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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

4TH APRIL 2021

EASTER SUNDAY – and a joyful welcome to all of our Easter services.

Easter Sunrise Service – 6.45am outdoors at Beacon Church, New Buildings. Wrap up warmly!

Family Easter Communion – 9.45am at St Swithun's Church, Sandford. This will be livestreamed so please arrive earlier to be seated.

Easter Communion Service – 11.15am at St Mary's Church, Upton Hellions.

FLOWERS AND CHURCH DECORATING FOR EASTER – SATURDAY 3RD APRIL

Elaine is heading the St Swithun's team, please get in touch with her if you wish to make a donation towards flowers or can offer flowers or foliage. Also if you wish to help arrange flowers it would help her to know who is able to come, so do contact her on elainestanlake@btinternet.com or tel. 775080.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will be held on **Sunday 18th April at 12 noon on Zoom**. If you would like to attend the meeting on Zoom, please contact Rosanne Baker on 01363 774409 or northcreedy@gmail.com by Sunday 11th April. If you are unable to attend on Zoom and would like a postal vote for the elections, please contact Rosanne. Alternatively, if you do not have access to Zoom and would like to attend the meeting by telephone, Rosanne will try to arrange this for you.

Please could you note that there will be no paper copies of the agenda for the meeting or of the accounts and reports for 2020. If you would like copies of these, please contact Rosanne before the meeting and she will email them to you.

SECRETARY TO THE PCC

After nearly ten years Rosanne, who has done a wonderful job as secretary to the PCC, is stepping down and we are looking for someone else to pick up the baton. The basic requirement is to prepare the agendas and write out the minutes for the six meetings a year and the APCM. This is an important role for the running of the church so please consider if that someone could be YOU, and if so talk to Paul or the churchwardens, or best of all to Rosanne herself.

CREDITON FOODBANK

Now that St Swithun's is open again the Foodbank boxes will be back in the porch for anyone wishing to donate. The items really needed right now are: **biscuits, green semi-skimmed UHT milk and soup: tomato, vegetable or chicken and of course Easter Eggs!** If you want to make a cash donation, which goes towards buying fresh produce to supplement the food parcels the details are: Crediton Foodbank, sort code 40/20/30 and a/c no. 12600641.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Take a moment to thank God for the enormous church family reaching around the world, of which you are a member, and pray that this Easter will be significant for you and them.
- Particularly this Easter pray for Christians around the world living in stressful conditions like war zones or refugee camps and persecuted Christians who cannot worship freely. Pray also for agencies who support and advocate for them like CSW (Christian Solidarity Worldwide) and Open Doors.

EASTER SUNDAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18; Mark 16:1-18

Death, the most certain and final thing we know as humans, was the setting for the greatest regeneration story of all time! All over the world today, Christians are celebrating this most extraordinary event. Take a moment to consider, what difference does it make to you that Jesus is alive?