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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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**A warm welcome on All Saints Day to our 8.30am communion service at Beacon Church, New Buildings. Then at 10am welcome to St Swithun's Church, Sandford for our family communion service when we will be thinking of the work of MAF.**

**REFLECTIVE MORNING PRAYER** – every **Wednesday** at 9.00am at St Swithun's

## **A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Rev Helen Drever is leading a four-part course through November entitled 'Tenants of the King' which explores what the Bible has to say about today's climate crisis. It is on Wednesday evenings 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30-9.00pm in the Boniface Centre.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES – SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHARITY**

Margaret is planning to pack the boxes on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm. If you can help with packing, please let her know. Gaps are little soaps, flannels, toothbrushes and colouring or puzzle books. If you would rather donate money that would be very welcome - but please give that to Margaret rather than leave it in the box.

## **SAFEGUARDING OFFICER – THANK YOU**

We are very fortunate to have Sarah as our safeguarding officer, it can be a time consuming and thankless task and she fulfils the role with endless patience and good grace. So this is our opportunity to say thank you Sarah. Twice a year we remind folk of who to contact if there are any concerns, so please read the paragraph below and remember you can always talk to Sarah or Paul about anything regarding safeguarding, however trivial it may seem.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The Church takes very seriously the matter of both Child Protection and Adult Safeguarding. If you have concerns about a child, whether that be regarding physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect, please speak to the Safeguarding Officer of the Church (Sarah Nuthall) to discuss your concerns - or call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on [0845 155 1071](tel:08451551071).

If you are worried about a person over 18 who may be at risk of exploitation or abuse, or who is vulnerable and needs some help due to physical or learning disability, incapacity or ill-health, please discuss your concerns with Sarah or call Care Direct Plus on [0845 155 1007](tel:08451551007).

It is better for several people to mention something and raise concerns, than for no-one to speak out and a child or adult not receive the support they need.

## **THANK YOU**

And thank you to **Andrew** who faithfully opens the church doors in the mornings and ensures all is locked up and safe in the evenings. Our corporate decision to have St Swithun's open 365 days a year couldn't happen without his cheerful commitment.

## **RONALD'S RENOWNED CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS**

Once again Ronald is making a limited number of his famous 1lb Christmas puddings (including gluten free) so is taking orders. There is a suggested donation of between £8 and £10, all proceeds to Water Aid. (Tel: [772421](tel:772421))

## **THE GIVING MACHINE**

If you do a lot of online shopping, at Christmas or any other time, do remember to use the Giving Machine which generates extra money for your nominated charities. **PCC Sandford & Upton**

**Hellions** is registered on the site and has benefitted from shoppers remembering to use it. If you have not yet registered as a Giver, go to the website [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) or ask Jim King to talk you through it.

#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

A very Happy Birthday to Simone on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

- Remember what Paul has been reminding us about beginning the day with thanks - as you go about your life this week, look for things you can be thankful for that are so easy to take for granted, from the freedom to say or write what you think, access to clean water, healthcare and schooling to living in a safe, friendly place.
- Thank God also that his love turns sinners (us) into saints! Thank him for the saints who have gone before, both the well known ones and the (to us) invisible ones.
- Thank God for the work of MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship). Every four minutes, somewhere in the world, an MAF aircraft either takes off or lands. They reach some of the most remote people on earth with emergency or medical aid to see people's lives physically and spiritually transformed in Jesus' name. Pray for all those involved.

**Sunday's Readings:- Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31**

**Next Sunday will be our Parish service of Remembrance at 9.45am at St Swithun's Church with an Act of Remembrance at 10.45am in the churchyard followed by the usual 2 minute silence at 11am.**

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