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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to our Family Church service at 9.30am at St Swithun's Church, Sandford. Today we hear of the results from Peter, (a simple fisherman with no theology degree)'s first sermon. 3000 men and women responded. Imagine!

Wednesday from 10.30am - Coffee and Company. Drop in to the Under Gallery for coffee or tea and yummy home made cake in the best of company. Bring a friend!

Friday at 10.30am - Reflective Prayer at St Swithun's, a half an hour of calm and quiet. Then do come down to The Lamb for coffee afterwards.

-- COMMUNITY NOTICES --

Plant Stall last Saturday

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our stall, the usual wonderful generosity from folk! We made over £120 for church funds and the surplus will be in the church porch and on the Sunday Bounty Table, donations welcomed. And a huge thank you to Ann (H), Anne (T) and Suzette whose plant knowledge was much in demand.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

A number of activities are planned in the parish for that weekend but they kick off on Thursday evening 2nd June at Beacon Church, New Buildings with the lighting of a bonfire as one of the many Jubilee Beacons lit across the country. More details to follow but it also includes a hog roast, a bar and musical entertainment at the newly equipped Beacon Church. **The more wood the bigger the fire so if you have any to spare, please take it along on Saturday 28th May from 10.30am. No nails in wood please!** If you want

someone to collect your wood please ring Naomi on 07962 084394.

Donations

Years ago it was customary to see notices in churches directed at casual visitors informing them where there was a safe money box to leave voluntary cash donations. As we move towards being more of a cash-less society, many churches have installed card machines instead. Despite hiccups with our broadband signal, Stephen's TLC has enabled our card machine to be more compliant and he reported at the AGM that so far £165 has been donated via the card machine. Thank you for all your efforts Stephen.

Friends of St Swithun's, St Mary's and Beacon Churches.

The Friends fund raise specifically for the buildings and fabric of the churches. This last year they have contributed funds towards the new kitchen at Beacon and the heating boiler at St Swithun's. One of the ways you could help is by leaving a legacy to the Friends in your will so that they can continue to support the upkeep of the three churches. If you would like to know more or become a Friend, please contact Mary Rose Somerville (maryroseholman@gmail.com or 01363 772421)

The Crossing

The Crossing magazine is looking for someone with a couple of hours to spare each month - simply to collect the magazines from Hedgerow print and deliver them in appropriate bundles to the deliverers. If that is you, please contact Sarah Aldridge (07867 691067) for more details.

-- AND FINALLY --

I am reprinting a prayer for Ukraine and the whole situation as the consequences trickle ever outwards.

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

*Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.*

*we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
Amen.*



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