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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter.

Sunday 15th - All Age service at 9.30am at St Swithun's Church, Sandford.

Sunday 22nd - Communion Service at 9.30am at St Swithun's.

Should you want different styles or times of services, the full rota for the North Creedy East Mission community is always pinned up in the church porch or can be found at the end of the monthly Hub Post.

Wednesdays - Coffee and Company from 10.30am to midday.

Fridays - Contemplative quiet time at 10.30am.

--- Diary Dates ---

Parish Harvest Supper - Saturday 14th, gather at 6.30pm for 7pm supper at Sandford Parish Hall. BYO cutlery, drinks and glasses (water provided).

Last few tickets from the shop or Elizabeth and Roy (777466). Raffle of course! And a Bounty Table with garden produce, cakes, jams and preserves. Bring some and buy some, cash preferred.

There will be the new 'Friends of Sandford Churches' leaflets on the tables. Please take one home with you and consider becoming a Friend - or talk about it to Stephen who is the new Chairman.

Monday 16th at 3pm - The Open the Book team takes a whole school assembly on the term's theme 'wisdom'.

Wednesday 18th - Gwen May's funeral at 1.30pm.

Wednesday 18th - Deanery Synod meeting at 7.30pm at the Boniface Centre.

Thursday 26th - Beacon Garden Team meet between 9.30 and 11am.

Thursday 26th - Summerhayes monthly Communion service at 11am.

Sunday 29th - Mission Community Communion at Washford Pyne at 10.30am

(no service at St Swithun's).

--- Community news ---

Harvest Festival services - Thank you to all of those who decorated and helped prepare both Beacon Church and St Swithun's for last Sunday. A rousing auction after the Beacon service, ably conducted by John Saunders, raised £470 which will be shared between Farm Community Network and the SW region of Diabetes UK. And a large donation of groceries and money at St Swithun's was taken to the Crediton Foodbank.

Home Groups - These begin meeting this fortnight, with the aim of growing as disciples together, initially by looking at an 8 week study of Philippians. The evening group starts on Wednesday 25th at 7.30pm at 13, Linhay Park. And the daytime group on Tuesday 31st at 2.30pm at The Old Bakery. It is not too late to be part of a group if you forgot to sign up, either talk to me or see Janet.

Praying together - If we are serious about wanting to grow as Christians and as a church reaching out where we live, we need to pray together for it to happen. There is immense spiritual power in praying *together!* A monthly group already meets on a Monday, and if you would like to join in, please see me for a lift.

--- And finally in your prayers ---

The news from the Middle East is beyond words, a savage conflict which we pray doesn't escalate.

This prayer is shared by the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering - we pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call to you to bring justice and equality to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children, for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



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