

# St Swithun's Church, Sandy

## October 2023 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

<b>1 Oct</b>	<b>Harvest Communion with Bishop Richard Atkinson of Bedford</b> Combined service at 10am	
<b>8 Oct</b>	Exodus 1:1–14 <b>Foreigners, Slaves and God's Silence</b>	Preacher <b>Jane Godley</b>
<b>15 Oct</b>	Exodus 2:1–15 <b>Moses: Murderer and Coward?</b>	Preacher <b>Janet Mackenzie</b>
<b>22 Oct</b>	Exodus 3 <b>God's Identity and Desires</b>	Preacher <b>Andrew Holford</b>
<b>29 Oct</b>	Exodus 4:1–17 <b>Moses' Calling and Fears</b>	Preacher <b>Jane Godley</b>
<b>5 Nov</b>	Exodus 6:1–13 <b>Plagues and Passover</b>	Preacher <b>Phil Macaulay</b>

**Holy Communion Service** every **Wednesday** at **10.30am** in Church followed by refreshments

**Tuesday evening prayer** at **6.30pm** in Church on Tuesdays except 24 October

8.15am preachers may vary from those mentioned. For more information about our youth groups, evening prayer services, baptism, confirmation or weddings, please contact Rev Phil on 07977 849670

### Youth and Children

#### Junior Church

Expected to be on **during our 9.30am Services**  
on all but the first Sunday of the month

#### Bravers

**10–14 year-olds** Food, Craft, Games, Bible Study & Videos  
**Sunday afternoons/evenings in the Church Rooms**

#### KWB

**14–18 year-olds** Food and activities such as discussion  
and study, games, chill-like painting  
**Friday Evenings in the Church Rooms**

#### Important:

*We are careful about who we appoint to Children's  
ministry, but if you would like to help with any of these  
groups please speak to Rev Phil or one of the Wardens.*

### Pastoral Care

If you would 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.

Please 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

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## Monthly Coffee Morning

**Saturday 7 October 10am–12noon,  
St Swithun's Church Rooms**  
Drop in for a cuppa and cake

## Stay & Play After School Club

**Term-time Wednesdays 3.30–5pm,  
St Swithun's Church Rooms**  
Multi activities & crafts. £3 per child  
+ £1 siblings. Contact Jade

## Craft & Chat Sessions

**Fortnightly Fridays (6 & 20 October)  
from 7.30pm, St Swithun's Church Rooms**  
£3 per person. Bring your own craft or  
learn a new one. Refreshments available

## Deanery Synod Meeting

**Tuesday 10 October, 7.30pm,  
Venue TBC**

## Handel's Messiah

**Saturday 14 Oct, 7.30pm,  
St Swithun's Church**  
Biggleswade & District Choral Society is  
performing Handel's Messiah. Musical Director  
Karen Beer is joined by guest organist Justin  
Waters and soloists Alison Chambers, David  
Whitworth, William North and Chris Williams.  
Tickets £12 from [biggleschoral.org.uk](http://biggleschoral.org.uk)

## Rector Vacancy Interviews

**Tuesday 17 October**  
Please remember in your prayers all those  
involved in the interview day on 17 October.

## Sponsored Bell Ring

**Saturday 25 Nov, 9am, St Swithun's Church**  
Steven Akhurst, bell ringer and tower captain  
at St Swithun's, is holding a sponsored peal to  
raise money for new lights, an emergency light,  
a new curtain rail and other essential work  
needed in the church ringing chamber and tower.  
His sponsor form is available in the church.

## 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](http://sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy)

## Bell Ringing

Our friendly bell-ringers ring for Sunday services  
and weddings. We practise **Wednesdays  
7–8.30pm**. please email [sandy@bacbr.org.uk](mailto:sandy@bacbr.org.uk)

## The Need Project

Food and toiletries donations can be left in  
the church entrance. [theneedproject.org.uk](http://theneedproject.org.uk)

## Bible Study Group

**Term-time Fridays 2pm**  
Come for a friendly, welcoming discussion and  
Scripture study. Liz Karunanantham has details.

## Rectory Gardens

Can you help keep the rectory gardens in order?  
If so please speak to Phil or the church wardens.

## Leprosy Mission

The total raised to date is now up to a  
marvellous £16,121 towards our target of  
£21,165 to support three communities who live  
and work in the Tea Gardens of Bangladesh.  
Forthcoming ways to support our project  
include the following (more details from  
Colin):

- **Autumn Quiz** – Autumn Quiz Competition,  
sheets £1 from Elinor Groom or Colin.  
Closing date Friday 27 October
- **Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 Oct** –  
Charity Dinners at the China Express,  
£21.50 (limited availability)
- **Friday 17 Nov** – Quiz Evening in the Church  
Rooms at 7.30pm. Teams of up to six persons
- **Daily Stall** at 2 Leeds Smith Drive