

***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.**

**If you are interested in a christening, baptism or wedding at the church please contact us.**

**This newsletter and further information is available on the church website [www.sandyparishchurch.org](http://www.sandyparishchurch.org)**

**Sandy Parish  
Church  
St Swithun's**

**28th April 2019**

**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 AND YOUTH GROUPS (Age 4+)**

The children's and youth teams would love to welcome them for activities in the Church Rooms after the start of the service.

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

**TODAY at 4pm in the Church**

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.*

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**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.

**Bible Readings**

**28th April - Acts 16:6-11**

**5th May - Acts 1:1-5, Luke 24:13-35**

**12th May - Acts 1:4-8, Luke 24:36-49**

**19th May - Acts 1:6-12, Luke 24:45-53**

**26th May - Acts 2:1-13, John 20:1-14**

## 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.

**Current funds raised: a fantastic £6,610**

**Thank you everyone!**

### 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)**



**Summer Festival @ St Swithun's**  
**1st - 15th July 2019**  
**Variety of musical concerts**  
**and events for all.**  
**Special Event: Sunday 7th July**  
**Songs of Praise with Pam Rhodes**  
**Save the date**

**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**



### **Christian Aid Week**

Can you help prepare  
Christian Aid Week materials on  
Wednesday 1st May at 7pm?

Please contact Deidre (07814 313518)

### **Exporing Christian Faith at St Swithun's**

**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.**

