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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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## June 16th & 23rd 2024 Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

**Sunday 16th June at St Swithun's, Sandford at 9.30am - All Age service partly led by the Home Groups. (see below)**

**Sunday 23rd June at St Swithun's at 9.30am - Holy Communion**

**Sunday 30th will be a joint Mission Community service at Kennerleigh at 10.30am.**

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.

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

**Monday 17th June at 3pm at Sandford School** - the Open the Book team are telling the story of Moses through the term.

**Thursday 20th at 10.30am - Communion at Summerhayes** residential home. Janet welcomes anyone to join her and the residents for this little service.

### --- Community News ---

**Janet** - Janet's procedure for a new knee has been rescheduled for June 28th. She will then be off work recuperating for six weeks. Please pray that there will be no delays and that healing will be straightforward.

**Home groups** - The afternoon and evening groups have comprised mainly Rita, Elizabeth, Suzie, Sally, Rebecca, Elaine, Christine, Pamela L, Simon, Stephen and Caroline and have been hosted by Linda BS and Jean. The

service on Sunday 16th is partly led by the members and gives them an opportunity time to share their experience. The Home Groups take a break through the summer but the aim is for additional ones to start in the autumn so now is your chance to find out more.

**Beacon Church** - Well done to Angela and team for the wonderful D-Day evening on June 6th. Thanks also to the Parish Council for facilitating the event and especially for providing the shuttle bus which made it so easy for parishioners to come and go. Well done too to Christine's gardening band who are working hard to create some lovely garden areas in the grounds.

**Summer Show on Monday 26th August at 2pm** - The new schedule is available online [sandfordsummershow@yahoo.com](mailto:sandfordsummershow@yahoo.com) or from the Community Stores. There is a wide range of classes to enter - from fruit and flowers to preserves and cookery to craft and the children's section. Do pick up a copy and see what inspires you. Any queries or offers of help to Karen Stephens 774835.

#### --- A prayer for Father's Day ---

We pray for new dads, grandads, stepdads, adoptive dads & solo dads. For baldy ones, beardy ones, skinny ones & cuddly ones. For dads who tell bad jokes and dads who dance to YMCA. For dads who know how to fix things & dads who just pretend.

Father to the fatherless, we pray for those for whom this day is sadder than it is happy. For those who feel they have failed, those who are grieving children they never had and those who are missing their dads or their children even more than usual.

Father God, in a world where some dads are distant, absent or even abusive we lean into your ever-present love. You are faithful, especially to those of us orphaned, abandoned or hurt.

*'Even if my father abandons me, the Lord will hold me close.'* (Psalm 27:10)



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