

# St Swithun's Church, Sandy

## September 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>3 Sept</b>	Luke 16:19–31 <b>Money Cannot Save You</b>	Preacher <b>Phil Macaulay</b>
<b>10 Sept</b>	Matthew 13:44–52 <b>Heaven's Treasure</b>	Preacher <b>Matthieu Bhoorro</b>
<b>17 Sept</b>	Matthew 6:25–34 <b>God's Abundance</b>	Preacher <b>Andrew Holford</b>
<b>24 Sept</b>	Luke 19:1–10 <b>The Hope of Generosity</b>	Preacher <b>Phil Macaulay</b>
<b>1 Oct</b>	<b>Harvest Communion with Bishop Richard Atkinson of Bedford</b> Combined service at 10am	

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

**Tuesday evening prayer** at **6.30pm** in Church on Tuesdays

**Friday evening prayer** at **6pm** in Church on Friday

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 Mornings

**Saturdays from 2 September 10am–12noon, St Swithun's Church Rooms**  
Drop in for a cuppa and cake

## Stay & Play After School Club

**Term-time Wednesdays from 6 September 3.30–5pm, St Swithun's Church Rooms**  
Multi activities & crafts. £3 per child  
+ £1 siblings. Contact Jade

## Craft & Chat Sessions

**Fortnightly from Friday 8 September, from 7.30pm, St Swithun's Church Rooms**  
£3 per person. Bring your own craft or learn a new one. Refreshments available

## Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Family Sponsored Bike & Hike

**Saturday 9 September, 9am–5pm, Willington – Sandy**

Join Karen and Jean on this fundraising walk from St Lawrence's Church Willington to St Swithun's Church, Sandy along the cycle/footpath track. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the churchyard at the finish. There are 5 church visits to collect along the route with a detour available to collect 7 for the older children. Push a pram, ride a scooter or bike or cadge a lift on broad shoulders! Half the sponsor monies are returned to St Swithun's, so this is much-needed extra income. Sponsor forms are available from Jean Peckham or donate at: [justgiving.com/page/stswithunschurchsandy](https://justgiving.com/page/stswithunschurchsandy)

## Ladies' Afternoon Tea

**Saturday 9 September, 1pm, St Swithun's Church Rooms**

Join the St Swithun's ladies for a delicious afternoon tea, served in the Church Rooms. Price £14.50 with £5 deposit payable to Lynsey Sheppard. Please register your interest on the sheet on the noticeboard. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

## 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](https://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](https://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

Our total raised to date has now reached £14,384 towards our Tea Gardens Communities Project in Bangladesh, where we have pledged to raise £21,165 to support three communities who live and work there. Thank you to all who braved the weather to attend the August Coffee Morning. Several ways to support the project (more details from Colin) include:

- **Sunday 10 Sept** – Autumn Quiz Competition launch, sheets £1 from Elinor Groom or Colin
- **Sunday 10 Sept** – Guided Tour of RSPB The Lodge now full, to be repeated 21 April 2024
- **Friday 15 Sept** – Late Summer Outing to Doddington Hall & Gardens
- **Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 Oct** – Charity Dinners at the China Express, £21.50
- **Daily Stall** at 2 Leeds Smith Drive