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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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## December 8th & 15th 2024

### Welcome to our newsletter

**Sunday 8th - Communion service at 9.30am at St Swithun's, Sandford.**

**Sunday 15th December - All Age service at 9.30am at St Swithun's.**

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 9th at 3pm - Sandford Storytellers** perform the Christmas story to Sandford school.

**Wednesday 11th - Coffee and Company will be joined by Dart Class** from Sandford School singing the Christmas songs they have been learning. To add to the festive spirit, the flower arrangers will be decorating the window sills and church at the same time.

**Friday 13th - Sandford School Nativity service**, so **NO Friday Contemplative Prayers**, instead join parents and carers and enjoy the timeless Christmas story told by children.

**Saturday 14th - Carol Service at St Swithuns at 6pm** followed by refreshments and mulled Sandford Orchard cider. Donations will be for the work of the Children's Society.

**Sunday 15th - Carol Service at Beacon Church, New Buildings at 4pm.** Enjoy the special full size lit-up Nativity scene when you drive through New Buildings village.

**Wednesday 18th - Coffee and Company will enjoy a carol-sing-a-long** with Jenni on the keyboard at 11am. Bring your best voices and wear your daftest Christmas gear!

#### --- Community News ---

**Holy Cross Christmas Tree Festival, Crediton** - This runs from Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th inclusive with the usual glittering spectacle in the church and festive refreshments in the Boniface Centre.

**Christmas Thank you's** - A big thank you to Adrian who has put the star on top of the church and Chris for sorting the timer to sparkle over Christmas. And a big thank you to Roger and Helen Lee for providing the beautiful Christmas Tree at the front of church.

**--- And Finally ---**

In her last November as Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, Laura (Armstrong) sent all the reps a little card, 'Pocket Prayers for Advent'. I offer you this from the card. One way or another it encompasses all the prayers you might want to make.

***Each day throughout Advent write down three things - one thing that makes you joyful, one thing that you are thankful for and one thing you feel helpless about. Tell God about them.***



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