

# Sandy Parish Church St Swithun's

14th April 2019  
Palm Sunday

*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 other's thoughts on the vision for the future of the church.

Refreshments will be served.

### **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**

14th April - Zechariah 9 : 9 - 12

21st April - Isaiah 53 : 1 - 9

28th April - Acts 16 : 6 - 11

### **Church Finance**

Monday 22nd April 7pm  
In the Church

An opportunity to meet with the Rector and Church treasurer to discuss PCC funds and accounts ahead of the Annual Meeting.

Everyone welcome.

### **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.



**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.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> April will also be increased by UK Government Aid £1 for £1.

**Current fund raised: £4,505**

### **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

**Competition entries need to be returned by Good Friday, 19th April**

### **Fundraising Events:**

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

Thursday 4th July - Outing to Belvoir Castle 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.

Next concert : Friday 31st May at 11.30am

Dates for  
your  
diary.....

**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 Sandy Methodist, finishing at St. Swithuns

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

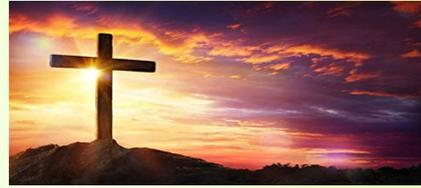
**Sunday 21st April** - Easter Sunday joint service at 10am.

**Friday 31st May** - Coffee Concert 11.30am

### **Important date:**

**St Swithun's Annual Meeting (APCM)**

**Sunday 28th April 4pm**



## **Easter and Holy Week**

### **Maundy Thursday**

**Holy Communion 7pm**  
with reflections on The Last Supper

### **Good Friday**

**Walk of Witness 10.30am**  
with Churches Together  
Starting from the Methodist Church  
St. Neots Road finishing here  
at St. Swithun's  
Refreshments and hot cross buns afterwards in  
the Church Rooms

**Reflections on the Cross 2-3pm**

### **Easter Day**

**8:15am - Holy Communion**

**10am - Easter Communion**  
Joining together 9.30 & 11am services into one  
for our celebration of Easter Day.

Don't forget our Easter Hat competition