

# St Swithun's Church, Sandy

## July 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

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| 6 July  | Isaiah 66: 10–14<br>Luke 10: 1–11, 16–21  | Preacher<br><b>Jodie Brown</b> |
| 13 July | Deuteronomy 30: 9–14<br>Luke 10: 25–37  | Preacher<br><b>Jodie Brown</b> |
| 20 July | <b>Joint 10am Service,<br/>St Swithun's Day</b><br>Proverbs 3: 1–8<br>Matthew 5: 43–end | Preacher<br><b>Jodie Brown</b> |
| 27 July | Genesis 18: 20–32<br>Luke 11: 1–13  | Preacher<br><b>Jodie Brown</b> |

**Holy Communion Service Wednesdays** at **10.30am** in the Church  
**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 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](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** (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

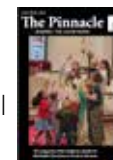
Our friendly bell-ringers ring for Sunday services and weddings. We practise Wednesdays 7–8.30pm. To find out more, email [sandy@bacbr.org.uk](mailto:sandy@bacbr.org.uk)

### Safeguarding

Church should be a safe place for all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults. Sandy Stopher is the Parish Safeguarding Officer and can be contacted on 01234 870169 or email [sandyjstopher@gmail.com](mailto:sandyjstopher@gmail.com) Our safeguarding policy is on the noticeboard and church website: [sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy](http://sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy)

### Pinnacle Magazine

The **July/August** edition of *The Pinnacle* magazine is available, price **£1 from Adrienne Massey**. 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 even 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 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 Jodie Brown**  
Rector 07845 735880  
[revjodiebrown@gmail.com](mailto:revjodiebrown@gmail.com)

Newsletter submissions to [marinajordanrugg@gmail.com](mailto:marinajordanrugg@gmail.com)  
by the **third Sunday** in the preceding month please

## News & Events

### Coffee Mornings:

**Saturday 5 July and 2 August  
10am–12noon, Church Rooms**  
Enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat.

### Church Wardens

As **Sandra Watson** steps down as Church Warden from St Swithun's, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks for her many years of service to the church. **Anthony Lock** is our new Church Warden.

### Financial giving

It costs **£304 each day** to support the mission and ministry of St Swithun's Church. One of the most helpful ways to give regularly is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), which we warmly encourage you to consider if you don't already. To set up a regular gift, please visit [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) or call 0333 002 1271 and quote our parish code 320632304.

If you have any questions about giving or how the church is funded, please do speak to Rev Jodie.

We're truly thankful for all the ways people give – through time, prayer, or financial support. Every contribution makes a difference.

### Prayer Bears

Thank you for all knitted and crocheted our prayer bears. Do speak to Rev Jodie if you would like to make bears to give to families at baptisms.



### Recent events:

- **Pentecost & Bread Sunday**  
For **Pentecost on 8 June** the congregation processed out of the church with candles, signifying taking Christ's light out into the world. This was also our annual Bread Sunday, with Rev Jodie preaching a sermon on John 6: 27 (to fulfill the conditions of John Wynne's donation, distributed by the Sandy Charities) while baking flatbread, which was served for communion. And Sammy and Eric took their first communion.

- **Sandy Carnival**

Revd Jodie took part in the Sandy Carnival parade and handed out spiritual 'blessings'. Our stall raised over £130.



## Summer Activities

### Summer Fete

Our annual Summer Fete is on **Saturday 12 July, from 1–4pm** with stalls, games, raffle and refreshments. Please do sign up on the sheet by the noticeboard if you can help with setting up or running a stall. Any donations of raffle prizes, lollies or gift bag items would be gratefully received. Please speak to Karen or Lynsey for more information.

### Summer Sunday picnics:

We are joining together for three Sunday lunchtime picnics in the Rectory gardens at 12noon on **20 July**  
**10 August**  
**21 September**  
Bring your own picnic and chair/blanket.

### Summer Messy Church

We are holding three Messy Church sessions with activities, food, games and fun for all the family:

**Thursday 31 July, 3.30–5.15pm**

St Swithun's Church

**Monday 4, 3.30–5.15pm**

Sandy Methodist Church

**Monday 11, 3.30–5.15pm**

Beeston Methodist Church

### Bike n Hike:

**Saturday 13 September** is the date for this year's **Bike 'n' Hike Fundraiser** for the Historic Churches Trust. Jean Peckham has more details and sponsor forms.

### Heritage Open Day

Our Church Heritage Open Day will be on **Saturday 20 September**, 11am–2pm.

## Leprosy Mission

**Our 2025 'Revive' Project** is to provide eight leprosy-affected families with a proper home, including clean water and toilet, and we have pledged to raise £22,816. To date **£12,498** has been raised. Please speak to Colin on 01767 682032 for details about the following events:

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Strawberry & Cream Tea** on Sunday 22 June, at Colin and Diane's, where a record **£634** was raised.

**Summer Outing** Our outing to **Melford Hall, Gardens and Parkland** near Sudbury in Suffolk is on Friday 4 July. The coach leaves Sandy at 9.15am and returns around 6pm. The cost is £32.50 (£20 for National Trust members) and is currently full, but there is no-one on the reserve list.

**Annual Coffee Morning** Hosted by Colin and Diane, at 2 Leeds Smith Drive on **Saturday 2 August**, 10am–12noon with stalls, games and a raffle.

**Daily Stall** At 2 Leeds Smith Drive, 10am–5pm (weather permitting).