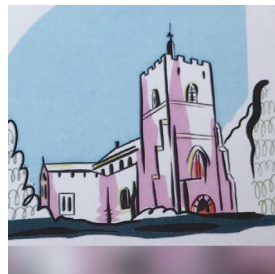


St Swithun's Church, Sandy

May 2025 Notice Sheet



Rector: Rev Jodie Brown
Church Wardens: Colin Osborne, Jennifer Watson and Sandra Watson

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** Contemporary Worship

4 May	Acts 9: 1–6 John 21: 1–19	Preacher Jodie Brown
11 May	Acts 9: 36–43 John 10: 22–30	Preacher Jane Godley
18 May	Joint 10am Service, APCM & Bring & Share Lunch Acts 11: 1–18 John 13: 31–35	Preacher Jodie Brown
25 May	Acts 16: 9–15 John 14: 23–29	Preacher Andrew Holford

Holy Communion Service Wednesdays at **10.30am** in the Church
Home Group Bible Study Tuesdays at **6.30pm**
Pizza & Chat for 11–18s 1st Sunday in month 6–8pm in the Church Rooms

*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 Jodie on 07845 735880

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

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 noticeboard and church website: sandyparishchurch.org/safeguardingpolicy

Pinnacle Magazine

The **May/June** edition of *The Pinnacle* magazine is available, price **£1 from Stephen Snow**. Editorial contributions welcome for future editions. Email: sandybeestonpinnacle@gmail.com



Pastoral Care

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

Do get in touch with Rev Jodie if you are interested in finding out more about **confirmation, baptism weddings** or **christenings**.

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 Jodie Brown
Rector 07845 735880
revjodiebrown@gmail.com

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

News & Events

Coffee Mornings:

Saturday 3 May and 7 June
10am–12noon, Church Rooms
Enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Big Brekkie

On **Saturday 10 May from 8.30–10am** Sandy Baptist is serving a Big Brekkie to raise money for Christian Aid Week. **Phil Vass** (01767 448566/phil.vass@sky.com) has details.

Sandy Carnival

The church will be holding a stall at the Sandy Carnival on Saturday 14 June. Please speak to Karen or Lynsey if you are able to help.

Prayer Bears

Thank you for all knitted and crocheted our prayer bears. Do speak to Rev Jodie if you would like to make bears to give to families at baptisms.

Recent events:

• Palm Sunday

The congregation processed around the outside of the church with our palm crosses, on Sunday 13 April, led by the choir singing All Glory Laud and Honour.

• Messy Easter

On Wednesday 16 April a number of families enjoyed hearing more about the Easter story



Photos: G J Newman

and trying out a range of Easter-themed crafts.

• Maundy Thursday

A Holy Communion service was held on 17 April at 7pm, where members of the congregation washed each other's feet.

• Good Friday

At 2pm on 18 April we held An Hour at the Cross service to reflect on Christ's crucifixion.

• Easter Sunday

Our three services were combined into one Easter Sunday Holy Communion at 10am on Sunday 20 April to celebrate our Lord's resurrection, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

• Easter Story Trail

During the school holidays, children were invited to answer a quiz sheet set around the churchyard.



Upcoming Services

VE Day 80 Commemoration



Commemorations for the 80th anniversary for VE Day on **Thursday 8 May** start at **9am** Fayne's Corner flag raising; **7pm** St Swithun's Church Flag Raising and Proclamation; **7.10pm** National Bell Ringing; **7.30pm** Church Service; **8.40pm** Refreshments and Exhibition; **9pm** Beacon lighting in the churchyard

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):

On **Sunday 18 May** we are holding a joint service at 10am followed by our APCM. The Vestry meeting will

begin at 11.30am with the APCM starting at 11.45am followed by a bring and share lunch.

Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley

On **Sunday 18 May** St John the Baptist Church, Cockayne Hatley, is holding a Taizé service at **5.30pm**. A simple, meditative form of worship, this evening prayer for all Christian faiths calls us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence. It will last about one hour. Find out more at: achurchnearyou.com/church/7398

Ascension Day Service

Andrew Holford will lead a Holy Communion Service at **7.30pm** on Ascension Day – **Thursday 29 May**.

Leprosy Mission

Our 2025 Project Our 2025 'Revive' Project is to provide eight leprosy-affected families with a proper home, including clean water and toilet, and we have pledged to raise £22,816. To date £9,302 has been raised. Please speak to Colin for details about the following events:

Spring 'In Pursuit of Trivia' Quiz Competition Quiz results & answers now available from Colin.

Fundraising Dinners 122 people supported the China Express dinners on 9 & 10 April raising £2,525, with £700 from the raffles going to the TLM Myanmar Earthquake Appeal.

Sandy Ukelele Group Concert Held in Sandy Baptist Church Hall on **Friday 16 May at 7.30pm**. Tickets at £6 each are now on sale.

Afternoon Tea Hosted by Colin and Diane at 2 Leeds Smith Drive, Sunday 22 June, 2.30pm. Tickets £7 from Colin.

Daily Stall At 2 Leeds Smith Drive, 10am–5pm (weather permitting).