospital in Calcutta.

The target will be £17,405 to cover the annual salary of a doctor and two nurses to ensure that the Hospital can retain its excellent staff and continue to be a place of healing and hope.

**Current funds stand at : £15,332**

**Visit the Leprosy Mission Market Stall** - Friday mornings in the centre of Sandy.



**Christingle Service** Sunday 16th December 11am  
with a special collection for the Children's Society.

**Join the Christingle-making session on Saturday 15th December** from 10am in the church. Do come and help make the 150 Christingles, many hands make light work!

## **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES - December**

**Christmas Tree Festival Weekend** 1st - 2nd December

**Christingle** - Sunday 16th December 11am

**Carols by Candlelight (Town Carol Service)** - Saturday 22nd December 4pm

**Sunday 23rd December** - services at 8.15am and 9.30am (no 11am service)

**Traditional Readings and Carols** - Sunday 23rd December 6pm

### **Christmas Eve:**

**Carols around the Crib (Nativity Crib Service)** 3pm and 5pm

**Midnight Communion** - 11pm

### **Christmas Day**

**Communion Celebration** - 10:00am

**Sunday 30th December** - services at 8:15am and 9:30am only (no 11am service)