



# May 2026 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

<b>3 May</b>	<b>Easter 5</b> <b>Together at 10 Service</b> John 14: 1–14	Preacher <b>Rev Jodie Brown</b>
<b>10 May</b>	<b>Easter 6</b> Acts 17: 22–31 John 14: 15–21	Preacher <b>Andrew Holford</b>
<b>17 May</b>	<b>Easter 7</b> Acts 1: 6–14 John 17: 1–11	Preacher <b>Rev Jodie Brown</b>
<b>24 May</b>	<b>Pentecost</b> Acts 2: 1–21 John 20: 19–23	Preacher <b>Jane Godley</b>
<b>31 May</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 2 Corinthians 13: 11–end Matthew 28: 16–20	Preacher <b>Rev Jodie Brown</b>

**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 (11–18s) Last Wednesday in month 6–8pm** in 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

# Upcoming events

We will be marking **Ascension Day** on **Thursday 14 May** with a service at **7.30pm**.

**Church & Churchyard Tour:** On **Sunday 17 May** at 2.30pm Barry Groom is leading a guided tour of St Swithun's Church and it's fascinating churchyard. Trevor Warrs is also speaking about the church's stained glass windows. After the tour, refreshments will be served in the Church Rooms and there will be a raffle. The admission fee of £5 per person for the tour will be divided between the Church and The Leprosy Mission. Spaces are limited – please book online at [sandyparishchurch.org](http://sandyparishchurch.org)

**Are there dustbins in heaven?**  
**The second part** of Andrew Holford's 5-session course on **CHuRCH and Climate Change** continues on **Thursday 21 May**, 4 June, 2 July and 6 August, 7.30–9pm at St Swithun's. All are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of Bible discussion, conversation, challenge, practical projects and much more.

We are holding another **Pamper & Prayer** session on **Saturday 23 May** from 2–4pm. with Temple Spa products, prayer stations and craft activities. Donations to the Church welcome. Book at [sandyparishchurch.org](http://sandyparishchurch.org)

Our **APCM** will be held on **Sunday 31 May** with a bring and share lunch from 12noon.

Our **Summer Fete** is on **Saturday 18 July** with games, raffle, stalls and refreshments. We are looking for help setting up, running and packing away the stalls and for raffle prizes.

There are a few places left for our **Parish Weekend Away** from **18–20 September**, so do make your booking soon.

## Can you help?

There are many ways you can help with the running of St Swithun's. Do speak to one of the church wardens if you can help with:

- Welcoming people on the door
- Serving teas & coffees
- Children's ministry
- Sound & visuals
- Flower arranging
- Church gardening

## Financial giving

It costs **£304 a 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](http://parishgiving.org.uk) or tel: 0333 002 1271 – quote our parish code 320632304. Or donate online at [sandyparishchurch.org](http://sandyparishchurch.org)

# Eco Church update

Following the meeting on 9 April, the Eco Church Committee has agreed to install wildlife cameras in our churchyard and are contacting the council to find out more about how the land is managed. They are currently looking into providing a bike rack and carrying out annual bike repair sessions as a church community event. The quarterly magazine the Echo Eco is now available and circulated to all on the church mailing list. Our next **Eco Church meeting** is on **Thursday 18 June at 7.30pm** in the Church Rooms. All are welcome to come along. Please speak to Stephen Snow for more information.

Our **May Eco tip** is: '**Say no to the mower**'. Mowing your lawn less, and letting parts of it grow long, saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact for wildlife, don't mow your lawn or a section of it all until August to help even more animals.

## Leprosy Mission

We have already raised a fantastic £9,599 towards our £25,150 pledge for this year's 'I Am Nisha' Project, which aims to end child leprosy. This will fund School Screening of 30,000 children, plus support for reconstructive surgery, prosthetic limbs and vocational training for ten children. Please speak to Colin for more details about the following fund-raising events:

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**Sandy Ukulele Group Concert:** On 5 June, at 7.30pm at Sandy Baptist Church Hall. Tickets £6

**Gardeners' World Live:** On Thursday 18 June we are off to the NEC for Gardeners' World Live. Reserve list available

**Tea Party Afternoon:** On Sunday 21 June, 2.30pm, enjoy scones and cakes at 2 Leeds Smith Drive. Tickets £7

**Daily Fundraising Stall** on our drive at 2 Leeds Smith Drive, 10am to 5pm, weather permitting. Contributions welcome.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy)

## Pinnacle Magazine

The **May/June** edition of *The Pinnacle* magazine is available, price **£1 from Adrienne Massey or Stephen Snow**. Editorial contributions welcome for future editions. Email: [sandybeestonpinnacle@gmail.com](mailto: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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by the **third Sunday** in the preceding month please