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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

21st November 2021

Welcome to Holy Communion at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 9.30am led for the last time by Revd Tom Honey. We have very much enjoyed Tom's services and care of us during his time here in Sandford and wish him and Jeanie his wife all the very best as they move to near Bridford in the Teign valley.

Sunday's readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

This Sunday, the last of the church year, is called Christ the King. In the passage from John's gospel, Pilate, a Roman governor, asks Jesus if he really was a king and what his kingdom was like. The Roman empire, like all earthly empires before and since, conquered by force and held on to rule by might. But the kingdom over which Jesus was and is King is in fact a lot more powerful, far-reaching and long-lasting than any empire. His kingdom grows in the hearts of his people - you and me - and lasts for ever.

-- COMMUNITY NOTICES --

Refreshments are back

We are delighted to be restarting the opportunity to stay after the service, enjoy a tea or coffee and piece of cake and best of all chat to each other. To be mindful of each other's safety while Covid still lurks, once you have your drink please take it into the body of the church so that we are not all huddled together in the Under Gallery. Thank you.

PCC Minutes

As you know, your representatives on the PCC meet every two months to

review and decide how best to manage the running and care of the churches. The draft minutes are in the public domain and if you would like a copy simply email our secretary Naomi Harris naomicjharris@gmail.com. If you would like the PCC to discuss anything in particular, again email Naomi and it will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Thank you to the members of the PCC for their willingness and hard work on everyone's behalf. The next PCC meeting is 6th December.

Christmas Orders

Ronald is taking orders for his famous wholesome Christmas puddings, he also offers gluten free or vegan puds. You are asked to make a donation of at least £10 which he will be passing on to Crediton Food Bank. (phone Ronald on 772421)

Jill is also taking orders for her beautiful home made evergreen Christmas wreaths. These will be £14 which she is donating to Water Aid. (phone Jill on 774292)

Stamps and Postcards

Do remember that Margaret collects used postage stamps for Hospiscare, there is a box in the Community Shop for them; and Pamela collects new and used postcards for MAF, there is a box at the back St Swithun's for them.

Crediton Community Food Bank

Needs this week are **pasta/curry sauces, loo rolls and Christmas bits and bobs**. The boxes are in the church porch and you can leave items at any point in the week. The Food Bank would also welcome **empty egg boxes (6s)**. A big thank you to all those who donate.

-- AND FINALLY --

In your prayers this week, pray for God's kingdom to come in the nations of this world, in our institutions such as hospitals, schools and prisons, in our businesses and shopping centres, our homes and families. Imagine what it might be like if we behaved as if Christ was King. Above all we can pray for God's kingdom to come in ourselves.



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