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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to our newsletter

Sunday 16th - Morning Praise, 9.30am at St Swithun's Church, Sandford.

Sunday 23rd - Communion, 9.30am at St Swithun's Church.

Sunday 30th - Mothering Sunday **NO SERVICE AT ST. SWITHUN'S but
Mission Community joint service at Stockleigh Pomeroy 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 ---

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.

Monday 17th - Sandford Storytellers leading assembly at Sandford School.

Thursday 20th at 11am - Summerhayes communion.

Thursday 20th at 2.30pm - PCC meeting in the Under Gallery at St Swithun's.

Please let Linda Griffin know if you have any items you want on the agenda.

Wednesday 26th - The Well at Holy Cross Church at 7.30pm. An evening where with prayer, music and word you can experience God and be refreshed. Come and drink!

Lent Studies - There are 4 different venues but the same session at each one so if you have to miss your usual time you can join one of the other sessions.

Mondays - 7.30pm at Janet's at The Vicarage, Cheriton Fitzpaine.

Wednesdays - 2.30pm at Matthew's at The Rectory, Crediton.

Thursdays - 2.30pm at Janet's (as above) or 7.30pm at Jean's, 13 Linhay Park, Sandford.

Fridays - 2.30pm in The Under Gallery, St Swithun's Church with Jeremy.

The course is 5 weeks long and each session lasts about 1 and a half hours.

--- Community News ---

Lent Lunches - These will be held around the Deanery with donations going to colleagues in the Diocese of Jerusalem. Archbishop Hosam says 'My Diocese is bleeding at this time', and is calling on the worldwide Anglican community for prayer and practical support.

Thursday 20th - Boniface Centre, Crediton.

Thursday 27th - Bridge Centre, Stoke Canon.

Thursday 3rd April - St Matthew's Church, Cheriton Fitzpaine.

All lunches run from 12.30pm to 2pm and are free but generous donations will be welcomed.

Electoral Roll Renewal - 2025 is the year when we are all asked to fill in an electoral roll form to indicate 'I belong' to the churches in this parish. You can fill in an online form by emailing Mandy Tietze our electoral roll officer (tietzemandy2@gmail.com) or there are paper copies at the back of all 3 churches. These can be posted into the box at the back of St Swithun's. Please do this by **Monday 7th April**. If you have any queries, do talk to Mandy.

--- And finally ---

In a crazy world, one way of encouraging ourselves in God is to look back and see how God was there for previous saints in their world of injustice and pain. One such was George Muller who lived in Bristol about 120 years ago. He cared for 10,024 orphans and started 117 schools which educated 120,000 children with a Christian education. He never fund-raised or sent out begging letters, he prayed and trusted God to provide the money he needed - and God did to the tune of £90 million (in today's money.) He was accused of 'raising the poor above their natural state'. He said this about prayer:-

Pray as you can, not as you can't. ... The greater the difficulty to be overcome, the more will it be seen to the glory of God how much can be done by prayer and faith. Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is possible. Faith begins where man's power ends.'

(P.S. Talk to Elaine sometime, one of her great aunts was a little girl rescued by George Muller.)



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