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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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Sept 28th, Oct 5th & 12th 2025

Welcome to our newsletter

Sunday 28th - 9.30am Communion service at St Swithun's Church, Sandford.

Sunday 5th October - 8.30am Communion service at Beacon Church, New Buildings.

Sunday 5th October - 9.30am Communion service at St Swithun's.

Sunday 12th October - 9.30am Communion service 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 ---

Saturday 4th October - Parish Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall, 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets £15 adults. This is always a joyful occasion with plenty to eat and great company. Tickets from Roy or anyone at church or Sandford Stores. There will be a **Raffle** and Anne T is running a **Bounty Table** where you can buy preserves, produce and plants. **Donations for this and draw prizes welcomed.** If you are unable to be at the Supper, why not make a dessert or salad anyway and leave with a friend to take along? And if you are coming, do invite neighbours or friends to join you.

School Harvest Festival - Friday 10th October at 9.30am at St Swithun's.

The children from Sandford school are celebrating Harvest and if anyone wants to come along and see and hear what they are doing, you would be most welcome. (No Contemplative Prayer that morning.)

Harvest Festival Services - Sunday 19th October. Two for the price of one! **St Swithun's is holding their Harvest Festival at 9.30am.** The church will be decorated the day before if you want to bring foliage and produce. Please also bring grocery items or money donations for the Crediton Food Bank.

Beacon Church is holding its Harvest service and Auction in the afternoon at 6pm. This is always a great community event with proceeds from the auction this year being split between MND and FORCE.

Thursdays at 7.30pm - The evening Home Group meets at Stephen and Fiona's home in Crediton. The daytime one is still taking a break and hopes to start again in December for an Advent study.

Every Wednesday 10.30am to 12 - Coffee and Company. Come and enjoy scrummy home made cakes and convivial company over a cup of coffee or tea.

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 ---

Heritage Lottery Grant application for funding for new church path - Big thanks to the team, especially Jim, who has put in a huge amount of work to prepare our application as near as we possibly can to meet the criteria. As part of the application, our community project will be to make the churchyard even more environmentally friendly, focusing on swifts, hedgehogs, bats and pollinating plant corridors. Please pray for it to find favour with the Heritage Lottery panel.

Environmental Officer - We have registered with A Rocha to be an Eco Church and are well on the way to receiving a bronze award. We are also delighted to welcome Colin's daughter Tarin Clark as our Environmental Officer.

--- And finally ---

In both our Friday mornings and our Home Group we are looking at ordinariness. God does not need highly trained, charismatic, extraordinary people to share the Christian message. He can use them of course, but he also sees great value in the ordinary, the retired, the teenager, the not-so-beautiful, the not-so-well. His power in us to accomplish what needs to be done coupled with his immense love for everyone he has created is beyond our comprehension. He asks only for us to be willing to follow, to choose to live a Jesus centred life. History is littered with the stories of very ordinary people who in God's name have accomplished amazing things. Our names can be there too!



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