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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

24th October 2021

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion with Revd Tom Honey at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 9.30am.

Appointment of new vicar

Many of you have already heard of the appointment of Revd Janet May as vicar to Sandford and North Creedy East Mission Community (Cheriton Fitzpaine with Stockleigh English, Kennerleigh, Poughill, Puddington, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Washford Pyne and Woolisfardisworthy East). She is at present part of the Little Dart Mission Community and lives in Chawleigh. She will be joining us in January so do pray for her and her family as they prepare for a new life here in mid Devon.

-- COMMUNITY NOTICES --

Devon Pilgrim's St Boniface Pilgrim's Way - Saturday 23rd October

Saturday is the launch day for this particular pilgrim walk from Crediton, birthplace of St Boniface (born Wynfrith), to Exeter via St Swithun's Church at Shobrooke, St Julitta's Church at Newton St Cyres through to Exeter University Chapel and ending at Exeter Cathedral. This is one of a number of new pilgrim walks across Devon, search on www.devonpilgrim.org.uk/events for route cards for this and other pilgrim walks.

Bounty Table on Sundays

The bounty table, supporting Water Aid, is in the under gallery and a wide ranging supply of salads, plants and preserves turn up each week. Remember it is **cash only**. So far this year it has raised over £480 for Water Aid (plus 25%

gift aid to be added on) so thank you to all those who support it. And a big thank you to Bert and Margaret for running it.

Harvest Thank You 1

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Harvest service so special at St. Swithun's. The displays of flowers, fruit, vegetables - and even honeycombs - made the church look and smell spectacularly autumn-y. This year Sandford School provided a great display of poems, stories and artwork, it was a joy to have the children engage with Harvest again. The displays will remain on view for the rest of October so if you haven't had a chance to see them, do pop in now that the church is open every day.

Harvest Thank You 2

And at Beacon Church, New Buildings the Harvest service was joyfully led by the curate Revd Lewis Eden from Holy Cross Church, Crediton. It was followed by the usual auction of produce enthusiastically conducted by John Saunders which raised over £300 for FORCE. Well done everyone.

Crediton Community Food Bank

Thank you too to all who brought contributions for the Food Bank to the Harvest service. They are well stocked up with basic food stuffs now and a big thank you to Keith who transports our items to Crediton Congregational Church.

Needs this week are bars of soap, ladies deodorant and toothpaste.

Finally a big welcome to Sarah Beverley who takes over from Chris as the Foodbank Coordinator.

In your prayers

- Remember leaders here and around the world as they continue to deal with health, social and economic consequences of the covid pandemic. And thinking of leaders we pray in particular for the health of our Queen as she continues to faithfully serve her country and do her duty.
- Pray for those particularly in the health and social care services who are weary and feel as if they have worked at full stretch for a long time.
- As the Diocese presents its Vision and Strategy programme for moving forward and out of pandemic mode, pray that congregations will engage with the issues. The heart of the gospel (the 'good news' of Jesus) has never changed, but our ways of presenting it and being church must .

Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

At the Deanery Synod meeting this week we had a very helpful presentation by Alison Padfield from CHAT (Churches Housing Action Trust) which showed clearly the impact of covid on the most vulnerable in society. The problems it seems are often more hidden in rural communities. The team, based in Tiverton but serving the whole of mid Devon, offer support and advice on a range of housing and finance issues, above all they bring hope. Do think about whether you can support them as a volunteer, with a regular or one-off gift or by receiving their newsletter, you can pray for and with them. To find out more go on to their website www.chatmid.org.



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