

Congregational Bulletin.

The PCC for St Swithuns Church met on Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

Finance.

Thank you to everybody who joined us in Prayer and/or who are giving to St Swithuns to support our Giving Generously 2023 Campaign. A new video, written for the general Community of Sandy, and requesting their financial support, is under preparation. Leaflets about giving are available on the tables in front of the Notice Board. Thank you so much again to everybody who support St Swithuns.

Harvest Festival.

We hope that everybody enjoyed the combined 10am Service on 1st October and the Harvest Festival lunch that followed. Thank you to everybody who helped out, contributed food or decorated the Church building. The plan for the next combined 10am service on 3rd December is to improve this further with Children's tables etc. If you think that you may be able to help with this, please do let us know as we would be very grateful!

Belfry and Bell Chamber.

Repairs to the lighting and electrics in our Church Tower will commence shortly. A 3 hour non-stop sponsored Bell Peal is being organised by Steven to fund these repairs. The PCC are keen to express their thanks to everyone who is supporting this event and to the anonymous Donor who contributed a one off sum.

The PCC feel that our Bell Ringers give an excellent service to our Church and express their thanks and support to the entire team.

St Swithuns Church Website.

We are keen to transform our Church Website (www.sandyparishchurch.org) by adding new material and photographs. If you have anything to contribute please do speak to Matt Bushby. Kindly note that photographs of people may only be included if they give their consent for this.

Vacancy Arrangements.

A shortlist of 2 suitable candidates for our new Rector has been drawn up. They have been invited for Interview on 17th October. The Interview Panel will consist of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Richard Atkinson, our Archdeacon, the Ven. Rev. Dave Middlebrook, our Patron, Jonathan Pym, Colin Osborne and Elizabeth Gammell.

Once appointed, the new incumbent must serve out a Notice Period at the Parish where he is currently Rector, but the intention is still that he will join us at St Swithuns in January 2024.

Future Events.

- A Children's Light Party will be held at the end of this month. More details TBC.
- There will be Holy Communion (10:30am) and evening Service (7:30pm) for All Souls Day on Thursday 2nd November.
- Remembrance Sunday on 12th November. Usual services at 8:15 & 9:30am. Wreath laying, Bedford Road, 10:50am. Remembrance Service 11:45am in Church.
- There will be a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 18th November from 1 to 4pm.
- The Christmas Tree Festival will take place from Saturday 2nd December until Tuesday 5th December. Sat & Sun: 12-7pm. Mon & Tue: 3:30-7pm.

You are warmly invited to all of these events and full details will be announced shortly.

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