

PARISH ORGANISATIONS and ACTIVITIES

Sandmillers is an activity group for the parishioners of both Sandford and St Philip's. There is normally an activity on the second Wednesday of each month (eg. a talk on Everest, a lecture on the founder of the Carnegie Libraries, a tour of the Print Museum, a guided tour of the Swan Cinema Rathmines, a talk on recycling, a guided tour of Mount Usher Garden and an annual lunch at the Royal St George Yacht Club). Sandmillers is open to all parishioners (and friends), without commitment - feel free to come to any or all events. Details on the parish website or from Irene Barber 087 2408286 or Gloria Symthe 087 6868114.

Sandmill Strollers is a group who walk together on the first Tuesday of every month - no commitment is necessary and friends are welcome and usually dogs too! Just come the days it suits you; we meet at St Philip's at 1.30pm and we are usually back at St Philip's between 4.30pm and 5.00pm. Recent walks include the Royal Canal, Massy's Wood, Cruagh Mountain and Kilbogget Park. Contact Margaret Wynne 087 9896726 or see parish website www.sandfordandstphilips.dublin.anglican.org

The Choral Union was set up in September 2017 under the direction of David O'Shea. New members for any voice part are always welcome and rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings in Sandford Church.

The Choral Scholars was established in January 2016 to provide children with the opportunity to gain experience of singing in a high level liturgical choir. In addition, Choral Scholars receive tuition from expert teachers in order to develop vocal technique, sight-reading abilities and general musicianship. The Choral Scholars is open to children from the age of 10/11 (5th class) upwards and rehearse on Wednesday evenings in Sandford Church.

For further details on both choirs contact David O'Shea on doshea3@gmail.com or 087 2740352

Parish Pub Night Once a term, there is an informal get together in Birchall's Pub in Ranelagh. Two members of the Parish are there from 7.30pm and it is very much a drop-in event for as long or as short as suits you. Dates will be advertised in the SandMill News and in the information e-mails that are sent out to parishioners.

Allotments at St Philip's There are allotments in the grounds of St Philip's Church. For further information contact Jenny Coe on 086 8197609.

PARISH LIFE

Sandmill News Our parish magazine, Sandmill News, comes out quarterly (usually September, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter and Summer). It is an invaluable source of parish news and current activities. If you do not receive a copy but would like to, please email the parish office at sandfordandstphilips@eircom.net.

Sandford Parish National School This is a 13 teacher co-educational Church of Ireland school located in Sandford Close. For further details visit <http://www.sandfordns.scoilnet.ie> or phone 4974277.

St Philip's Hall The hall is used by the parish, Bambini Montessori and various other groups. It is also available to hire for one-off events. The contact no. is 086 3363458.

Music at Sandford As part of our parish outreach, Sandford Church is used regularly as a music venue. In addition to making the church available to outside bodies for concerts and participating in the

Ranelagh Arts Festival, a series of lunchtime recitals are held every summer, organised by organist David O'Shea.

Please see <https://www.facebook.com/musicatsandfordandstphilips>.

Vestry Any registered member of the parish is a member of the General Vestry. A specific registration form is made available each year in December and January; if not already registered you are encouraged to complete it (forms are also available from the parish office). The register of General Vestry is revised each January. Once a year around Easter the General Vestry elects members to the Select Vestry. The Select Vestry is a group which is primarily responsible for the finance, fabric, furnishings and compliance of the parish and is very important to the running of the parish.

SUNDAYS

Sunday School is held in both Sandford and St Philip's on a number of Sundays each term (taking into account school holidays). It caters for children (incl. infants) of all ages up to Confirmation age. If you would like further information please contact the parish office.

Readers During our services our scripture readings are read by lay people. If you would like to join the list of readers contact Chris Boyd (Sandford) at christopher.boyd@ucd.ie or Gloria Smythe (St Philip's) at 4974464.

Teas/coffees An important part of our Sunday morning worship is the element of community - having tea/coffee after worship on a Sunday is a way of building up this community. We have refreshments on the first and third Sundays of the month - please do join us. If you are willing to help out contact Joan Boyle (Sandford) 087 2713170 or Ruth Potterton (St Philip's) at 087 2383534.

Flowers They are there every Sunday (except during Advent and Lent) - the flowers which decorate our churches. All that is required is a simple bunch of flowers or an arrangement placed on a pedestal. Can you help? Each helper usually needs to contribute only once a year for two (Sandford) or four (St Philip's) consecutive weeks, so flowers can be reused. Help at the Festivals of Harvest, Christmas and Easter is always needed, usually at 10am on the Saturday before. Contact Romney Keane (Sandford) at rkeane179@gmail.com or 086 8290409, or Ruth Potterton (St Philip's) at 087 2383534.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Garden Gang This is a group for children of primary school age in Sandford and St Philip's parishes, who meet at the allotments beside St Philip's Church on Saturdays during term time from 3.30 pm to 5 pm, weather permitting. Wear your wellies! It's free and tools are provided. Activities include planting vegetables and flowers, making a den and scarecrows, insect hunts, as well as drinking hot chocolate and playing games. Contact Helen O'Kelly at 086 3870713 or hwatchorn@yahoo.com.

33rd Dublin Sandford Scout Group Our Scout group meets at St Philips Church hall on a Monday evening. We have two sections - Beavers and Cubs. Beavers is open to 6 to 9 year olds and meet from 6 to 7pm. Cubs is for 9 to 12 year olds and meets from 7 to 8.30pm. Both Cubs and Beavers take part in lots of outdoor activities including hiking, camping, games, building structures and also get involved in helping out their local community.

To get in touch, please email: 33rddublinsandfordcubs@gmail.com

We are always looking for adult volunteers to become Scout Leaders and to support the group.