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THE PARISH POST

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Sunday 31st July 2022

There is a simple baptism at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 9.30am when Chloe Robbins and Dave Bigmore are having their daughter Aria christened - on her 1st birthday! Lewis will conduct the christening.

Then as it is the 5th Sunday of the month, there is the Joint Mission Community Service at Cheriton Fitzpaine at 11am (NOT AT SANDFORD) followed by a bring and share lunch

August dates, (at St Swithun's Church unless stated)

6th - Wedding of Rosie Cookson and Ashley Lee at midday

7th - Communion service at 8.30am at Beacon Church, New Buildings

7th - Family Church at 9.30am

7th - Evensong at 6.30pm at Kennerleigh

13th - St Lawrence Fayre from 2pm at St Lawrence Chapel, Crediton

14th - Communion at 9.30am

14th - Evensong at 6pm at St Lawrence Chapel with the West Gallery Quire

21st - All age service at 9.30am

27th - Open Day at Holy Cross Church, Crediton from 10am - 4pm

28th - Communion at 9.30am

-- Community News --

Coffee and Company - every Wednesday 10.30am - midday

Drop in for heavenly coffee, lush home-made cakes and plenty of chat.

Reflective Prayer - every Friday 10.30am

A quiet half hour with each other and God using readings, prayers, music and silence.

PCC Meeting - Monday 5th September

The PCC meet at 7.30pm in the Under Gallery. If you have any items you would like discussed, please email them to the parish secretary Naomi naomicjharris@gmail.com

Parish Harvest Supper - Friday 7th October

It's back! A communal village meal including scrummy desserts you've made followed by entertainment! Pop the date on your calendar and let Rita know how 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.

Thank you to ...

- * the refreshment teams after our Sunday services
- * those who bring produce for the bounty table each week
- * flower arrangers
- * hosts and bakers who make Coffee and Company such a buzzy place
- * Chris, Jim and Adrian who quietly and discreetly do so much maintenance
- * the bell ringers and handbell ringers, always a joy to hear
- * Graham who made the crown displayed in the churchyard for this years' School Scarecrow Trail on the jubilee theme 'Monarchy Past and Present'
- * Suzie who administrates our **St Swithun's facebook page** - do remember to 'like' her posts and thus spread the word

-- And Finally --

We often use this prayer during Family Church. It's our mission statement, the church we want to be - please use it and be it through the summer!

Heavenly Father,

you have welcomed us into your kingdom

and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself.

Give us clear eyes to see people as you see them,

sensitive feet to stand in their shoes,

*and warm smiles to welcome them in your name.
Give us such generous hearts,
that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven
where every soul you send us finds their loving home
in the community of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen*

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