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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Sunday 19th June 2022

Welcome to our Family Church at 9.30am at St. Swithun's Church, Sandford. In our reading today from Acts chapter 4 we hear of the outcome of the court case against Peter and John. The prosecution are on shaky ground as the evidence is plain for all to see. A man who had been lame from birth can now walk - even without mobile phones this news has gone viral. So what will the outcome be?

Wednesday 22nd - Coffee and Company from 10.30am - midday.

Friday 24th - Reflective Prayer from 10.30 - 11am

-- Community News --

Vision and Values Day - June 25th at Sandford Parish Hall

This day has been postponed - but keep it on the back burner. And keep asking God in your prayers to show us how we grow. Indeed, what do you think our parish would look like if the kingdom of God impacted us?

Thanks to the PCC ...

Although we usually have two Church Wardens, at the moment no-one else has stepped up with Chris (Tucker) so the rest of the PCC has unanimously agreed to support Chris as much as they can. The rest of the PCC is made up of Linda Bennett-Smith (who resigned as the other Church Warden but thankfully remains on the PCC), Jim King (tower captain and gift aid treasurer), Stephen Miller (treasurer), Colin Clarke (safeguarding officer), Carole Webb and Jean Hope (Deanery Synod reps), Pamela Larcombe (Diocesan Synod rep), Mandy Tietze (electoral roll officer), Mike Davis (Beacon Church rep), Rosamund Shetler Jones (St Mary's Church rep), Rebecca Brett (co-opted member) and Naomi Harris (parish secretary). A huge thank you to each of

them for agreeing to stand and for all they do behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly.

...and thanks to you all!

One of the phrases from the paragraph 'why go to church?' in the Parish Post last week was '**church is less if I am not there**'. Every single one of us has been gifted and skilled by God to help, serve and support each other and the overspill into the local community. Thank you to everyone who is part of the church in so many ways. Inviting someone in for a coffee, stopping to listen to someone who needs to offload, offering to run an errand for a neighbour. You recycle, you save your plastic, you support the Foodbank, you shop locally and ethically. You help in local charity shops or Sandford stores, you help with local organisations like the Scouts or local youth sports teams. You give of your time, your money and yourself - be blessed, it's what makes this such a great community. And it's bringing God's Kingdom in.

Crediton Foodbank

Some folk who previously gave to Foodbank are now finding they need to use it. If you are able to support them do remember there are designated boxes in all the supermarkets for you to leave some groceries, as well as the boxes in the church porch. If you are able to make a financial donation the bank details are Crediton Foodbank, sort code 40/20/30, a/c no. 12600641.

-- And Finally --

We all know folk who are having a hard time of it right now, health or family worries, concern about their work or finances, fears that are hard to pin down (however much the summer sun shines) about life in general. I offer you this beautiful blessing - and remember we do have a dedicated Prayer Chain of folk who can pray on your behalf without needing to know any details. So please email or ring me (07779 281509) if you have an item for our prayer list.

May you know that you have been chosen by God, who loves you with an everlasting love. May you know that you belong to Him and that you are enough just as you are.

May you know what it means to be blessed by God and to receive the blessing of Jesus. May you come to understand the blessings of obedience and gratitude and may you know the blessing of finding beauty in the midst of your own suffering.

May you feel held in your brokenness and know the deep compassion and care of God who will never leave you to suffer alone. May you know that your brokenness is a beautiful part of who you are.

And may you trust yourself into the hands of God, to be given to a hurting world, that God's kingdom might come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.



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