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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to our newsletter

Sunday 2nd - Communion at 8.30am at Beacon Church, New Buildings.

Sunday 2nd - Communion at 9.30am at St Swithun's Church, Sandford.

Sunday 9th - Communion 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 ---

Coffee and Company every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12 - Bring a friend and make new friends while enjoying tea/coffee and lush home made cakes.

Friday morning contemplative prayer - 10.30am for a half hour of calmness and serenity.

Home Groups - meet on Tuesday afternoon at Linda's and Wednesday evening at Jean's.

Summerhayes Communion - on Thursday 6th at 11am.

Sandford Storytellers - perform a bible story at an assembly at Sandford School on Monday 10th.

Bach's Passion - on Saturday 15th at 6pm at Holy Cross Church, directed by Tina Guthrie, proceeds for the charity Second Sight.

--- Community News ---

Thank YOU - through this Parish Post we often thank individuals for what they have done for us all. But the PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank YOU, every one of you reading this newsletter, for your support in so many ways. Thank YOU for your giving and sharing of your talents, time and treasure to the church and the wider community. So many of you are unsung heroes and do things behind the scenes. It is a joy to be part of such a generous-hearted

family.

Crediton Food Bank - The shelves have reached the post Christmas low and any contributions you can make, especially toiletries and cleaning products, would be welcomed.

Sandford Community Churchyard Path Fund - PAVING THE WAY

At the last PCC meeting our treasurer Stephen Miller brought us up to date with the progress of the proposed path from Fanny's Lane to the tower door. The total estimated cost of the work is in excess of £100,000. Already over £20,000 has been spent on various applications, surveyors' and architects' fees etc. (According to PCC records the first application to make the path safe was in 1984 to 'tarmac over the existing path'. So for over 40 years the PCC has had this project on the back burner.) Stephen, Chris Tucker and Jim King are beavering away applying for grants but many are match funded so we need to raise money ourselves too. Last year, a combination of gifts, fund raising and grants raised an incredible £30,000. Watch this space for ways you can help in the future!

Plant sale - We are having a plant sale at the end of April, (hopefully in the churchyard like last year) so this is an appeal to all you keen, green-fingered gardeners to get sowing, take cuttings and generally see what you can amass. The lovely, late Anne Bickley who was knowledgeable about all things gardening once advised me when taking cuttings, 'Jean do it in threes. One won't take, one you'll give away and one you can keep for yourself.'

--- And finally ---

It brings a smile to the face to see little clumps of snowdrops and the odd primrose in the churchyard. February and March may bring warmer weather but are just as likely to offer below-zero temperatures or endless rain. And yet these little harbingers of spring can withstand it all and for me offer hope. And hope is precious.

This prayer was written by the Barnabas Fund, a charity which serves the suffering and persecuted church world wide. But as you pray it, you may also have in mind someone you know who is ill, or in a desperate situation, or the streams of weary people returning to their homes in Gaza, or the people of Ukraine or DR Congo longing for peace.

God of all compassion, visit your suffering people.

In the time of their troubles, let them not be dismayed.

In their oppression let them not be destroyed.

In their anxiety let them not lose hope.

In their alienation and their wandering be their identity and home.

O God, the Father of all mercies, look upon them with your favour.

Set your seal upon their foreheads.

Let your right hand uphold them, your love encourage them, your presence engulf them and your protection cover them.

In their fragility and brokenness be their strength and treasure.

Let your light shine upon them and reveal the glory of your eternal Son, in whose name we pray.

Amen.



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