

St Swithun's Church, Sandy

August 2023 Notice Sheet



Church Wardens: Anthony Bell, Colin Osborne and Sandra Watson
Assistant Curate: Rev Phil Macaulay

Worship Services this month

You are welcome to any of the following services:

Sundays

8.15am Said Communion | **9.30am** Sung Communion | **10.40am** Refreshments | **11am** Family Worship

30 July	Psalm 84 How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place	Preacher Andrew Holford
6 August	Psalm 43 Vindicate me, O God, & Defend my Cause	Preacher Jane Godley
13 August	Psalm 23 The Lord is My Shepherd Plus 'Open the Book' children's presentation at 9.30 and 11am services; 8.15am service is according to the Book of Common Prayer Liturgy	Preacher Phil Macaulay
20 August	Psalm 40 I Waited Patiently for the Lord 9.30am service includes Baptism	Preacher Jane Godley
27 August	Psalm 138 I Give You Thanks, O My Lord	Preacher Terry Wright (Chaplain at RAF Chicksands)
3 Sept	Luke 16:19–31 Money Cannot Save You	Preacher Phil Macaulay

Holy Communion Service every **Wednesday** at **10.30am** in Church followed by refreshments

Tuesday evening prayer at **6.30pm** in Church every Tuesday except 22 Aug

Friday evening prayer at **6pm** in Church every Friday except 4 August

Youth and Children

Junior Church and our Children's and Youth activities are suspended during the month of August to give their leaders a rest.

Important:

We are careful about who we appoint to Children's ministry, but if you would like to help with our children's or youth activities please speak to Rev Phil or one of the Wardens.

Pastoral Care

If you would like a home visit for prayer or even Holy Communion, for yourself or someone you know, please speak to Phil or one of the Wardens.

Please get in touch if you are interested in Baptism, Confirmation or Weddings.

Have you sensed a calling to serve more in Church ministry? You can always have an informal chat about your story and hopes, and I'd love to pray for and with you.

Rev Phil Macaulay (day off: Monday)

Assistant Curate

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Teddy Bears' Picnic

**Wednesday 9 August, 1–4pm,
St Swithun's Church Rectory Gardens**
Bring a picnic and your favourite teddy. Face painting, arts & crafts, body tattoos, refreshments, games and lots of fun for everyone. Tickets £3.50 per child from Lynsey (07494 821094) or Karen (07792 961323) or email: lynseychurch78@outlook.com

Much Ado About Nothing

**Saturday 12 August, 5pm,
The Old Rectory, Sutton**
Enjoy Shakespeare in a beautiful outdoor setting. Tickets £17.50 in aid of All Saints Church Sutton. thisismytheatre.com

Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Walk & Picnic

**Saturday 9 September, 9am–5pm,
Willington Church – St Swithun's Church**
Families with little ones are invited to join Karen and Jean on this fundraising walk from Willington Church to St Swithun's along the cycle/footpath track. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the churchyard at the finish.

The children can collect 5 church visits along the route with a detour available to collect 7 for the older children. Push a pram, ride a scooter or bike or cadge a lift on broad shoulders! Half the sponsor monies are returned to St Swithun's, so this is much-needed extra income. Sponsor forms are available from Jean Peckham. More details in our September newsletter.

Ladies' Afternoon Tea

**Saturday 9 September, 1pm,
St Swithun's Church Rooms**
Join the St Swithun's ladies for a delicious afternoon tea, served in the Church Rooms. Price £14.50 with £5 deposit payable to Lynsey Sheppard. Please register your interest on the sheet on the noticeboard. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

Safeguarding

Church should be a safe place for all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults. Sandy Stopher is the Parish Safeguarding Officer and can be contacted on 01234 870169 or email sandyjstopher@gmail.com Our safeguarding policy is on the notice board and church website: sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy and also on St Albans Diocese website.

Bell Ringing

Our friendly bell-ringers ring for Sunday services, special services, such as Remembrance Day, and weddings. We practise **Wednesdays 7–8.30pm**. If you're interested in taking up bell ringing, please email sandy@bacbr.org.uk

The Need Project

St Swithun's Church is a drop-off point for The Need Project. Food and toiletries donations can be left in the entrance. theneedproject.org.uk

CHUMS Charity

Proceeds for the Deanery Project in support of the CHUMS Charity were received from parishes at the Deanery meeting on 5 July. It was agreed to continue for a second year. chumscharity.org

Leprosy Mission

At the end of July we have reached a fantastic £12,083 towards our Tea Gardens Communities Project in Bangladesh, where we have pledged to raise £21,165. Several ways to support the project over the next couple of months (more details from Colin on 01767 682032) include:

- **Saturday 5 August** – Coffee Morning at the home of Colin & Diane (2 Leeds Smith Drive), 10am–12noon
- **Sunday 10 September** – Guided Tour (pm) by Barry Groom of RSPB House & Gardens at The Lodge
- **Sunday 10 September** – Launch of Autumn Quiz Competition
- **Friday 15 September** – Late Summer Outing to Doddington Hall & Gardens
- **Daily Stall** at 2 Leeds Smith Drive