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NEWSLETTER OF SANDFORD, NEW BUILDINGS AND UPTON HELLIONS CHURCHES

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1st & 8th November

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Sunday 1st at 9.30am - Christening service with Naomi and Aaron's family and friends for their son Thomas. We are delighted that members of Beacon Church will be joining us for this joyful occasion. Naomi and Aaron would like to welcome everyone to The Lamb afterwards for sausage or bacon rolls and cake.

Sunday 8th at 10.15am - Remembrance Service when we will be joined by Sandford Scouts. At 10.50am we move down to the Square for the Act of Remembrance.

--- Diary dates ---

Monday 2nd and 9th Alpha Group continues at 7pm in the Under Gallery (and for the next few Monday evenings). If you wish to help with hospitality please speak to Janet.

Monday 9th - Sandford Storytellers perform a bible story at Sandford School afternoon assembly.

Advent groups - This year the Diocese have prepared their own 4 week Advent course for churches to use. The material will be delivered through the Home Groups on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings. If you would like to take the Advent course but are not in either Home Group at the moment, please speak to Janet (or Jean or Linda BS) so we know how much course material to order. It will start towards the end of November.

Saturday 14th 11- 4pm - Sandford Craft Fair in the Parish Hall. So many lovely things to admire and buy!

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

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--- Community news ---

Messy Church - Messy Church got off to an excellent start with 26 children and their parents attending the 1st session. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Amazon wish list. And a big thank you to Millie who has overseen the orders and brightened up the children's corner with very attractive storage for it all.

Harvest Supper - Another super evening when we were well fed and entertained. After all expenses were seen to, over £900 was raised for church funds! Thank you everyone who came and who contributed in any way.

--- And Finally ---

When Revd Sam and the team from Exeter Network Church come to lead The Well, she, and the worship team, never fail to be awed by and give thanks for all those who have for hundreds of years gone before in the ancient building that is Holy Cross Church. Their lives and prayers have helped shape us.

On November 1st, All Souls Day, we think of those in our family or church or community who have gone before us, those we knew and those we didn't but have heard stories about - and we are aware how great is 'the communion of saints'. God knew then and knows now, each one, he is a God of his word who remembers.

On this day we remember and pray for those we have loved and who have gone before us.

On this All Souls Day our prayers are not only for those we know but also for all those who have died at the hands of others.

So we pray, God who is love, in your mercy receive all those we remember into the welcome of your eternal love and life,

Amen.

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