

St Swithun's Church, Sandy

April 2024 Notice Sheet



Church Wardens: Colin Osborne, Jennifer Watson and Sandra Watson
Assistant Curate: Rev Phil Macaulay

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** Family Worship

7 Apr	The Church – One Mark 3: 20–25	Preacher Andrew Holford
14 Apr	The Church – Holy Mark 5: 21–34 Plus a special focus on the CHUMS charity	Preacher Phil Macauley
21 Apr	The Church – Universal Mark 7: 24–30	Preacher Jane Godley
28 Apr	The Church – Apostolic Mark 9: 2–10	Preacher Phil Macaulay
5 May	The Church – Safe Mark 12: 28–31	Preacher Phil Macaulay

We will practise fire drills at each of our services at some point in April

Holy Communion Service Wednesdays at 10.30am in Church
Home Group Bible Study Tuesdays at 6.30pm

*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 Phil on 07977 849670

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

Rectory Gardens

If you are willing to help keep the rectory gardens in good order, please speak to Rev Phil or one of the church wardens.

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 notice board and church website: sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy

Pastoral Care

If you'd like a **home visit** for prayer or even Holy Communion, for yourself or someone you know, please speak to Phil or one of the Wardens.

Do get in touch if you are interested in **Baptism, Confirmation or Weddings**.

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 Phil Macaulay
(day off: Friday) Assistant Curate
 07977 849670
p.macauley@gmail.com

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

Coffee Mornings

**Saturday 6 April and 4 May
10am–12noon, Church Rooms**
Drop in for a cuppa and cake.

Craft & Chat

**Fortnightly Fridays
(5 & 19 April) from 7.30pm,
St Swithun's Church Rooms**
£3. Bring a craft or learn a new
one. Refreshments available.

Men's Curry Night

On **Thursday 11 April at 7pm**
there's a men's curry night
booked at the Gandhi in Sandy.
Please speak to **Stephen Snow**
for more information.

CHUMS Charity

*Supporting mental health –
Improving lives* is the mission
of the CHUMS Charity, which
is the Deanery Project for this
year. On **Sunday 14 April**
Sue Clark from CHUMS is
coming to talk about the
charity and how it's helping
children, young people and
their families in Bedfordshire
and Luton, at both morning
services. Biscuits decorated
by our young people's group
(see Phil or Deirdre for details)
will be on sale.

Going green

We are planning to make
the church newsletter also
available in **email form**, so
if you'd like to go paperless,
please email the Church office
at **office@sandyparishchurch.
org** to be added to the
monthly newsletter group.

Sharing your skills

Please speak to one of the
church wardens for more
details if you can help with:

- **Readings & Intercessions**
- **Greeting people**
- **Making teas & coffees**
- **Flower arranging**
- **IT/Audio visuals**

We also need to **set up WiFi**
in the church to enable credit
card donations to be made.
Please talk to Phil or the
church wardens if you can help.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church
Meeting (APCM) is on **Sunday
19 May** at 4pm in church.
You can check with the church
wardens that you're on the
Electoral Roll. Stephen Snow
is standing down as **PCC
Secretary** at the APCM.
If you could assist with this
role, please speak with
Stephen or Colin.

Upcoming Services

Sandy Civic Service

On **Sunday 7 April** all are
welcome to join the Sandy Civic
Service at 3pm in St Swithun's
Church. Our 2024 focus is 'Caring
for the Carers'.

Christian Aid Sunday

Sunday 12 May is our Christian
Aid Sunday. Donations are
welcome to this UK christian
charity fighting global poverty.
Soup will be served 10.40–11am.

Trinity Sunday

Our next combined morning
service is on **Sunday 26 May** –
Trinity Sunday – at 10am.

Rev Jodie Brown Licensing at St Swithun's

We are very pleased that
Reverend Jodie Brown,
currently Curate at St Peter's
and St Michael's in Hall Green,
Birmingham, will be joining us as
our new Rector in July, with her
husband James and daughter
Beatrice. Jodie grew up in
Gamlingay and has family there.
Her Licensing at St Swithun's
will be by the Bishop of St
Albans on **Wednesday 10 July
at 7.30pm**. We look forward to
welcoming them all to
St Swithun's.

Leprosy Mission

Our 2024 Project – To help build and equip two consultation rooms in
the new Outpatients Department planned for Muzaffarpur Hospital in India,
where we have pledged to raise **£20,760**. To date **£4,000** has already been
raised. Contact Colin about any of the following:

Spring 'What's My Line' Quiz Competition – Quiz sheets still just £1 each
available from Elinor Groom and Colin – deadline for return **Friday 19 April**.

Quiz Evening – This took place on Friday 15 March and raised **a record
£435**. Thank you to all those who attended and contributed to the event
and congratulations to the winning team captained by Richard Hanson.

Outings to Audley End on Friday 19 April **and Tour of the RSPB Lodge**
on Sunday 21 April at 2.30pm – are both now full.

China Express – This year's dinners are on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16
May and there are just a handful of places left on both nights. Bookings can
now be made with Colin.

Daily Stall at 2 Leeds Smith Drive, 10am–5pm.