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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Sunday 31st August - Joint Mission Community Communion service at St Swithun's Church, Sandford at 10.30am

Sunday 7th September - Communion service at Beacon Church, New Buildings at 8.30am

Sunday 7th - Communion service at St Swithun's Church 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 ---

Wednesday 3rd September 10.30am to 12 - Coffee and Company are putting the kettle on for **Hospiscare** so we invite everyone to drop in and make a generous donation to Hospiscare as you indulge in your choice of luscious homemade cake with your tea or coffee. Bring a friend and catch up with old friends too.

Tuesday 9th - Communion at Summerhayes at 11am. Sandra would be delighted if anyone wanted to join her.

Every Wednesday 10.30am to 12 - Coffee and Company.

Every Friday 10.30am to 11 - Contemplative prayer when we use music, silence and words, and together still our hearts and minds before God. If you have a family or situation you want prayer for, let us know. It's what we do.

--- Community News ---

Janet - Janet completed a week of radiotherapy last week and continues to make good progress. She is doing a phased return from September and in fact will be taking some Sunday services including the joint mission community one this Sunday. Please continue to pray for her good health going forward.

Nigel and Tina's summer concert - Those of you who came know what a terrific evening they gave us. Thank you to all who helped, particularly Charlotte who created some super sparkling summer drinks! And we raised a wonderful £621.95 towards the path fund.

The Vicar's Board - Did you even know we had one? It's a wonderful historical document going back over 500 years and listing the various priests, rectors and vicars of St Swithun's. Thanks to Paul's efforts it is at last up to date. The two boards are hanging on the wall directly opposite you as you come in the main door.

Mission Reorganisation - This proposal is that the churches in the Crediton area, North Creedy West and North Creedy East become one large mission community with a team of ministers. The full details are hanging in the porch of each church or you can find them online. If you have any questions do ask Janet or Matthew or you can make a comment online. Do pray into this and especially that a suitable applicant for North Creedy West would apply and join the team.

Harvest Supper Saturday October 4th - For many years Jim and Rita have headed up this wonderful parish event, for which huge thanks! This year they are sharing out the tasks and there is a sign up sheet at the back of church so that a team can get involved. The list will be in church on Sunday, please have a look and see what part you can play. And make sure you save the date and invite friends and neighbours.

--- And finally ---

I recently heard that more people attend church on a Sunday than attend a football match on a Saturday. Thinking of the large crowds I see on Match of the Day my response was 'You canNOT be serious!' (think John McEnroe way back). But on investigation the figures for both activities are about 1million. Even when you add in TV viewing figures and radio listeners the numbers are about even. But because football gets so much air and screen time and newspapers devote pages to it, football is very dominant. Almost a national religion. Positive Christian comments and articles are rarely reported though scandal of course always makes the headlines!

What can we draw from this? Well the western world we live in might be in a post-Christian decline, but God is definitely not fading away. He is the same 'yesterday, today and forever'. Sovereign, powerful, relevant and above all full of love and care for each one of us. He is literally closer to you than your next breath.



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