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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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And a special welcome this week to all the folk living at the other end of the parish in East Village. One hundred years ago East Village boasted a school, a chapel and a shop. Now it has Forge Garage and thriving farms producing beef, milk, lamb, corn, potatoes and swedes. And an odd little fact:- in the last 15 years four of St Swithun's Church Wardens have come from the East Village area. Well done!

READINGS: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:23

When we commit ourselves to following Jesus we become ambassadors, his ambassadors of his Kingdom. We do what he asks of us and he will see to our needs. I remember hearing the story of a famous preacher who was just getting settled in his seat on a plane. The lady next to him was a very anxious passenger and he reassured her by saying, 'Don't worry, God's already told me things I'm to do and say when we reach the next country. This plane will arrive safely, I'm an ambassador on the King's business.' When we have that sense of divine purpose and our place in it, we radiate hope and peace whatever the circumstances.

ON-LINE GIVING

Firstly Paul and the PCC would like to thank everyone who has continued to faithfully and generously make financial contributions towards God's work and the running of the churches. Obviously bills still have to be paid and the work of the church continues whether the buildings are open or closed! But we do now have the facility for people to make online donations. One is by logging on to our facebook page and follow the secure link to make a donation. Or go on to our website, scroll down to the bottom of the page and follow the donate instructions. Thank you again to everyone for your support of money or time or talents or prayers, all of them make us a joined up community.

CHURCH BUILDINGS OPENING

As you know places of worship have been given the green light to reopen for private prayer soon. The practicalities mean that this will look different from place to place and it will be small steps at a time. Paul and the church wardens are examining how it could work at St Swithun's and St Mary's - **please note this does not mean services will take place any time soon.**

CREDITON FOOD BANK

The foodbank continues to supply much needed help to a growing number of local people. You can put items in the designated boxes by the tills at Tesco or Morrisons, or you can make a cash donation. You can also donate online, the account name is Crediton Foodbank, sort code 40/20/30 and a/c no. 12600641. However you donate, thank you.

POSITIVE POSTS - #thanksandpraise

This week after Wednesday morning's service, some of the Facebook posts reflected the slight loosening of the regulations around lock-down. In one case a couple went as far as a day out in Dawlish and included a photo of the infamous black swans. Another mentioned the joy of hearing children's happy voices from the school playground ringing across the village. If you have good news that brings a smile to your face, please share it - via facebook or by email or phone.

PRAYERS

God I pray for this generation, for those alive on the earth today. Lord, have mercy. Deliver us from corruption. Show us your paths. May we choose the path of life for all, rather than pathways that seem expedient to ourselves but harmful to others. God of rescue and restoration, thank you for your great and beautiful mission in the world. Here I am Lord, fill me with your Spirit and send me. Let yours be the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen