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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Sunday 10th July 2022

Welcome to our first christening service for some time at St Swithun's Church, Sandford, partly due to covid lockdowns. So at 9.30am we especially welcome Wayne and Katie and their three sons and all their family and friends for Hallie-Rose's christening. It's also her 3rd birthday so it's a very special day for her! Do stay for refreshments afterwards.

Wednesday 13th - Coffee and Company from 10.30am - midday.

Friday 15th - Reflective Prayer from 10.30am -11am

-- Community News --

Musical Afternoon - Sunday 10th July at Holy Cross Church at 3pm

Our very own Catherine Stoye is again linking up with the renowned organist Dr Barry Rose to offer a programme of voice and instrumental pieces in Crediton. Entry is free but donations are welcomed towards Holy Cross Choir and Marie Curie.

Songs of Praise - St Swithun's patronal festival - 17th July at 9.30am

What a range of hymns were put forward for this special service, it's down to Canon Michael Hall who will be leading the service to make the final choices. Start warming up your voices for some wonderful singing next Sunday.

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Next year it will be 500 years since St Swithun's was rebuilt to look largely as it does now and the monarch solidly on the throne then was Henry VIII. So it would be fitting to commemorate this memorable date in some way. The PCC are setting up a small team to help organise some celebratory events and would welcome all sorts of help, starting with ideas. A concert or some musical performance? A heritage /history day? Could we link it with some

fundraising or charity support? Email any ideas to pccsandford@gmail.com or jot them down and give them to a member of the PCC.

-- And Finally --

In your prayers ..

* Pray for Hallie-Rose today as she is welcomed into the church family and for her parents and godparents as they guide her through life. Take a moment to thank God for your godparents or others who encouraged you on your Christian journey. If you are a godparent, remember, pray for and encourage your godchildren.

* Pray with hundreds of Christians who work in Westminster and around the country - for our nation, our Government and those in the Interim Cabinet. Above all pray that God's kingdom and his will takes precedence. (Psalm 46 is a wonderful way to settle your mind in tumultuous times, ending with the words:- '**Be still and know that I am God.**')

* When you chat with God, permit yourself the luxury of dreaming a little with him. What would you like to change in your life, your family, your work situation? An environmental issue, a war somewhere, a situation that bothers you - talk to God about it and let him guide you how to pray, what you can do. Don't forget, if it's on your mind, it's on His heart, because He cares for you.



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