

St Swithun's Church, Sandy November 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

2 Nov	Together at 10 All Saints Sunday Service Ephesians 1: 11–23 Luke 6: 27–31 4pm All Souls Memorial Service	Preacher Rev Jodie Brown
9 Nov	Remembrance Sunday Job 19: 23–27a Luke 20: 27–38 11.45am Service of Remembrance (there is no 11am Contemporary Worship)	Preacher Andrew Holford
16 Nov	Second Sunday Before Advent 2 Thessalonians 3: 6–13 Luke 21: 5–19	Preacher Rev Jodie Brown
23 Nov	Christ the King Jeremiah 23: 1–6 Luke 23: 33–43	Preacher Jane Godley
30 Nov	Advent 1 Isaiah 2: 1–5 Matthew 24: 36–44	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 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 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 and can be contacted on 01234 870169; sandyjstopher@gmail.com Our safeguarding policy is on the noticeboard and church website: sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy

Pinnacle Magazine

The **November/December** edition of *The Pinnacle* magazine is available, price **£1 from Adrienne Massey**. 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.
Rev Jodie Brown, Rector 07845 735880; revjodiebrown@gmail.com

Church Wardens:

Colin Osborne 01767 682032
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Newsletter submissions to marinajordanrugg@gmail.com
by the **third Sunday** in the preceding month please

News & Events

Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival will take place from **Sat 29–Sun 30 Nov** (noon–7pm) and **Mon 1–Tues 2 Dec** (3–7pm), together with a **Christmas Fayre** on **Sat 29** (noon–3pm). Schools, charities, individuals and non-profit organisations can exhibit a tree free of charge, with a fee of £35 for businesses.

Please contact sandytreefestival@yahoo.co.uk for more information and let Corinne know if you can help clear the church after the morning services on Sun 23 November.

Assembly Bangers

On Sunday 19 October around 50 people came to the church to revisit their school days with Kate and Elizabeth leading the singing of favourite hymns and songs from school assemblies with instruments provided.



The Peel pub set up a mobile bar in the churchyard.

Wave of Light for Baby Loss Awareness Week

St Swithun's was open in the evening of 9 October for quiet reflection and candle lighting as part of the global Wave of Light. Blue and pink ribbons were available to display on the church railings as a sign of love and remembrance.

Bike 'n' Hike

Our three St Swithun's teams who took part in the **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike and Hike** fundraiser on Saturday 13 September raised a fantastic £1,098 for the Historic Churches Trust, half of which will be returned to St Swithun's. A huge thank you to those who took part, those who sponsored and those who served refreshments in the church on the day.

Upcoming services

All Saints & All Souls

On **Sunday 2 November** we are holding an **All Saints Together at 10** service at 10am and an **All Souls' Memorial Service** at 4pm. There is a sheet by the noticeboard to include the names of people you wish to remember.

with Dignitaries taking the salute at Fayne's Corner, then continues on to the High Street, arriving at St Swithun's Church at **11.20am**. The Service of Remembrance, commences at **11.45am** with dismissal at the churchyard at the end of the service.

Remembrance Sunday

On **Sunday 9 November** the Parade musters at **10.30am** at Swan Lane and marches to Bedford Road War Memorial at **10.45am**. At **11am** is the Act of Remembrance and wreath laying at the War Memorial. The Parade then proceeds along Bedford Road



Leprosy Mission

Our 2025 'Revive' Project is to provide eight leprosy-affected families with a proper home, and we have pledged to raise £22,816. Following a recent significant donation, £21,110 has now been sent off. Chris Stratta was with us on 19 October and showed pictures of the work already started on the new homes together with a short video of a 'thank you' message from one family. Please speak to Colin on 01767 682032 for details about the following events:

Autumn Quiz Competition & Evening Our Autumn Quiz The Bard of Avon Calling has now come to an end and our Autumn Quiz Evening took place on Friday 24 October. We thank everyone who participated in these.

Fundraising Dinners at China Express Two dinners are taking place on Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 November with a few spaces left for Thursday.

Christmas Lights Trail Outing: On Sunday 23 November to the Magical Christmas Experience at Wimpole Hall. Pick up 4.15pm, returning to Sandy around 8.45pm. Tickets & coach travel £30. Book your place with Colin.

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