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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Sunday 12th at St Swithun's, Sandford at 9.30am - Holy Communion.
Pentecost Sunday 19th at St Swithun's at 9.30am - All Age family service with Antonia.

Pentecost Celebration at Exeter Cathedral at 6pm - Churches from throughout Devon are invited to a special event celebrating the first outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

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 or paper Hub Post.

--- Diary Dates ---

Saturday 11th May from 10.30am to 12 midday - Plant Sale Plus! in the churchyard with refreshments in the Under Gallery. Plenty of plants and garden related items have been promised so come along and invite friends and neighbours.

Monday 13th at 3pm - Open the Book assembly at Sandford School.

Tuesday 14th May at 7pm - Launchpad celebration. Janet has been involved with training for getting youth work off the ground in our churches. Contact her if you would like to join her at Taverners Farm (The Orange Elephant) for the celebration of Launchpad.

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 - The afternoon Home Group on Tuesdays and the evening one

on Wednesdays.

--- And finally in your prayers ---

- * The dire situation in Israel/Gaza. Pray for the the desperate, humanitarian needs in Gaza and the plight of the Jewish hostages and their grieving families.
- * The ongoing conflict in Ukraine as Russia attacks the country's infrastructure, and the suffering and grief of Ukrainians especially living in the war zones.
- * Pray for peace makers, negotiators and mediators that they are people of integrity and wisdom so that conflicts cease.
- * Pray for Mary Rose and Hilary who are both in hospital at the moment. Pray for their near families and those who care for them. Look around and note those folk who seem frail or you haven't seen for a while. As well as praying, is there something else you can do?
- * Pray for Gen Z (those born between late 1990s and early 2010s) as there is a real move of God happening amongst them in the UK and around the world. They are encountering the power, love and joy of God in a new way - and they will be the next generation of leaders in business, government and social systems. Pray that churches step up to nurture them so they can flourish and mature as Christians. Why not think of someone you know in their late teens or 20s and target them in your prayers?
- * Be thankful. Always be thankful!



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