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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Sunday 1st - Communion service at Beacon Church, New Buildings at 8.30am

Sunday 1st - Communion service at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 9.30am

Pentecost Sunday 8th - Communion service at St Swithun's at 9.30am

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 for June ---

Saturday 31st May from 6.30pm - Church bells will be rung throughout Devon this evening to mark the 100th birthday of the Devon Association of Ringers. Do pop into St Swithun's to watch Jim, Alison and the team 'make a joyful noise'!

Monday 2nd - Sandford Storytellers are dramatising a bible story at Sandford School Assembly.

Home Groups - Thursday 5th at 7.30pm at 13 Linhay Park - The evening home group restarts with a course specifically designed for rural communities. It will run for 7 weeks (until 17th July). If you prefer a daytime group or a different evening you could join the groups at Cheriton Fitzpaine. Please contact Tiffany for details on northcreedy1@gmail.com.

Tuesday 10th at 11am - Communion at Summerhayes Residential Home. All welcome to join Janet there.

Saturday 21st June - Millennium Green 25th celebrations. The Millennium Green committee have planned some wonderful activities to mark this joyous occasion beginning in the Square, parading through the village and ending on the Millennium Green. St Swithun's has been invited to run the tea tent and

there will be a sign up sheet at church for you to either offer to make a cake or give up an hour or two serving refreshments.

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.

Contemplative Prayer - every Friday from 10.30am to 11am. A mindful oasis of peace.

--- Community News ---

PCC - Let me introduce you to the new PCC, some old hands and some new faces. Chris Tucker and Paul West are the Church Wardens. Stephen Miller is the treasurer and Jim King the Gift Aid treasurer. Carole Webb and Jean Hope are the Deanery Synod reps. Mandy Tietze is the electoral roll officer. Other members are Colin Clark, Linda Bennet Smith, Pamela Larcombe and we welcome Laura Armstrong. Linda Griffin is the parish secretary. A huge thanks to all these volunteers who serve us in so many ways. Incidentally the Sandford governors at Holy Cross are Colin Clark, Rosie Cheriton and John Crook. A big thank you to them too.

Rotas - Is there a volunteer willing to draw up the monthly Sunday rotas? Please talk to Linda G if that could be you, it is only a few hours a month and she would like to pass that role over.

Bee/bug hotel in the Churchyard - Thank you Lizzie for taking this on.

Sandford School Scarecrow trail - The scarecrows always brighten up the village for the summer and for many years Graham and I have designed and produced a scarecrow that sits by the Fanny's Lane entrance to the churchyard. As the school is celebrating 200 years this year, the theme is 'School day memories'. **Would another family or group like to let rip with their creative juices and take this on? The theme is 'School day Memories'.**

--- And Finally ---

Sunday 8th June is what used to be called Whit Sunday, Whitsuntide. This is when the Christian church remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, and it is really the birthday, the beginning of the church. If you read the story in Acts chapter 2 it was a whirlwind day of astonishing happenings, great joy and culminated in 3000 new believers being added to the disciples! You can take the opportunity to join Christians from all over Devon at **Exeter Cathedral at 6.30pm for the Thy Kingdom Come Pentecost Event**. It promises to be an inspiring evening of prayer and worship!



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