

St Swithun's Church, Sandy

June 2024 Notice Sheet



Church Wardens: Colin Osborne,
Jennifer Watson 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

2 June	9.30am 'Open the Book' Primary School Team. 8.15am & 11am The Sabbath Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6	Preacher Phil Macaulay
9 June	John Wynne Sunday Jesus is the Bread of Life John 6: 22–40	Preacher Andrew Holford
16 June	Growing the Kingdom Mark 4: 26–34 Also Deanery Summer Evening Worship with 4pm Picnic and 5pm Evensong service at St John the Baptist Church, Cockayne Hatley	Preacher Phil Macaulay
23 June	Jesus Stills the Sea Mark 4: 35–41	Preacher Jane Godley
30 June	Jesus Heals Mark 5: 21–43	Preacher Derwyn Williams

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

Home Group Bible Study Tuesdays at **6.30pm**

*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

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

Rectory Gardens

If you are willing to help keep the rectory gardens in good order, please speak to one of the church wardens.

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

Pastoral Care

If you'd 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.

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.

Contact Rev Phil Macaulay
(day off: Friday) Assistant Curate
07977 849670
p.macaulay@gmail.com

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

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 1 June & 6 July
10am–12noon, Church Rooms
Drop in for a cuppa and cake.

D-Day 80th Anniversary

On **Thursday 6 June** we are commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. At **7pm** the flag will be raised in the churchyard and we will join in the National Bell Ringing at **7.10pm**. The church service at **7.30pm** includes veterans' stories, videos, hymns and prayers followed by refreshments and the lighting of the beacon in the churchyard at **9pm**. All are welcome to attend.

Craft & Chat

Fortnightly Fridays
(14 & 28 June) from 7.30pm,
St Swithun's Church Rooms
£3. Bring a craft or learn a new one. Refreshments available.

Rev Jodie Brown Licensing Service

Our new Rector the Revd Jodie Brown will be licensed by the Lord Bishop of St Albans on **Wednesday 10 July at 7.30pm at St Swithun's Church**. If you wish to attend the Service, please **sign the forms** on the table in the south aisle by Sunday 16 June. There will be a rehearsal for all those taking part in the service on **Tuesday 9 July at 7pm**.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM took place on Sunday 19 May. The various reports submitted were considered and the new PCC elected for 2024/25 are Abigail Davies, Jon Davies, Elizabeth Gammell, Kevin Reynolds, Carole Martin, Terry Rugg, Lynsey Sheppard, Stephen Snow, Sandy Stopher and Karen Varley who join the three Churchwardens and three Deanery Synod Representatives (Julia Bickerdike, Anthony Lock and Ruth Lock). Karen Varley has kindly agreed to take on the role of Secretary from Stephen Snow.

Going green

To receive the church newsletter **by email**, please email the Church office at office@sandyparishchurch.org to be added to the monthly newsletter group. If you'd like to continue to receive a **paper copy**, please sign the form by the noticeboard.

Sandy Carnival

St Swithun's Church has a stand at the Sandy Carnival on **Saturday 15 June**. Please see Lynsey Sheppard if you can help run the stand or donate cakes, plants, lollipops or lucky dip gifts. Also save the date of **Saturday 13 July** for our **Summer Fete**. More information will follow in our July newsletter.

Safeguarding update

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer Sandy Stopher would like to thank everyone who participated in **Safeguarding Sunday**. She received some lovely positive feedback on the 'leaves' that people completed.

Safeguarding training

If you have had safeguarding training in any aspect of your professional career could you please let Sandy know? This is so we have even more evidence of what a safe environment we have at St Swithun's.

Sandy is planning to run a live safeguarding training session in June. Junior church helpers and Open the Book supporters will need to complete this but everyone is very welcome. If you are interested please let Sandy know your availability. If you would like to get involved but don't want to take part face to face, she can show you how to do the training online.

Leprosy Mission

Our 2024 Project – To help build and equip two consultation rooms in the new Outpatients Department planned for Muzaffarpur Hospital in India, with a target pledge of **£20,760**. To date **£9,217** has been raised. Contact Colin about any of the following events:

China Express – Many thanks to everyone who supported our two dinners on 15 & 16 May with a fantastic £2,500 being raised..

Afternoon Tea Party – This is on **Sunday 23 June at 2.30pm**, at 2 Leeds Smith Drive with strawberry and cream scones and cakes galore! Tickets available price £6.50 each.

Sandy Ukulele Group Concert – On **Friday 28 June at 7.30pm**, Sandy Baptist Church Hall. Tickets £6.

Daily Stall at 2 Leeds Smith Drive, 10am–5pm.