



July 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

5 July	Together at 10 Service Zechariah 9: 9–12 Matthew 11: 16–19, 25–end	Preacher Andrew Holford
12 July	Trinity 6 Isaiah 55: 10–13 Matthew 13: 1–9, 18–23	Preacher Andrew Holford
19 July	St Swithun's Day Wisdom of Solomon 12: 13, 16–19 Matthew 13: 24–30, 36–43	Preacher Rev Jodie Brown
26 July	Trinity 8 1 Kings 3: 5–12 Matthew 13: 31–33, 44–52	Preacher Rev Jodie Brown

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

Are there dustbins in heaven?

The fourth part of Andrew Holford's 5-session course on **CHuRCH and Climate Change** continues on **Thursday 2 July** and 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.

On **Sunday 12 July**, from **2.15–4pm** we are holding a **GraveTalk** session at the **Brew & Renew Café**. This is a Church of England initiative for anyone of any faith to have a relaxed discussion about death, dying and your funeral, and ask any questions.

We are marking **St Swithun's Day** at our **Communion Service on Wednesday 15 July at 10.30am** and at each of the three morning services on **Sunday 19 July**.

The **St Swithun's Singers Summer Concert** is on **Wednesday 15 July** at 7.30pm at the church. Entitled *Midsummer Melodies*, it celebrates Elizabeth Gammell's 30 years as Musical Director of the choir. Refreshments served from 7pm, donations on the door, profits to the church.

Our annual **Summer Fayre** is on **Saturday 18 July, 1–4pm** with games, raffle, tombolas, stalls and refreshments. As well as donations of raffle prizes, bottles, teddies

and chocolate, we also need help setting up, running and packing away the stalls and serving refreshments, so please sign up on the sheets by the noticeboard.

We're running a **Christmas card competition** for all ages. Designs should be inspired by our lovely church building or grounds. Submit via the notice table box or email office@sandyparishchurch.org by **26 July**. Winners announced: 30 August, 9.30am service.

Our **July Eco tip** is: **Help hedgehogs in hot weather**. In a heatwave, hedgehogs need help as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are often unavailable. Leaving out mealworms or canned dog food can help them during sustained hot weather. Ensure your garden pond has stepping stones or a ramp to enable hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to climb out if they fall in.

There are just a few places left on our **Parish Weekend Away 18–20 September**, so do book your place.

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 or tel: 0333 002 1271 – quote our parish code 320632304.

June events

On 12 June we screened the **People's Emergency Briefing** about the climate crisis. Members of other churches, the public, local and county council and charities all attended and a discussion followed.

Much fun was had at the **Churches Count on Nature** event on 14 June as we monitored the biodiversity in our churchyard.



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 £13,999 has been raised. Please speak to Colin Osborne for more details about the following fund-raising events:

Sandy Ukulele Group Concert: An enjoyable evening was held on 5 June, at Sandy Baptist Church Hall, raising £421.

Gardeners' World Live: On 18 June 43 of us went to the NEC for Gardeners' World Live and the raffle on the coach and additional donations raised £180.

Tea Party Afternoon: Our fourth tea party took place on 21 June with nearly 50 people attending and £487 being raised.

Summer Outing: This is on Friday 24 July to Peckworth House and Gardens in Wisbech. The coach is currently full.

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

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** (01767 681999). 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

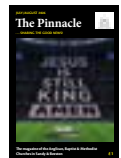
Safeguarding

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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by the **third Sunday** in the preceding month please