

St Swithun's Church, Sandy December 2025 Notice Sheet



Rector: Rev Jodie Brown
Church Wardens: Colin Osborne,
Jennifer Watson and Anthony Lock

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** Contemporary Worship

7 Dec	Advent 2 Together at 10 Sunday Service Isaiah 11: 1–10 Matthew 3: 1–12 5pm Mayor's Carol Service	Preacher Rev Jodie Brown
14 Dec	Advent 3 James 5: 7–10 Matthew 11: 2–11	Preacher Andrew Holford
21 Dec	Advent 4 Isaiah 7: 10–16 Luke 21: 5–19 6pm Lessons & Carols	Preacher Jane Godley
28 Dec	The Holy Innocents Jeremiah 31: 15–17 Matthew 2.13–18	Preacher Andrew Holford
	See inside for details of Christmas services	

Holy Communion Service Wednesdays at 10.30am in the Church
Tuesday Fellowship Group at 8.15–10am, 33 Bedford Road
Home Group Bible Study Tuesdays at 6.30pm
Pizza & Chat for 11–18s 1st Sunday in month 6–8pm in the Church Rooms

*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 Jodie on 07845 735880

The Need Project



This ongoing and increasing ministry relies on the love, prayers and generous donations from the church community. It urgently needs cereal, long-life milk, coffee (small jars), rice & pasta as well as tinned meat/fish, fruit juice, household cleaning products, larger-size nappies, squash, canned, bottled and packeted food and toiletries. Donations can be left in the box in the church entrance. NEED provision is available for anyone who is struggling to make ends meet for whatever reason. Please speak to a church warden who will refer you to the NEED project coordinators.
theneedproject.org.uk

St Swithun's Flower Group

If you'd like to sponsor the Church flowers for a birthday, anniversary, or any family celebration, please contact **Trixie Cooper**. We also welcome sponsorship for one month of flowers over the year. If you'd like to join our small group of eight, you would be very welcome.

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

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 noticeboard and church website: sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy

Pinnacle Magazine

The **November/December** edition of *The Pinnacle* magazine is available, price **£1 from Stephen Snow**. Editorial contributions welcome for future editions. Email: sandybeestonpinnacle@gmail.com



Pastoral Care

If you'd like a **home visit** for prayer or Holy Communion, for yourself or someone you know, please speak to Rev Jodie or one of the Wardens. Do get in touch with Rev Jodie if you are interested in finding out more about **confirmation, baptism, weddings or christenings**. Have you sensed a calling to serve 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.

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

News & Events

Christmas Bazaar & Christmas Tree Festival

Many thanks to all who volunteered at and supported the Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 29 November. Our Festival continues to run on **Sun 30 November** (12noon–7pm), **Mon 1 & Tues 2 December** (3–7pm).

Christmas Concerts

The Church is hosting three choral concerts in December.

On **Saturday 6, at 7.30pm, the Bedford-based chamber choir Cantamus** brings a programme of gentle sacred Christmas music from Poulenc and Howells to Rutter and local composer Paul Edwards. Suggested donation £10. [facebook: CantamusBedford](#)

A fun evening of festive songs can be enjoyed from **Singthusiasm Sandy on Wednesday 10 at 7.30pm**. Donations to St John's Moggerhanger and St Swithun's Church. singthusiasm.com

On **Wednesday 17, at 7.30pm, the St Swithun's Singers Christmas Concert** offers festive songs, music and readings with an angel theme to lift your spirits. stswithunssingers.uk

Community carols

All are welcome to join the Churches Together Carol Singing at the Sir William Peel pub on **Thursday 18 December at 7.30pm** and in the Tesco foyer on **Friday 19 December, at 11am**.

Cheer-up packs

This December we are putting together "cheer-up packs" for the Mothers Union to take to **children in local hospitals**. Please could you donate items such as crayons (not felt tips), small colouring books, small reading book, puzzle book, pencil, small note book and/or hand-held game. These will be packed into an A4 plastic wallet with a zip or popper. Plastic wallets with poppers are also available in church if you wish to put together your own pack.

Financial giving

It costs **£304 each day** to support the mission and ministry of St Swithun's Church and we warmly encourage you to set up a regular gift through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) at parishgiving.org.uk or call 0333 002 1271 and quote our parish code 320632304. We're truly thankful for all the ways people give – through time, prayer, or financial support. Every contribution makes a difference.

Christmas Services

You are very welcome to join us at one of our Christmas services as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

Sunday 8 December
5pm Mayor's Carol Service

Sunday 21 December
6pm Lessons and Carols
Traditional carol service with Bible readings

Christmas Eve
3pm Nativity Service
Bring the children along to tell the Christmas story together

6pm Carols in the Churchyard
Wrap up warm to sing carols under the winter sky

11pm Midnight Mass
Traditional Holy Communion service

Christmas Day
10am Family Eucharist
A joyful all-age service of Holy Communion



Leprosy Mission

Work has already started on building eight proper homes for leprosy-affected families, as we achieved our pledged amount of £22,816 for our 2025 'Revive' Project in late October. Our two dinners (see below) then funded a ninth home, so we're working towards house ten, with a total fundraising target of £28,020 by the end of the year. Do speak to Colin on 01767 682032 for more details:

Autumn Quiz Competition The Bard of Avon Calling raised £340 and was won by Rachel Eagle, niece of Ruth and Tony Lock.

Fundraising Dinners at China Express 136 supporters attended the dinners on 5 and 6 November, raising a record £2,634.

Christmas Lights Trail Outing: 42 supporters joined the Magical Christmas Experience at Wimpole Hall on 23 November with £117 raised on the raffle.

Packs of TLM Christmas cards £2 for 10 plus Daily Stall At 2 Leeds Smith Drive, 10am–4pm (weather permitting).