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THE PARISH POST

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Sunday 24th July 2022

Welcome to our Communion service at St Swithun's, Sandford at 9.30am led by Revd. David Francis.

Wednesday 27th - Coffee and Company from 10.30am - midday.

Friday 29th - Reflective Prayer from 10.30am -11am

-- Community News --

Mission Shed - Tuesday 26th at the Boniface Centre at 7.30pm

Mission Shed gives us an opportunity to connect with other local Christians and listen to their stories of how mission and outreach work in their settings as well as to worship God together. There will also be an opportunity to look at resources that we can use as tools to talk about our faith. I am going so if you would like a lift please let me know. (Jean - 07779 281509)

Mission Community Service and bring-and-share lunch at Cheriton Fitzpaine next Sunday at 11am on Sunday 31st July

As next Sunday is the 5th Sunday in the month, all the North Creedy churches will join Janet at a community service at St Matthew's Church in Cheriton Fitzpaine. **There will not be a service at Sandford.** Please be willing to car share, both for the environment and because parking is limited, by signing a list at the back of St Swithun's on Sunday 24th.

Parish Harvest Supper - Friday 7th October

It's back! A communal village meal, scrummy desserts you've brought followed by entertainment! Pop the date on your calendar and please let Rita know if you will be able to offer help setting up, serving, preparing salads or desserts, helping with the draw and bounty table, publicity, or whatever else may be required. Rita - 01363 774101 or jimlongview22@talktalk.net.

1523 - 500 years to celebrate

We have already had some great ideas and links with other local organisations so a small planning group is coming together to start the ball rolling. If you would like to be part of that, please talk to me. Jean.

Crediton Foodbank

Whether we know what gaps there are on the Foodbank shelves or not, there will always be a need for basic things like **toilet rolls, toiletries, washing up liquids** etc so please keep them coming in. Prices in the shops have been rising for us all, but some families just don't have savings to keep up. Do pray for those who volunteer their time, advice and friendship. Thank God too for the surplus foods at the Community Larder by the library. Give thanks for the local retailers who deliver food there. And pray for every precious family who uses the Foodbank and the Community Larder.

The Parish Post takes a break through August and returns in September. If you have any notices or events you want advertised before mid-September, please email pccsandford@gmail.com by July 29th. Thank you.

-- And Finally --

Visitors in church

Throughout each week visitors drop into the church. They come for all sorts of reasons, here on holiday, looking for family history, tending the grave of a loved one, they used to live here, they want some reflective time in a cool(!) place etc. What do they think of us? or the church? Here are some comments from the last page of the Visitors' Book.

'Having just visited St Boniface in Crediton we stopped at Sandford. What an amazing church you have at St Swithun's.'

'Viewing all your heraldry in your beautiful church.'

'Thanks for the wonderful stay and all the lovely people around here.'

'Stunning well maintained church. Finding family graves. Wonderful church records to help us find what we was(sic) looking for. A church to be proud of.'

Thank you to everyone who in big and little ways, helps keep the church clean and cheerful and always has time to stop and talk to and welcome visitors.



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