

Sandy Parish Church St Swithun's

24th 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

St Swithun's Annual Meeting (APCM)

Sunday 28th April 4pm



Everyone is welcome to attend this important meeting to hear 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.

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.

Exporing Christian Faith at St Swithuns

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

Sundays 6.30 - 8.30pm

(except 21st and 28th April), finishing on 26th May.

Each evening includes a meal, a talk and discussion.

Information at the back of church on the information table.



Thank you to everyone who recently volunteered to join the refreshments rota. It will a great help to our long serving team!

Bible Readings

24th March - Acts 14 : 19 - 28

31st March - Acts 15 : 5 - 12

7th April - Acts 15 : 22 - 32

Good Friday Meditation
2.00-3.00pm

Details of other Holy Week services overleaf

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**.

24th March - St Swithun's, 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:

29th March & 5th & 12th April

12 noon at the Baptist Church Hall

Donations to Christian Aid

Sandy Community Litter Pick

Sandy Town Council are calling upon local residents to join in with the Great British Spring Clean ...Keep Britain Tidy campaign. They will provide bags and litter picker tools and remove the collected waste.

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

I am proposing to volunteer on **Sunday 13th April** and would love it if others from our church and friends from the wider community could join in. We could clear our own locality first and then move to areas where additional help is needed. (I am happy to be flexible on ideas and timings and will take the weather into account)! Please ask if you would like more information.

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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



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: £3,178

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)

Don't forget to visit the Leprosy Mission stall in Sandy Market Square on Friday mornings

Full details from Colin (01767 682032)



Coffee Concerts with Luke Howard and friends

These concerts are changing to be on the **last Friday** of the month from May.

There will not be a concert in April.

*Dates for
your
diary.....*

Sunday 31st March - Mother's Day

Sunday 14th April - Palm Sunday

Thursday 18th April - Maundy Thursday -

meditation on the Last Supper 7pm

Friday 19th April - Good Friday - Walk of Witness
10.30am

from Sandy Methodist, finishing at St. Swithuns

Friday 19th April - Good Friday Meditation 2-3pm

Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday - joint service at 10am.

Important date:

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