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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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November 26th/December 3rd 2023

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter.

Sunday 26th November at 9.30am - Communion service at St Swithun's Church, Sandford

Sunday 3rd December at 8.30am - Communion service at Beacon Church, New Buildings

Sunday 3rd December at 9.30am - Communion service at St Swithun's

Sunday 3rd December at 3.30pm - Christingle service at St Swithun's

(when there will be an opportunity to donate to the work of the Children's Society. If you cannot get to the Christingle service, but would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope clearly marked 'Children's Society' and put it in the collection plate on a Sunday morning).

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 ---

Advent Course at the Boniface Centre - on Thursday 30th and 7th at 7.30pm. Do contact Jean if you would like a lift. If you missed the first one you can still join in with the others.

Christmas Open the Book Assembly at Sandford School - Monday 4th at 3pm.

Christmas Tree festival at Crediton Parish Church 7th to 10th - do go along and see the St Swithun's tree which this year is showcasing our weekly Coffee and Company mornings! Thank you so much to Linda BS who took

responsibility for decorating the tree, assisted by some creative Coffee and Company folk.

Advent/Christmas dates

Christingle service - Sunday 3rd December at 3.30pm at St Swithun's.

Carol Service with Readings and Carols - Saturday 9th December at 4pm at St Swithun's followed by mulled wine and mince pies. An offering will be taken for Children's Hospice SW.

Sandford School Nativity Play - Thursday 14th December at 11am at St Swithun's

Beacon Carol service - Sunday 17th December at 4pm at New Buildings.

Crib service - on Christmas Eve at 4pm at St Swithun's.

Christmas Mass - on Christmas Eve at 9pm at St Swithun's.

Christmas Day Communion services - 8.30am at Beacon Church, 9.30am at St Swithun's and 11.15am at St Mary's, Upton Hellions.

--- Community news ---

Look up for the Christmas Star - this has been checked and prepped and is ready to go on top of the church tower at the beginning of December. Thanks to Graham and Adrian for this bit of Christmas cheer.

St Swithun's Christmas Card - From December there will be a large Christmas card at the back of church. Rather than giving cards to each other please sign the card and make a donation to FCN (Farm Community Network).

Thank you - to everyone, but especially Jill, Elaine and Charlotte, who ensure there are flowers all year round in the church - and for special festivals like Christmas, they really go to town. Thank you too to all the cleaners who vacuum and polish in the main body of the church as well as the Under Gallery. You are all unsung heroes.

--- And finally ---

Seventy years ago on the same day, November 22nd, 3 prominent people died who all left a mark on the world.

John F Kennedy the President of the USA was assassinated.

Aldous Huxley an author best known for Brave New World died.

And C.S. Lewis, writer, literary scholar and theologian died of renal failure. His

Narnia books still enthrall children and his writings about Christianity are deservedly still widely read.

This week also Bishop David Pytches died. He was, with his wife Mary, a missionary in Chile and then Bishop of Chile, Bolivia and Peru. On returning to England he was for many years vicar at Chorleywood, Hertfordshire. He helped initiate the 'New Wine' conferences where thousands of people, from Archbishop Justin Welby to myself were positively impacted by transformational encounters with the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday Antonia talked on the parable of the talents, how God has equipped us all with abilities and gifts. Without doubt David Pytches put all his God given gifts to good use and, as someone commented, will have been greeted by Jesus saying, 'Well done, good and faithful servant'. We may not be famous like the first three men who died 70 years ago on Wednesday, but we all have gifts and talents we can use to better the world and glorify God. And I for one, want to be welcomed into heaven with those words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'



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