

The Need Project



This ongoing and increasing ministry relies on the love, prayers and generous donations offered by the church community. It is currently in urgent need of household cleaning products (washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, sprays, bleach, loo paper, cleaning cloths), coffee, squash, custard and UHT milk. Any other canned, bottled and packeted food stuffs or toiletries are also very gratefully received. Donations can be left in the designated box in the church entrance.
theneedproject.org.uk

Bell Ringing

Our friendly bell-ringers ring for Sunday services and weddings. We practise Wednesdays 7–8.30pm. To find out more, email sandy@bacbr.org.uk

Rectory Gardens

If you are willing to help keep the rectory gardens in good order, please speak to Rev Phil or one of the church wardens.

Safeguarding

Church should be a safe place for all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults. Sandy Stopher is the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Our safeguarding policy is on the notice board and church website: sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy

Pastoral Care

If you'd 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.

Do 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.

Contact Rev Phil Macaulay (day off: Monday) Assistant Curate 07977 849670 p.macaulay@gmail.com

St Swithun's Church, Sandy February 2024 Notice Sheet



Church Wardens: Colin Osborne, Jennifer Watson 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

4 Feb	David Series: Choosing to Love, Ruth 1: 6–18	Preacher Andrew Holford
11 Feb	David Series: Hearing God's Call, 1 Samuel 3 6pm Candlemas Evensong	Preacher Archdeacon Dave Middlebrook
18 Feb	David Series: Saul's Rejection, 1 Samuel 15: 10–23 11am service includes a baptism	Preacher Phil Macaulay
25 Feb	David Series: God's Choice, 1 Samuel 16: 1–13 6pm Deanery Lent Service	Preacher Jane Godley
3 Mar	David Series: David & Goliath, 1 Samuel 17: 32–51	Preacher Forces Chaplain Terry Wright

Holy Communion Service Wednesdays at **10.30am** in Church
Home group bible study Tuesdays from **13 February** at **6.30pm**

*8.15am preachers may vary from those listed above. For information about our youth groups, evening prayer services, baptism, confirmation or weddings, please contact Rev Phil on 07977 849670

Newsletter submissions to marinajordanrugg@gmail.com
by the **third Sunday** in the preceding month please

Lent Services & Lent Lunches

Ash Wednesday Service:

- **Wednesday 14 February 10.30am** – Reverend Andrew Holford will lead our Ash Wednesday Communion service. If you are unable to make this service but would like a home communion visit to begin Lent please contact Phil at p.macaulay@gmail.com or 07977 849670

Deanery Lent Services:

'Mark's Gospel: Encounters with Jesus' on Sundays at 6pm

- **18 February (Potton)** – Rosemary Bentley
- **25 February (Sandy)** – Archdeacon Dave
- **3 March (Biggleswade)** – Bishop Richard
- **10 March (Moggerhanger)** – TBA
- **17 March (Blunham)** – Graham Buckle

Deanery Lunches:

Lent lunches offer an opportunity to meet with others over a simple lunch of bread and cheese with a hot drink and donate to an important aid charity. They will take place at Sandy Baptist Church rooms from 12noon to 1.30pm on the following Fridays:

- **16 February** – hosted by St Peter's Church, Biggleswade
- **23 February** – hosted by Beeston Methodist Church
- **1 March** – hosted by St Swithun's Church, Sandy
- **8 March** – hosted by Shalom Community Church, Moggerhanger
- **15 March** – hosted by Sandy Baptist Church
- **22 March** – hosted by Sandy Methodist Church

Easter Services

- **Thursday 28 March 7pm**
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
- **Friday 29 March 12noon–3pm**
Good Friday Quiet Vigil
- **Sunday 31 March 10am**
Easter Sunday Holy Communion (no other services)

World Day of Prayer 2024

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held at **Beeston Methodist Church at 2pm, Friday 1 March.**

The service has been prepared for us by the Christian Women of Palestine some time before the current conflict erupted, but we cannot fail to be moved by the plight of those from both sides of the divide, which we see on a daily basis in the media.

We are also reminded that this is where the Christian faith began, where Jesus was born, ministered and died.

It would be wonderful if you could join us in prayer and fellowship. For further information, please speak with **Sue Bell or Jane Godley.**

Craft & Chat

Fortnightly Fridays (9 & 23 February) from 7.30pm, St Swithun's Church Rooms £3. Bring your own craft or learn a new one. Refreshments are available.

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 3 February and Saturday 2 March 10am–12noon, Church Rooms
Drop in for a cuppa and cake.

Leprosy Mission

Our 2024 Project – We have pledged to raise **£20,760** to help build and equip two consultation rooms in the new Outpatients Department planned for Muzaffarpur Hospital in Bihar State in India and fundraising is now under way. Colin has more details.

China Express – Our small Committee presented a framed certificate to Monica and Hak, proprietors at the restaurant, for helping us to raise £26,853 from fundraising dinners since 2009. This year's dinners are on 15 and 16 May and bookings can be taken now.

Swimathon – A team of six young people are taking part in a sponsored swim on 10 February – Colin has the sponsor form.

Spring 'What's My Line' Quiz Competition – Quiz sheets still £1 each available from 1 March.

Quiz Evening – Friday 15 March at 7.30pm at the Scout HQ (to allow more room). Book your team (up to six persons).

Daily Stall at 2 Leeds Smith Drive, 10am–4pm (weather permitting).