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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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## April 14th & 21st 2024 Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

**Sunday 14th at St Swithun's at 9.30am - Christening of Amelie.** We welcome parents Lee and Sarah Bennett and their family and friends for Amelie's baptism.

**Sunday 21st at St Swithun's at 9.30am - Communion service,** followed by our **APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) at 11am.**

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

### --- Diary Dates ---

**Wednesdays from 10.30am to midday - Coffee and Company** (and yummy homemade cake).

**Fridays at 10.30am - Contemplative Time,** an oasis of calm in a busy week.

**Home groups** - We are taking a couple of week's break and then meeting fortnightly until August. We will be using Pete Greig's book *God on Mute* to follow a course called 'Unanswered Prayer'. If you would like to join in please talk to Jean or Linda BS or to find out what goes on talk to anyone in a home group.

**Saturday 20th at 12 noon at Holy Cross Church - Catherine and Lewis's wedding.** We are all invited to the wedding and to celebrate with them afterwards in the Boniface Centre. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bake a cake, please leave it in the Boniface Centre before the service. We are also taking up a collection for them so please see Linda BS with your gift.

### --- Community news ---

**Saturday 13th - Hospiscare Craft Fair and Coffee Morning** at the Parish Hall from 10.00am to 12.30.

#### **Tuesday 16th - The SHG invite you to an illustrated talk on the SS**

**Freshspring** at St Swithun's at 7.30pm. The SS Freshspring is moored at Bridport but the talk will give you the history of this class of vessel and the part they played for the RN from the turn of the century to the 1950s, and especially during the war.

**Last Saturday's Easter Coffee Morning** - A huge thank you to everyone who helped serve refreshments or run a stall (Simone, Margaret J, Rita, Aya, Jean and Margaret P) and to everyone who came and supported the event. It goes without saying that the floral displays were truly gorgeous (well done as ever Jill, Elaine and the team), so thank you to everyone who helped prepare the church on Easter Saturday. Thanks to your generosity we made over £500 for church funds.

**Plant Sale** - Unfortunately this year the Parish Hall will not be running its usual Plant Sale - but we will have a slimmed down version in St Swithun's churchyard on the same date May 11th. So please plant seeds, pot up seedlings and grow on vegetables and flowers ready to sell. To that end, Anne T desperately needs 3" pots for potting on so please give her any surplus ones you may have.

**Age Concern** - Are you a driver with a bit of spare time? Age Concern would welcome extra drivers, see Colin C for more information.

### --- And finally ---

*Practise Resurrection* - this was the theme of Laura's sermon on Sunday. She reminded us that often we spend 40 days of Lent preparing for Easter ... then along comes Easter Sunday, roast lamb and chocolate easter eggs, a bit of gardening on Bank Holiday Monday and that's it, back to normal. Whereas the reality of the Resurrection, Jesus coming back from death to life, should upturn every day of our lives. All this year Janet has been stating how Jesus was 'counter-culture', he turned expectations and lives upside down. As an Easter people, practising the revolutionary Resurrection should cause us to love outrageously, be at the forefront of social justice as we care for the world and the people in it and be unbeatable in our generosity with our money, time and

selves.



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