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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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September 13th & 20th

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Sunday 13th at 9.30am - Communion service at St Swithun's Church, Sandford followed at 11.30am by Teddies abseiling down the church tower as a fundraiser for DHCT (Devon Historic Churches Trust).

Sunday 20th at 9.30am - Harvest Festival at St Swithun's. We are collecting items for the Crediton Food Bank so all donations, both groceries or money, gratefully received.

If you should want different times or styles of service anywhere in the Crediton and Upper Creedy Valley churches, details can be found in the Hub Post.

--- Diary dates ---

Saturday 12th - Shobrooke Harvest Festival throughout the day with a variety of stalls and entertainment in the churchyard.

Sunday 13th - We are delighted to welcome Austin and Gwen Cleverdon and family to church as they celebrate their Platinum Wedding

Anniversary. 70 years ago this weekend Gwen and Austin were married at St Swithun's. Many congratulations from us all!

After the service and out in the churchyard from 11.30am, we will be enjoying **teddies abseiling down from the tower** to raise funds for DHCT. This will be followed by a **teddy bear's picnic** - so whatever your age, bring your teddy and your picnic and join in the fun.

Monday 14th - Sandford Storytellers take their first assembly of the new term with the story of Jesus calling his disciples.

Coffee and Company on Wednesday mornings between 10.30am and 12. Come and enjoy lush home made cakes and convivial company over a cuppa.

Reflective Friday Prayer 10.30am - 11am when we use readings, music, silence and prayers to still our hearts and minds before God. Please let Elizabeth or myself

know if you have any prayer requests, we love to pray.

--- Community news ---

Home Groups - These are beginning after the summer break, the afternoon one meets in Sandford and starts on Tuesday 15th and the evening one meets in Crediton on Thursdays from the 17th. There is always room for extra members so if you want to try one, do speak to Janet.

Saturday 19th - from 10am decorating the church for the Harvest Festival. If you have any fruit, flowers vegetables or foliage to offer, please bring them to church on Saturday morning or leave them in the porch the day before.

Parish Harvest Supper - Saturday 3rd October. This is always a sumptuous feast so even if you cannot be there on the evening, there are so many ways you can help make it a wonderful occasion. Sell tickets for a start, they are £15 adults, £8 children under 12, from Pamela L or Jean or in the shop. There is a sign-up list at the back of church where you can offer to bring a salad or a pud, donate a raffle prize, bring something for the bounty table (anything from the garden or jams, chutneys etc), or help on the day.

P.S. Even if you can't come, maybe you can buy some tickets which could be offered to someone else?

Revd Jeremy Putnam - Congratulations to Jeremy who has been made a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral. He will be installed during Choral Evensong in the Cathedral on 6th October at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

--- And Finally ---

Jeremy Rawlings the curate at Holy Cross has prepared a simple monthly Prayer Diary which lists each parish in the Crediton and Upper Creedy Valley area, starting alphabetically with Bow on the 1st of every month through to Zeal Monachorum on the 26th. On the final days of the month the various clergy and lay ministers, PCC officers etc each have a day for prayers. There is a copy of the Prayer Diary in the prayer corner of church but if you wish for a personal copy, please email Jean.

A blessing for the Crediton and Upper Creedy area.

We bless every church leader in this area to be all that God has ordained them to be. We bless them with love, joy peace and good health and bless their marriages and families too. We bless them to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and to bear lasting fruit for the kingdom. We bless their congregations to grow in the knowledge and joy of God. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



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