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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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## November 24th & December 1st 2024

### Welcome to our newsletter

**Sunday 24th - Join us and Jesse and Jess from Henstill with their family and friends for the christening of their children Elsie and George at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 9.30am**

**Sunday 4th December - Communion service at Beacon Church, New Buildings at 8.30am**

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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 ---

**Monday 25th at 3pm - Sandford Storytellers** perform a bible story at Sandford School assembly.

**Monday 25th 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. There are refreshments afterwards in the Boniface Centre. If you can bring a cake please let Anne Jerman know [annecjerman@gmail.com](mailto:annecjerman@gmail.com)

**Tuesday 26th at 2pm** - An Exeter team of bell ringers are visiting St Swithun's and Creedy Class from the school will be joining them to learn about bells and try ringing the handbells for themselves.

**Wednesday 27th at 1.45pm** - Otter Class from school will be helping plant whips along the boundary hedge and doing some 'bulb bombing' in the churchyard. We would welcome offers of help and/or suitable tools.

**Wednesday 27th at 7.30pm - Presence at Holy Cross.** A special evening of worship, music and prayer with Exeter Network Church.

**Thursday 28th at 10.30am** - Communion at Summerhayes.

**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 ---

**Weather Vane** - Look up to the top of the church tower and you will spot the refurbished weather vane. It has been a work of love by both Chris and Adrian, so a huge **thank you** to them that it is finally back in place and doing its job.

**Thank you - Autumn clean and tidy.** Thank you to our regular church cleaners Bridget, Rosanne, Charlotte, Elizabeth and Teresa. But going the extra mile for the super clean were Rebecca, Elizabeth, Stephen, Anne T and myself. All the awkward, unloved places in the church were given a special clean and outside, every path and set of steps in the churchyard was cleared and made safe and the hedge line prepared for planting on Wednesday. A big **thank you** to everyone involved.

**Ukraine** - Elizabeth (01363 777466) and Sandra R (01363 530599) are still collecting unwanted medicines and surgical appliances, plus with winter in mind gloves, scarves hats, blankets etc. Do get in touch with them if you have queries about anything specific.

### --- And Finally ---

Safeguarding has (rightly) been much in the news recently. On Sunday Antonia talked very helpfully and openly about recent events that led to the resignation of Archbishop Justin Welby. Having read the Makin report herself she noted that processes were followed throughout but they themselves were flawed since they didn't put victims at the heart. She stressed the importance of listening, of encouraging people to talk. Of providing an environment to enable those who have been compromised or abused to be able to flourish after they have shared.

All of us on the PCC, and others involved in any way with young people or vulnerable adults take safeguarding courses and have DBS checks. But Antonia encouraged us in love to commit to excellence in pastoral care, to notice, to speak up, to be that person that someone else can trust.

Our Safeguarding Officer is Linda Tonkin (01363 866857) or call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0845 155 1071 or Care Direct Plus on 0845 155 1007. It is better for several people to mention something and raise concerns than for no-one to speak out and a child or adult not receive the support they

need. There is more information at the end of the Hub Post each month.

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