

Sandy Parish Church St Swithun's

10th February 2019

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

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

Exploring Christian Faith at St Swithuns

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal atmosphere.

Starting on **Sunday 10th March 6.30 - 8.30pm** and will run for **10 weeks (except 21st and 28th April), finishing on 26th May.**

Each evening includes a meal, a talk and discussion.

The Alpha course covers topics such as:

Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? How can I have faith? How does God guide us?

If you or anyone you know would like to attend, please speak to

Huw or Anna Davies or Mark or Denise Powell.

Invitation cards available - why not give to friends?



The Leprosy Mission -

This year we are linking with **'Heal Nepal' Appeal**

We are striving to raise **£20,060** which will fund the provision of five beds with medical care (£3,500 each) and eight reconstructive surgery operations with physiotherapy (£320 each) at TLM's Anandaban Hospital, Kathmandu.

All monies raised by us before 27th April will also be increased by UK Government Aid £1 for £1.

Events coming up:

Saturday 23rd February - Swimathon

Friday 8th March - Spring Quiz evening

Sunday 7th April - Sandy Ten Run

Tuesday 7th May - Outing to Highclere Castle
(Downton Abbey)

Full details from Colin (01767 682032)

You can also support by visiting the Friday Leprosy Mission stall in Sandy Market Square.

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.

The Tower Room at the back has some toys for toddlers and is also a quieter space for mums and babies.

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.

Bible Readings

10th Feb - Acts 13:1-3

17th Feb - Acts 13:4-12

24th Feb - Acts 13:13-17, 20-23,
26-32, 38-39, 42-43

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.



REGULAR MUSIC EVENTS

COFFEE CONCERT'S
at 11:30am.
every first Friday of the month
with Luke Howard and the
Element String Quartet and Friends.

Donations for St. Swithun's and The Leprosy Mission.

The St. Swithun's Singers

Our friendly community choir always welcomes
new members.

Rehearsals are on **Mondays at 7.30pm**
in the Church Rooms

For more details - Elizabeth Gammell. 01767 681883

Join our Easter Choir!

Would you like to help us perform
a song at our
Easter Day Joint Service?
Sunday 21st April at 10am

Rehearse in March (45mins) Friday evenings
More details to come or speak to
Anna Davies & Elizabeth Gammell

Don't forget to prepare for our
Easter Hat competition!
Showing on Easter Day 10am



Snowdrops!

We are not quite up to the
standard of Anglesey Abbey
but our snowdrops are
just showing their heads
by the flagpole.

Many thanks to all who
donated them. We will
watch them multiply!

Join a Small Group at St. Swithun's

Small Groups meet others, grow in faith and learn about following Jesus
today through simple Bible exploration, discussion, prayer, friendship &
food. Small groups can be of all shapes and sizes, meeting
at mutually convenient times.

If you are interested in being part of a small group, perhaps even hosting
one, please speak to Huw Davies, or contact us at the Church Office:
office@sandyparishchurch.org

We are no longer collecting used glasses for Vision Aid. Thank you for all
your donations. If you still have glasses to donate please ask at your local optician.

New Wine 2019 - a Christian church festival week at the East of England Showground, Peterborough.
We will be going to week 1: 27th July to 3rd August.

If you like contemporary music in worship you will love it, if you don't, there are quieter alternatives.
There is so much to see and experience, lots of life, very good teaching and over 100 seminars, worship
and prayer, many charities and missions represented. Fantastic sessions for children and young people,
family fun and entertainment, takeaway food, BBQ's and more...

If you are interested in coming with the church group for the week or a day visit speak to Huw or Anna.
www.new-wine.org/week-1

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 6th March - Ash Wednesday - Communion service at 7pm
Sunday 31st March - Mother's Day
Sunday 14th April - Palm Sunday
Thursday 18th April - Maundy Thursday
Friday 19th April - Good Friday
Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday - joint service at 10am.

Important date:

St Swithun's Annual General Meeting Sunday 28th April at 4.00pm
Everyone invited. More details soon.

NewWine
Local churches changing nations
27th July - 3rd August
(Week 1)