

THE PARISH POST

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

13TH JUNE 2021

Welcome to Holy Communion at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 9.30am and we welcome back Tom Honey who will take our service.

BOUNTY TABLE

The bounty table is in the under gallery. It will stock its usual share of seasonal salads, vegetables, plants and preserves, so do bring any surplus if you wish to donate. It is cash only so please leave your donation in the pot provided. This year the proceeds will go towards church funds.

SOUTH WEST AWAKE – SATURDAY 19TH JUNE AT 10.30AM

Christians of all traditions are getting together to form a chain of prayer and praise along the SW coastal path next Saturday. This is part of wanting to see 'Thy Kingdom Come' in our region and for God to impact the lives of the 2.6million people who live in Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. Even if you can't get to the coast, (I've booked a spot near Woolacombe) you can join in prayer. Visit www.southwestawake.com

CELEBRATION PARISH WALK AND CREAM TEA – SATURDAY 26TH JUNE

Look out for more details of this parish event. A guided walk to Swannaton and a cream tea on arrival courtesy of Jim and Karen Stephens. And to make it a true Sandford event, Margaret Phillips, the queen of raffles will be there selling tickets. If you can offer a raffle prize of any description, please let Margaret know. Malcolm Vallance is the go-to person with any questions. Just keep the afternoon free.

CREDITON FOODBANK – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

The Foodbank boxes are in the church porch for anyone wishing to donate. The items really needed right now are: **sugar, UHT blue milk and meat meals (curries, chillies etc)**. 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.

THANK YOU!

This week is Volunteers Week – so to everyone reading this who volunteers, you make our world a better place. You clean and arrange flowers, you organise scarecrow trails or draw up rotas, you serve and stack shelves in the shop, you ensure the Millennium Green is a safe, but wild spot to visit, you help run youth groups like sports and scouts, and in so many other ways you give out so that others benefit. Thank you!

SCARECROW TRAIL 2021

This much loved summer activity is seriously short of entries this year and may not happen unless more scarecrows are offered. Please put your heads together with family or friends and see if you could make a scarecrow for display. There would be lots of disappointed children if it can't go ahead!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

- While the G7 summit takes place in Cornwall, pray that the world leaders are able to focus on poverty, the environment and climate change as well as how to fairly tackle the Covid vaccine distribution across the world.
- Remember those who are anxious, who are weary, who are waiting. Pray for a spirit of hope, of restoration, of joy in and over our parish.
- Pray for the PCC as they work through the process of preparing a profile of the parish for prospective applicants. Pray for those who are already thinking about applying for jobs in a rural team ministry, that God's kingdom grows here.

SUNDAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 17:22-end; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

I always look back on the Parish Post newsletter of the previous year as I am putting this week's together, and of course a year ago we were still in a lockdown and all services were online. I had used this prayer written by Archbishop Sentanu, then still Archbishop of York, but it seems just right for today too.

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