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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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## May 26th, June 2nd & 9th 2024

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

**Sunday 26th May at St Swithun's, Sandford at 9.30am - Holy Communion and we welcome Nigel to lead our worship.**

**Sunday 2nd June at Beacon Church, New Buildings at 8.30am - Holy Communion**

**Sunday 2nd at St Swithun's at 9.30am - Holy Communion - followed at 11.15am by a Home group from St Basil's (see below)**

**Sunday 8th at St Swithun's at 9.30am - Holy Communion**

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 ---

**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 meets fortnightly on Tuesdays and the evening one fortnightly on Wednesdays.

**Friday 31st May to Sunday 2nd June at Holy Cross Church, Crediton - Summer Festival 'Crediton's Treasure'**. Historical artefacts displayed in the church amidst floral exhibits, with the usual delicious refreshments in the Boniface Centre.

**Wednesday 5th June at Shobrooke Church at 7pm - Musical evening** for flute, voice, organ and piano with Nigel and Tina Guthrie and Peter Gilks.

**Thursday 6th - D Day 80 Celebrations at Beacon Church from 6pm** - full details on posters with a musical programme, food and drink and free transport from the village. The beacon will be lit at 9.15pm to coincide with lightings on the Normandy coast.

**Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June - Open Gardens** at Bert and Margaret's at 4 Golden Joy from 2-5pm for Hospiscare

**--- Community News ---**

**Thank you - to those who add creative joy to life at St Swithun's.** To the **bellringers** led by Jim and Alison and including the trainees. To the **handbell ringers**, Rita is the contact here. Both sets of ringers welcome anyone interested in joining them from complete beginners to experienced hands. To our **musicians** James, Peter and Catherine who play the organ and keyboard. And to the **choir** who often join them. And finally to the **flower arrangers** led by Jill and Elaine who ensure whatever the season we have fresh arrangements to greet us.

**St Basil's Church** had been meeting on a farm at Tedburn St Mary and outgrew their premises there so Rob Taverner, of Orange Elephant fame, allowed them the use of one of his barns through the winter. However now that ice cream season is upon us he needs his barn back! So the church have been meeting in local home groups but were looking to also use local church premises once a month through the summer. Janet and the PCC were very happy to offer them the use of St Swithun's and so their first session will be on 2nd June after our morning service. Do feel free to stay and join them.

**--- And finally ---**

On 1st May 1524 the churchyard at St Swithun's was consecrated so that the church would be able to receive its own burial fees. It's difficult to imagine what the churchyard looked like 500 years ago, for a start there were almshouses where the lime trees are now. But with our present churchyard management plan it has become much more hospitable in recent years to a greater variety of fauna and flora. Opening up the church last Thursday, I paused on the steps and used my Merlin app (such a joy) which identifies bird song. In the space of 1 minute it identified 10 different birds singing around me - and that didn't include the house martins I could see down in the Square! The churchyard is a resource, a treasure really, for everyone. Dog owners please note we have poo bags for free on the shed if you forgot them when you left the house. Diocesan

regulations ask folk not to use plastic or environmentally unfriendly articles on graves or memorials, but please feel free to plant bulbs on and around them for the benefit of all.



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