

Sandy Parish Church St Swithun's

10th March 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

Exporing 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?

Information and registration details at the back of church or on the information table.

Why not give an invitation card to friends?

Alpha

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.

Memory verse

*All of you are God's children because
of your faith in Christ Jesus.
Galatians Chap 3 verse 26*



St Swithun's Annual Meeting (APCM)

Sunday 28th April 4pm

Everyone is welcome to attend this important meeting to hear the reports on church activities and events in 2018, including the financial report.

Members of the Electoral Roll will have the opportunity to elect members to the Church Council (PCC).

There will be time for us all to talk together and hear each others thoughts on the vision for the future of the church.

If you consider St Swithun's to be your church and you would like to be on the Electoral Roll (which will enable you to vote at the meeting) please complete an Electoral Roll form from the information table at the back of church.

Please return to a church warden, a member of the welcome team or to **Church Office, 34 High Street, Sandy, SG19 1AQ by 24th March.**

If you are unsure if you are already on the Electoral Roll, please see the current list on the information table.

Bible Readings

10th March - Acts 14 : 1-7
17th March - Acts 14 : 8-15 & 19 - 20
24th March - Acts 14 : 19 - 28
31st March - Acts 15 : 5 -12

Small Groups meet in homes during the week to share and talk about Bible passages together enjoy food and friendship.

Ask for details of a Small Group

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.

Deanery Lent Services

During Lent there will be special evensong services held in various churches around Sandy at **6pm**.

10th March - St Andrews Biggleswade

17th March - All Saints Great Barford

24th March - St Swithuns Sandy

31st March - St Lawrence Willington

7th April - St Johns Cockayne Hatley

A collection will be for **CHUMS**, whose mission is to improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people enabling positive and fulfilling lives. www.chumscharity.org

Lent Lunches - Fridays:

15th, 22nd, 29th March & 5th & 12th April
12 noon at the Baptist Church Hall

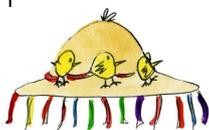
Donations to Christian Aid



Join our

Easter Day Choir

Rehearsals Fridays 8pm here in the church.
For more details speak to Luke Howard



*Don't forget our
Easter Hat competition!*

Easter Day Service 21st April 10am

Date; for the diary:

Sunday 31st March - Mother's Day
Sunday 14th April - Palm Sunday

Thursday 18th April Maundy Thursday - Last Supper 7pm
Friday 19th April - Good Friday - Walk of Witness 10.30am
from Sandy Methodist, finishing at St. Swithuns
Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday - joint service at 10am.

Important date:

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Regular Music Events at St. Swithun's

Coffee Concerts at 11:30am

every first Friday of the month
with Luke Howard and Friends.

Donations for
St. Swithun's and The Leprosy Mission



East Bedfordshire Chamber Choir

Two French Requiems - Faure / Durufle

Saturday 16th March at 7:30pm
£10 (Concessions £5) at the door

Piano - the grand piano in the church is suffering from old age and is no longer able to be tuned properly. It is also unstable. Therefore it will be removed from the church and replaced with a newer model. Please speak to the Rector if you have any comments on this.

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 and eight reconstructive surgery operations with physiotherapy at TLM's Anandaban Hospital in Kathmandu.

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

Current fund raised: £2,328

Spring Quiz Competition - 'Check-it-Out' - Quiz sheets at £1 each are available from Elinor Groom or Colin Osborne and will be match-funded £ for £ by UK Aid

Fundraising Events:

Sunday 7th April - Sandy Ten Run

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

Full details from Colin (01767 682032)

3-wheeled walking aid: Please would you check if you have your own 3-wheeled push-along (or check with anyone who you know might have brought theirs to church) as there has been a slight mix up. Please contact the church office with any details. Thank you