

St Swithun's Church, Sandy September 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

7 Sept	Back to School Sunday Joint Service at 10am with backpack blessings Psalm 23 John 10: 11–14	Preacher Jodie Brown
14 Sept	Holy Cross Day Numbers 21: 4–9 John 3: 13–17	Preacher Jodie Brown
21 Sept	Feast of St Matthew Proverbs 3: 13–18 Matthew 9: 9–13	Preacher Andrew Holford
28 Sept	1 Timothy 6: 6–19 Luke 16: 19–31	Preacher Jodie Brown

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

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 Morning:

Saturday 6 Sept & 4 October, 10am–12noon, Church Rooms
Enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Back to School Service

On **Sunday 7 September** we are holding a Joint 10am service. Do bring your backpacks for a blessing for the new school year.

Bike 'n' Hike:

The **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike and Hike** fundraiser is on **Saturday 13 September, 9am–5pm**. Enjoy a day visiting churches and chapels in any county via train, car, bike, motorbike, on foot, scooter or pushing a pram. Monies raised are shared between our church and the Trust, which makes funds available to fund repairs for the upkeep of our beautiful churches and chapels. This is an important fundraising event for the Trust, so do please join in and it makes for a great day out! More information and sponsor forms from **Jean Peckham: 01767 682725; J.peckham846@gmail.com**

Summer Fete & Heritage Open Day

Our annual Summer Fete is taking place on **Saturday 20 September, from 1–4pm** with stalls, games, raffle, refreshments and tower tours. Please sign the sheet by the noticeboard if you can help

with setting up or running a stall. Donations of raffle prizes, lollies or gift bag items gratefully received. Please speak to Karen or Lynsey.

Summer Sunday picnics:

Our last Summer Sunday picnic will be held in the Rectory gardens at 12noon on: **21 September**
Bring a picnic and chair/blanket.

Open the Book

Please 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. Please speak to Adrienne, Sandy or Jane if you can help on an ongoing or ad hoc basis.

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.

Summer Messy Church

Our thanks go to all who helped out at the three Summer Messy Church sessions held in Sandy churches. A great time was had by many families who joined in the activities, games, crafts, Bible stories, singing and food.

The theme at St Swithun's was the parable of the lost coin with activities such as searching for coins in playdough, spin the coin and creating a picture of the woman sweeping. Sandy Methodist's parable was the wedding feast and party hats, bunting, cake decorating and a photo booth were on offer. At Beeston for the parable of the two builders we built houses, spaghetti, cup towers and decorated stones.



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 **£16,710** has been raised plus £720 for the TLM Myanmar Earthquake appeal. Please speak to Colin Osborne for details about the following events:

Annual Coffee Morning Thank you to all who supported this event on Saturday 2 August, where a record sum of £1,935 was raised.

Afternoon River Cruise On Friday 5 September, at 2.30pm, a leisurely 3-hour cruise along the Ouse on the John Bunyan Community Boat with a hot meal.

Autumn Quiz Competition Our new quiz entitled The Bard of Avon Calling will be launched from Sunday 14 September. Quiz sheets still just £1.

Late-summer Outing To Hughenden Hall (the country residence of Benjamin Disraeli) on Tuesday 30 September.

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 me from now on.

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