

St Swithun's Church, Sandy October 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

5 Oct	Harvest Festival Together at 10 Service followed by a bring & share lunch Matthew 6: 25–33	Preacher Jodie Brown
12 Oct	8.15am service only 2 Kings 5: 1–3, 7–15c Luke 17: 11–19 The 9.30am and 11am congregations will meet at Sandy Methodist Chapel at 10.30am to celebrate their anniversary	Preacher (8.15am only) Andrew Holford
19 Oct	Genesis 32: 22–31 Luke 18: 1–8	Preacher Chris Stratta, The Leprosy Mission
26 Oct	Jeremiah 14: 7–10, 19–22 Luke 18: 9–14	Preacher Jane Godley

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 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 **September/October** 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.

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

News & Events

Coffee Mornings

**Saturday 4 Oct & 1 Nov,
10am–12noon, Church Rooms**
Enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Outdoor Children's Play Session

Tuesday 7 Oct, 3.30pm

Join our children's outdoor play session in the churchyard in partnership with ROAM.

Wave of Light for Baby Loss Awareness Week

Thursday 9 Oct, 7.45–8.45pm

The church will be open for anyone who wishes to come and light a candle. They are welcome to stay for as long as they would like.

Assembly Bangers

**Sunday 19 Oct, 3–5pm,
Sir William Peel Pub**

Revisit your school days with this chance to sing favourite hymns and songs from school assemblies.

Summer Fete & Heritage Open Day

Many thanks to everyone who supported this event on 20 September, which raised a magnificent **£1260**. Special thanks go to Karen Varley and all those who helped set it up and pack it away and who ran the stalls, served refreshments, encouraged bellringers and welcomed people into the church.

Bike 'n' Hike

Congratulations to the three St Swithun's teams who took part in the **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike and Hike** fundraiser on **Saturday 13**

September. Between them, they visited 45 churches and chapels. Please pay all sponsorship monies as soon as possible.

Open the Book

Do pray for the Open the Book team, **sharing God's word with pupils and teachers** in our local schools. New volunteers are welcome and you don't have to act or narrate – you could help with collecting and delivering props or sorting the children's costumes, on an ongoing or adhoc basis. Please speak to Adrienne, Sandy or Jane.

Financial giving

It costs **£304 each 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 call 0333 002 1271 and quote our parish code 320632304. We're truly thankful for all the ways people give – through time, prayer, or financial support. Every contribution makes a difference. And please update your **Gift Aid details** – sheets are available by the noticeboard.

Upcoming services



Sandy Methodist Anniversary Service

On **Sunday 12 October** the 9.30am and 11am congregations are invited to join this special celebration at Sandy Methodist Chapel at 10.30am. There will only be an 8.15am service at St Swithun's on that morning.

Harvest Service

On **Sunday 5 October** we are holding a Harvest Festival Together at 10 Service followed by a bring & share lunch in the church. Please sign the sheet by the noticeboard to say what food you're planning to bring.

All Saints & All Souls

On **Sunday 2 November** we will hold 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.

Leprosy Mission

Our 2025 'Revive' Project is to provide eight leprosy-affected families with a proper home, and we have raised **£18,120** of our pledged £22,816. Chris Stratta will provide a further update at our services on Sunday 19 October. Please speak to Colin Osborne for details about the following events:

Afternoon River Cruise A leisurely cruise along the Ouse was enjoyed by 50 supporters in early September with £142 being raised from the raffle.

Autumn Quiz Competition Our new quiz entitled The Bard of Avon Calling runs until Friday 24 October. Quiz sheets just £1 from Elinor Groom or Colin.

Autumn Quiz Evening This is on Friday 24 October in the Scout HQ at 7.30pm. Teams of up to six persons can be booked with Colin.

Fundraising Dinners at China Express Two fundraising dinners are planned for Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 November. The Wednesday is now fully booked but there are a handful of spaces on the Thursday.

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