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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to our newsletter

Sunday 27th at 9.30am - Communion service at St Swithun's Church, Sandford.

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

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Remembrance Sunday 10th November - 10.00am at St Swithun's and 10.45am in Sandford Square for the civic Act of Remembrance.

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 ---

Wednesday 30th October at 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church - Presence.

Another evening of beautiful worship, scripture and prayer partnering with Exeter Network Church. Come and soak in it.

Monday 25th November at 7.30pm at Holy Cross - Licensing of Revd Jeremy Putnam as Team Vicar to the Crediton Rural Ministry Hub. Do come along and officially welcome Jeremy and his wife Ruth to the area.

Home Groups - The winter Home Groups are back! The afternoon group resumes on Tuesday 12th and the evening one on Wednesday 13th. If you had wanted to try them but hadn't got around to signing up, please contact Janet - it's not too late!

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

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

--- Community News ---

Beacon's Harvest festivities - Many thanks to all concerned for a splendid service. It was followed by an auction of produce which was a great mixture of fun and generosity and raised £470 which will be divided between Chemo Heroes and Beacon Church.

Sandford Parish Harvest Supper thanks - Over 80 people sat down to the annual Parish Harvest Supper and enjoyed ham, quiche, jacket potatoes and a wonderful variety of salads. This was followed by a splendid array of desserts with plenty over for second helpings! Jack and Beth then offered some very funny entertainment during after-supper coffees. Including the draw money, just under £1000 was raised towards the Community Churchyard Path Fund. A huge thanks to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

Try something new? - If you have never ventured to the Coffee and Company morning on a Wednesday, why not drop in? You may be just the person someone else would love to chat with! And if you haven't come along on a Friday morning for our reflective half hour, why not try that too? Make space in a busy life to still your heart.

--- And Finally ---

This feels like a temporary time of the year, a time when we are aware of change. For all sorts of reasons, many love Autumn (not me!). **Clocks go back this weekend** so we can revel in an extra hour of sleep. Yeah! Then on Thursday 31st we have All Hallows Eve which morphed into Halloween. All Hallows Eve was a sombre evening of prayer and fasting and preceded the joy and feasting of All Saints Day when the church celebrated the saints that had gone before. It's a time for remembering with gratitude. I found this little prayer which summed it up nicely.

*Grant, O Lord, that keeping in happy remembrance
those who have gone before,
who have stood by us and helped us,
who have cheered us with their sympathy,
and strengthened us by their example,
we may seize every opportunity of life
and rejoice in the promise of a glorious resurrection with them.
Amen.*



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