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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

14th November 2021

Welcome to our Remembrance Day service at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 10am where we will be joined by the Cubs and Beavers. At 10.40am we will move down to the Square for the Parish Act of Remembrance. Thank you to the representatives from different organisations in the community who are helping in all sorts of ways such as with readings, providing and laying wreaths and managing the safety in the Square.

Continuing the remembering theme, there is an organ recital later at Holy Cross Church, Crediton at 3pm by Dr Peter King, organist emeritus from Bath Abbey. The Harrison and Harrison organ was built in 1921 and dedicated as a war memorial so today seemed a fitting day to celebrate its centenary. Refreshments to follow in the Boniface Centre and Choral Eucharist at 6pm.

-- COMMUNITY NOTICES --

Crediton Community Food Bank

Needs this week are **jam, sugar 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)**.

Parish Address List

We (well Keith really, thank you Keith) have updated the parish address list so that it is current for the New Year when our new vicar Rev. Janet May moves into the area. So this is a last call if your details have changed or you would like to be added or removed from the list. If I have your email address I can then email a copy to you. If you would prefer a paper copy just let me know.

Christmas Community Choir

If you like singing, especially carols and Christmas songs would you like to be part of a Christmas Choir? You do not need to be able to read music, just enjoy singing! There would be a few rehearsals before Christmas and then a chance to sing at events like Carols in the Square, the Crib service and Summerhayes Care Home. Children and parents welcome, also an accompanist for rehearsals.

Diana Edworthy

Diana's funeral will take place on Friday 19th November at 2pm at St. Swithun's Church.

Prayer Chain or Prayer Blast anyone?

Thank you to those who contacted me about this, remember you do not need to be an experienced prayer expert(!) simply have a heart for those in need and be willing to pray for them - while going for your dog walk or even doing the washing up! (*Jean - 07779 281509 or fran.hope@btinternet.com*)

-- AND FINALLY --

A prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Father of all men and lover of souls,
as on this day we hold in grateful remembrance
those who died in time of war,
we pray that the leaders of the nations
may seek your righteousness,
so that the whole world may find your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A prayer for climate justice action as COP26 comes to a close.

Almighty God,
We pray for our leaders who have been at COP26.
Bless them with compassion, wisdom and hope that they may work together to take action against the climate crisis.
Fill their hearts with your love for all of creation.
Open their minds to the calls of the people most affected by the climate crisis.
Clear their hearts of sinful ways which endanger your creation.
Bless their minds with actions so they may be sowers of creation, not destruction.

Lead them to be champions for climate justice, both at COP26 and beyond.
Amen



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