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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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12th & 19th April

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Sunday 12th April - Communion service at 9.30am at St Swithun's Church, Sandford.

Sunday 19th April - Morning Praise at 9.30am at St Swithun's Church.

Should you want different styles or times of services, the full rota for the Crediton and Upper Creedy Valley area can be found at the end of the monthly digital or paper Hub Post.

--- Diary Dates ---

Sunday 19th - APCM at 11am at St Swithun's Church. The annual parochial church meeting will take place after the morning service in the Under Gallery. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday 22nd - Deanery Synod meeting at 7.30pm at the Boniface Centre.

Coffee and Company on Wednesday mornings between 10.30am and 12.

Come and enjoy lush home made cakes and convivial company over a cup of tea or coffee.

Reflective Friday Prayer 10.30am - 11 when we use readings, music, silence and prayers to still our hearts and minds before God. And we love to pray for the whole parish of Sandford.

--- Community news ---

Plant Sale Saturday 9th May - Our bring-and-buy plant sale in the churchyard with coffee and refreshments in the church. Keep the date free and keep those

seedlings and cuttings watered and growing!

Thank yous - to everyone who helped or took part in the Easter events last weekend. To all those who set up tables and came with contributions for a very special Seder meal on Maundy Thursday. To those who were part of Jill's team on Saturday morning with flowers and foliage and who decorated the church in preparation for a beautiful Easter morning. To those who got up early for the 6.30am Easter sunrise service at Beacon Church and helped prepare the bacon rolls and coffee afterwards. And to all those who attended any Easter services including the large baptism party at St Swithun's on Easter Sunday. And thank you to Rev. Jeremy who prepared and took all our Easter services in the parish this year.

--- And Finally ---

While the Easter events we had the opportunity to be part of here and around the Crediton and Upper Creedy area took part safely and joyfully, in many parts of the world this was not the case. Our hearts go out to those whose lives are broken by wars and fear of neighbouring gang warfare, to those who are displaced and unable to access very basic necessities. To those who are persecuted for their faith. We can pray for them, but we must also pray for world leaders.

Hear us O Lord, as we lift up before you all who bear the bewildering responsibility of government among the nations of the world.

Give them wisdom beyond their own and integrity in all their dealings.

Overthrow the purposes and designs of evil men. Establish the cause of righteousness in every land that all mankind may be led into the way of peace.

We ask it in the name of Christ.

Amen.



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