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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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## Pentecost Sunday 5th June 2022

Welcome to our Parish Jubilee service at 11am at St. Swithun's Church, Sandford to celebrate together with those from St. Mary's, Upton Hellions and Beacon Church, New Buildings and thank God for seventy years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth 2nd. It is not simply the longevity of her reign which makes this a unique occasion but also her commitment and faithfulness to her duty and to God. The service will be followed by a bring and share Parish Picnic in Sandford Parish Hall. Please bring your own cutlery and glasses and drinks.

In the evening at 6.30pm you can enjoy a simple Evensong at John the Baptist Church, Kennerleigh.

### -- Community News --

#### Wednesday 8th - Coffee and Company from 10.30am

We now have a coffee machine which makes running any event that requires refreshments much easier! A thank you again to all those who prepare and host the morning, bake cakes or who come to chat to others. One regular stood up and publicly thanked us all this week for providing a friendly space. Someone else said to me, 'I go home with my head buzzing - I spend most days in my home on my own, so for me this coffee morning is a highlight of the week.' As you read this, consider if you know someone who you could bring along.

#### Friday 10th - Reflective Prayer at 10.30am

This is a quiet and peaceful half hour with prayers, scripture, music and silence when we can be aware of God and he can speak to us. Then it's down to The Lamb for coffee afterwards!

## **Thank you! Thank you!**

**Thanks** to everyone who helped prepare and join in the combined service for churches from the whole North Creedy East Community, followed by a large lunch last Sunday. We welcomed folk from Cheriton Fitzpaine, Kennerleigh, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Washford Pyne and Woolsery. It was a lovely expression of unity.

And **thanks** to Angela and the whole team from Beacon for a wonderful evening to start the Jubilee weekend. Lively jazz, wonderful refreshments and folk from every corner of the parish conspired to make a great evening. Soon after the huge beacon was lit we could count about eight other beacons on the hills around. Truly splendid.

## **Bill Matten**

Bill sadly died on Tuesday in the RD&E after a short illness. In his younger more active days he played a full part in the life of St Swithun's - on the PCC, as gift aid secretary and I remember his beautiful reading voice when he was a lesson reader. He was also of course an enthusiastic member of Sandford Cricket Club. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

## **Crediton Foodbank**

Requests to fill the gaps on the shelves this week are tinned tuna, cartons of apple or orange juice and breakfast cereal. Our thanks to Keith who takes our donations into Crediton and thanks to those of you who regularly support the Foodbank. If you should ever need to contact Steve Gill the coordinator, the number is 07740 202721.

## **-- And Finally --**

This weekend is **Pentecost**, the 'birthday' of the church when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit, as we will hear in the reading from Acts chapter 2. To think that the actual Holy Spirit of God should choose to live within each one of us and corporately within the church if we invite him - offering wisdom and guidance, comfort and encouragement, and always transforming us by showing us Jesus - never fails to take my breath away!

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

And a fitting prayer this weekend for Her Majesty the Queen.

***Gracious God, we give you thanks  
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen  
and for the example of loving and faithful service  
which she has shown among us.***

***Help us to follow her example of dedication  
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,  
through Jesu Christ our Lord.***

**Amen**



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