

THE PARISH POST

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to this Sunday's service which you can join at 10am online or catch later.

RECEIVING PAUL'S SERVICES

Remember if you are on Facebook Paul will be live streaming the service for Sundays and on Wednesdays there will be live streaming of Wednesday prayers. If you are not on Facebook but want to catch the recording go to: <https://www.facebook.com/saintswithunschurchsandford/> (It will keep asking you to either sign in to Facebook or join up but just click NOT NOW). Then scroll down until you see Paul's video and click PLAY. The recordings can also be found on our website (see top of this page) so make sure you stay in touch!

PCC MEETINGS

In the current circumstances, the PCC is unable to hold the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6th May. It can however conduct business by correspondence so if there are any matters which you would like PCC members to consider please could you let Rosanne our PCC secretary know as soon as possible. northcreedy@gmail.com

THE GIVING MACHINE

Not surprisingly online shopping has greatly increased during the lockdown so don't forget if you use that service to sign up on The Giving Machine site. It is a simple way to add to your favourite charities. **PCC Sandford & Upton Hellions** is registered there so to find out how you can register as a Giver, go to the Giving Machine website www.thegivingmachine.co.uk.

RONALD'S BOUNTY TABLE

Of course this is not available at the back of church in the normal way but Ronald's garden is definitely not in lockdown and salads and herbs are coming on stream as usual. You can either purchase them via the shop or maybe your hourly exercise will take you past Rookwood and you can collect them for yourself. Or contact Ronald tel 772421.

SANDFORD SCARECROW TRAIL

FOSS (Friends of Sandford School) have taken over the organisation of this summer activity and the theme this year is 'Jobs People Do'. If you are looking for a challenge with time on your hands, then making a scarecrow may excite your creative juices. Certainly the more scarecrows the merrier. Do let Rosanne know if you are making one.

P.S. If anyone wants to make a vicar I can offer an old clerical gown - in fact we do have a variety of costumes in our Open the Book chest of clothes, but more suited to the Middle East BC than to this century's jobs.

TAP TWINNING – THANK YOU

Some more money materialised this week so we have now purchased our 4th tap. These 'tippy taps' use a recycled plastic container with a hollow handle and in 5 simple steps they are adapted, filled with water and hung up along with a piece of soap so that people can easily wash their hands before cooking or eating, after going to the loo etc.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24: 13-35

Some days it's hard to know what or how to pray and all I want to shout is 'God just make all this go away!' then I came across this quote from the wonderful Corrie Ten Boom, a courageous Dutch Christian in WW2. It re-centred my perspective and calmed me down.

The wonderful thing about prayer is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm where everything is possible. He specialises in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.