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# THE PARISH POST

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

## 9th January 2022

Welcome to Holy Communion at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 9.30am when we skip forward thirty years from Christmas and the birth of Jesus and remember the baptism of Jesus by his cousin John the Baptist. It's a good moment to think about your own baptism or confirmation - did you make promises to God you would like to revisit? Or would you like to take the step of going further in your walk of faith and explore becoming confirmed yourself?

Sunday's readings:- Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

### -- COMMUNITY NOTICES --

#### **Christmas charities - Hospiscare and The Children's Society**

Collections at Carols in the Square, the Christingle service and donations to the church Christmas card raised a total of £337.68 to be shared between the two charities, which with gift aid added on will be a handsome amount. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed.

#### **Jill's Christmas door wreaths**

Jill donated sales of her beautifully crafted wreaths to Water Aid and that came to £129.50. Well done Jill and thank you to everyone who donated.

#### **Crediton Community Food Bank**

Steve Gill has taken over temporarily as the coordinator and notes that they are running low on toilet rolls, washing up liquid and sugar. You can leave items in

the boxes in the church porch (collected on a Tuesday) or at the designated boxes at Tesco or Morrison's. Thank you to all who contribute.

### **Connect Quiz - Saturday 22nd January at 7pm**

Connect is a wonderful local charity serving and supporting secondary schools and their communities across mid and west Devon. This is a Zoom Quiz and auction fundraiser for teams of up to 6 people (plus children). Please email [lydiam@connectdevon.org](mailto:lydiam@connectdevon.org) to register.

### **Parish Address List**

The list of people connected with St Swithun's, St Mary's and Beacon Churches has been updated. It includes names, addresses, email addresses and /or phone numbers. If you would like an e-copy or paper copy please email [pccsandford@gmail.com](mailto:pccsandford@gmail.com) and say which you would prefer.

### **-- AND FINALLY --**

#### **In your prayers**

Firstly can I encourage you to pray! There are so many needs in the world that we can get weighed down by them. Don't give up, just talk to God about whatever is on your heart and let your hope and faith grow. Secondly if you have a situation or person you are concerned for and want others to support you in the praying, then please let me know and I will share it with the **Prayer Chain**. They do not need specific details or names if you would rather not give them, they just love to pray.

Here is a lovely Celtic pocket prayer to take with you through the week.

*Jesus teach me how to love,  
how to live  
in your presence.*

*Jesus teach me how to live  
how to pray  
in your will.*

*Jesus teach me how to pray,  
how to rest  
in your embrace.*

*Jesus teach me how to rest,  
how to be  
in your world.*

*Jesus teach me how to be,  
how to love  
in your way.*



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