



St Swithun's
PARISH CHURCH OF SANDY

August 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

2 Aug	Together at 10 Service Isaiah 55: 1–5 Matthew 14: 13–21	Preacher Rev Jodie Brown
9 Aug	Trinity 10 1 Kings 19: 9–18 Matthew 14: 22–33	Preacher Andrew Holford
16 Aug	Trinity 11 Isaiah 56: 1: 6–8 Matthew 15: 21–28	Preacher Jane Godley
23 Aug	Trinity 12 Isaiah 51: 1–6 Matthew 16: 13–20	Preacher Rev Jodie Brown
30 Aug	Trinity 13 Jeremiah 15: 15–21 Matthew 16: 21–end	Preacher Andrew Holford

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

News & events

Free Family Activities 
at St Swithun's Sandy

Friday Fun Mornings!

10.30am till 12 noon

This summer, we're opening up the church and church yard for four mornings of play, games and activities for families to enjoy together.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times. Bring a packed lunch and stay on for a picnic, we'll have some nibbles on hand too!

31st July

7th August

14th August

21st August

for more information contact Revd. Jodie on 07845735880
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We are holding a series of **free Friday Fun Mornings** from **10.30am–12noon** from **31 July to 21 August** inclusive. Pick up a leaflet or speak to Rev Jodie to find out more.

Are there dustbins in heaven?
The final part of Andrew Holford's 5-session course on **CHuRCH and Climate Change** is on **Thursday 6 August**, 7.30–9pm at St Swithun's. All are welcome to this lively evening of Bible discussion, conversation, challenge, practical projects and much more.

Calling all **cake bakers** and **cake eaters**! On **Sunday 16 August** we are serving cakes after the 9.30am and 11am services to raise funds

for the **HCPT** (Hosanna House and Pilgrimage Children's Trust) Group 104 on their mission taking **disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes** at Easter. Anyone wearing orange (their group colour) is warmly welcomed! Speak to J to find out more.

Rev Jodie holds **evening prayers** at 5pm on Mondays to Thursdays in the church. Please note the church is now closed during the daytime over the school holidays, except for events and services.

Thanks to all who entered our **Christmas card competition, which has now closed**. The winners will be announced on 30 August at the 9.30am service.

Our **August Eco tip** is: **Help birds in hot weather**. Keeping your bird bath topped up with fresh water in warmer weather can be a life saver for our feathered friends. Get your garden birds through a heatwave when natural supplies, like worms, become scarce, by putting out supplementary food – black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mealworms, waxworms and good seed mixes.

Final bookings are now being taken for our **Parish Weekend Away 18–20 September**, so do reserve your place.

Summer Fayre

Our thanks go to everyone who supported our **Summer Fayre** on Saturday 18 July by setting up, manning and taking down the stalls, baking cakes and serving refreshments, bell ringing, supplying raffle and tombola prizes and joining in on the day. We raised a fantastic £1500.



Leprosy Mission

Our 2026 'I Am Nisha' Project: We have pledged to raise £25,150 to help Stop Child Leprosy by School Screening of 30,000 children, plus support for reconstructive surgery, prosthetic limbs and vocational training for ten children. To date £15,745 has been raised. Please speak to Colin Osborne for more details about the following fund-raising events:

Coffee Morning: The annual Coffee Morning at 2 Leeds Smith Drive is on Saturday 1 August from 10am to 12noon. All welcome, including helpers.

Afternoon River Cruise: There are just a few spaces remaining on our afternoon cruise along the River Ouse on the John Bunyan Community Boat with a ploughman's or cream tea on Tuesday 8 September.

Autumn Outing: Our autumn outing to Buckingham Palace on 25 September is currently full.

Summer Outing: 59 supporters took part in our Outing on Friday 24 July to Peckworth House and Gardens in Wisbech. A raffle on the coach raised £169.

TLM Shop Catalogue: The summer TLM Shop Catalogue is now available.

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

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

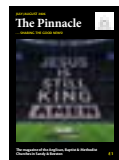
Our friendly bell-ringers ring for Sunday services and weddings. We practise Wednesdays 7–8.30pm. To find out more, email sandy@bacbr.org.uk

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 **July/August** 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



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