

St Swithun's Church, Sandy May 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

5 May	Safeguarding Sunday: The Church – Safe Mark 12: 28–31	Preacher Phil Macaulay
12 May	Christian Aid Sunday: Worship and Charity Mark 14: 1–11 Plus soup available in exchange for donations	Preacher Les Oglesby
19 May	Pentecost: The Holy Spirit John 15: 26–27 & 16: 4b–15 Annual Parochial Church Meeting 4pm in the Church	Preacher Andrew Holford
26 May	Trinity Sunday: The Dynamic Trinity John 3: 1–17 Combined service at 10am	Preacher Phil Macaulay
2 June	'Open the Book' Primary School Team at 9.30am and 11am 8.15am Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6	Preacher Phil Macaulay

Holy Communion Service Wednesdays at **10.30am** in Church
Home Group Bible Study Tuesdays 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

The Need Project



This ongoing and increasing ministry relies on the love, prayers and generous donations from the church community. It urgently needs tinned meat (corned beef/spam) and fish, UHT milk, fruit juice, household cleaning products, larger-size nappies, coffee, 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

Rectory Gardens

If you are willing to help keep the rectory gardens in good order, please speak to 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: Friday) Assistant Curate
07977 849670
p.macaulay@gmail.com

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

Coffee Mornings

**Saturday 4 May and 1 June
10am–12noon, Church Rooms**
Drop in for a cuppa and cake.

Craft & Chat

**Fortnightly Fridays
(3 & 17 May) from 7.30pm,
St Swithun's Church Rooms**
£3. Bring a craft or learn a new
one. Refreshments available.

Big Brekkie

On **Saturday 18 May from
8.30–10am** Sandy Baptist is
serving a Big Brekkie to raise
money for Christian Aid Week.
Phil Vass has details.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church
Meeting (APCM) is on **Sunday
19 May** at 4pm in the church.
If you would like a printed
copy of the papers, please
speak with Colin. The church
wardens can tell you if you're
on the Electoral Roll. Stephen
Snow is standing down as **PCC
Secretary** at the APCM. If you
could assist with this role, do
speak to Stephen or Colin.

Going green

We are planning to make
the church newsletter also
available in **email form**, so

if you'd like to go paperless,
please email the Church office
at **office@sandyparishchurch.
org** to be added to the
monthly newsletter group.

Open the Book

This amazing ministry enables
us to **share God's word
with pupils and teachers** in
our local schools. The small
Open the Book team would
really welcome some extra
volunteers, and you don't have
to act or narrate – help is also
needed with collecting and
delivering props and sorting
the children's costumes. Please
speak to Adrienne, Jane or
Marina if you can help on an
ongoing or just an ad hoc basis.

New Wine

Some of our church family are
going to the amazing **New
Wine United Summer Festival**
this year. To find out more
visit: [new-wine.org/events/
newwine24](http://new-wine.org/events/newwine24) or speak to Phil.

Taize worship

St John the Baptist Church,
Cockayne Hatley, is offering
beautiful **meditative 'Taize'
worship services** on 21 July
and 15 September, at 5.30pm.
All are welcome. Contact
Alex Wheatley for more info.

Upcoming Services

Ascension Day

We will have a Holy Communion
Service at 7pm on Ascension Day
– **Thursday 9 May.**

Christian Aid Sunday

On Sunday 12 May we are
collecting for this christian
charity that fights global poverty
and injustice. Members of our
KWB youth group are making
vegetable soups to sell after the
9.30am service to raise money for
Christian Aid on that day. Please
bring cash to buy their delicious,
nutritious soups! Young people/
parents who want to help make
soup please speak to Deirdre.

Rev Jodie Brown Licensing at St Swithun's

Reverend Jodie Brown is joining
us as our new Rector in July,
from St Peter's and St Michael's
in Hall Green, Birmingham.
Jodie's Licensing will be by the
Lord Bishop of St Albans on
**Wednesday 10 July at 7.30pm
at St Swithun's Church.** If you
wish to attend the Service and
also if you are willing to help
with refreshments, please **sign
the forms** on the table in the
south aisle. We look forward
to welcoming Jodie and her
husband James and daughter
Beatrice to St Swithun's.

Leprosy Mission

Our 2024 Project – To help build and equip two consultation
rooms in the new Outpatients Department planned for Muzaffarpur
Hospital in India, with a target pledge of **£20,760**. To date **£5,766**
has already been raised.

Contact Colin about any of the following events:

Spring Quiz Competition – Thank you to everyone who took part in
this, which raised **£304**. The winner was **Chris Wren from West Road**.
Answer sheets available from Colin.

China Express – This year's dinners are on Wednesday 15
& Thursday 16 May.

Afternoon Tea Party – This is on **Sunday 23 June at 2.30pm**,
at 2 Leeds Smith Drive. Tickets £6.50.

Sandy Ukulele Group Concert – On **Friday 28 June at 7.30pm**,
Sandy Baptist Church Hall. Tickets £6.

Daily Stall at 2 Leeds Smith Drive, 10am–5pm.