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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to

our fortnightly newsletter

Sunday 29th June - Combined Mission Community service at Puddington at 10.30am. **No Service in Sandford.**

Sunday 6th July - Communion service at Beacon Church, New Buildings at 8.30am.

Sunday 6th - Communion service at St Swithun's Church, Sandford 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 ---

Sandford Storytellers - Monday 30th June at 3pm at Sandford School.

Home Group - Thursday 3rd and 10th at 7.30pm at 7 Chapel Downs Drive,

Crediton - We are following a short course specifically designed for rural communities, encouraging us to look at the abundance of God in what we have, rather than in what we lack. The sessions are stand alone so contact Jean (07779 281509) if you want to join in.

Archdeacon's Visitation - Tuesday 8th July at 7pm at St George's and St Paul's Church in Tiverton. This is the service when our **two(!)** church wardens Chris and Paul, along with other churchwardens, will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Exeter. Please pray for them as they take on and share the responsibilities of caring for the 3 churches within the parish.

Sunday 13th July - St Swithun's patronal festival at Shobrooke at 6pm.

This will be a Songs of Praise and Matthew will dedicate an icon which has been gifted to Shobrooke by a Ukrainian artist. We usually share this festival with Shobrooke as our churches have the same saint's name, but this promises to be a rather special evening, so put it in your diaries right away.

Friday 25th July at 7pm - Music for a Summer's Evening. Nigel and Tina Guthrie have kindly offered a concert for voice, flute, piano and organ to help raise funds for the churchyard path work, The Wildlife Way. Details to follow but save the date!

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 ---

Janet - Janet had her mastectomy on Monday, came home the same day and is doing well. She thanks us all for our prayers, messages and obvious care. Her address is The Vicarage, Cheriton Fitzpaine, EX17 4JB if you wish to get anything to her. Obviously she will need some weeks to recuperate so please keep Janet and her family in your prayers. Pray also for Matthew and all the other team members who are covering services, weddings, funerals, baptisms, pastoral visits, PCC meetings and all the host of things that make up Janet's worklife.

Millennium Green Big Picnic last Saturday - This was a super village event as you know if you came along, well done to the Millennium Green Committee for organising it. Our Refreshment Tent was kept busy all afternoon and thank you so much for everyone who baked and provided cakes and food and to Sally, Anne T, Simone and Fiona for helping set up, serve and clear away. We made a wonderful £500 for Church Funds and were delighted to donate £50 of that to the Millennium Green Fund.

--- And Finally ---

As we look around the world and see unrest on so many continents, it is tempting to either take sides or turn away because what can we do? But hidden behind the headlines are children who can no longer go to school, families who no longer have homes, old or vulnerable people who no longer have medical care or the means to survive. Basically, ordinary people like you and me. Keep praying for them all and for the NGOs and other agencies that work tirelessly to get support to them. And if it helps, use this prayer that Simone finished her intercessions with last Sunday.

Eternal God,

in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,

and no strength known but the strength of love,

we implore you - spread abroad your Spirit

so that all peoples may be gathered under one banner,

*that of the Prince of Peace,
as children of one Father, Lord of Love.
Amen.*



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