

St Swithun's Church, Sandy January 2024 Notice Sheet



Church Wardens: Anthony Bell,
Colin Osborne 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 Jan	Epiphany: Jesus and the Magi, Matthew 2:1–12	Preacher Phil Macauley
14 Jan	Baptism of Jesus, Mark 1:4–11	Preacher Phil Macauley
21 Jan	Jesus and the Wedding, John 2:1–11	Preacher Jane Godley
28 Jan	The Presentation of Jesus, Luke 2:22–40	Preacher Chris Stratta, The Leprosy Mission
4 Feb	David Series: Choosing to love, Ruth 1:6–18	Preacher Andrew Holford

Holy Communion Service Wednesdays at **10.30am** in Church.

Tuesday evening prayer at **6.30pm** in Church. On Tuesday 23 January evening prayer will have a special focus on worldwide Christian Unity. This prayer group is undergoing a period of change and may soon be re-launching as a bible study group. Talk to Phil for more details.

Sunday 11 February 6pm Candlemas Evensong.

* 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

Coffee Morning

Saturday 6 January
10am–12noon, Church Rooms
Drop in for a cuppa and cake.

Craft & Chat

Fortnightly Fridays (12 & 26 January) from 7.30pm,
St Swithun's Church Rooms
£3. Bring your own craft or learn a new one. Refreshments.

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 church noticeboard and at: sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy

Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know would like a **home visit** for prayer or Holy Communion, 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.

Rev Phil Macaulay (*day off: Monday*) Assistant Curate 07977 849670 pmacaulay@gmail.com

Leprosy Mission

I'm delighted to let you know that a fantastic **£23,134** was raised in 2023 (our target was £21,165) to support three communities who live and work in the Tea Gardens of Bangladesh. Thank you to everyone who made this possible and to those who contributed towards **Trevor Grant's retirement gift**. £110 was received and Trevor was presented with wine, a gift voucher for the TLM Shop, a cheque and flowers for his wife Liz when they visited for the final time on 10 December.

- **Sunday 28 Jan** – On World Leprosy Day we are welcoming Chris Stratta as our new local contact. He will officially launch our 2024 Project to raise £20,760 to help build a new Outpatients Department at Muzaffarpur Hospital in Bihar State in India, although our fundraising commenced on 1 January. (More details from Colin.)
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