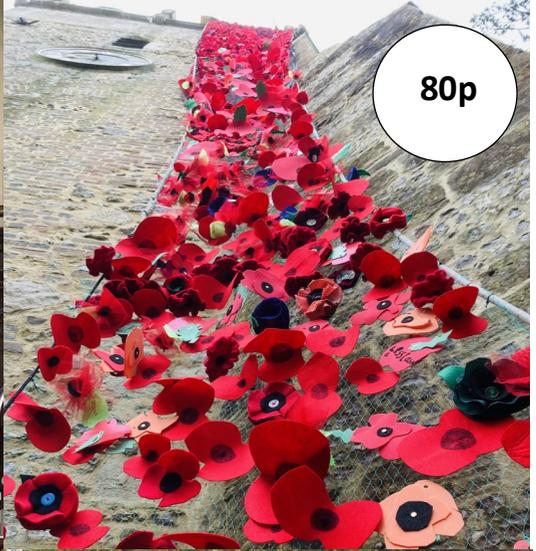


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Hope and inspiration for the rural church

A number of us attended a day for rural churches last month – three of our four parishes were represented by members seeking inspiration and support.

It can feel quite hard being part of a small church so it was great to be able to join with lots of people from the area in a similar situation.

I've asked those attending why they went and what they gained from the day. Their thoughts form the basis of this piece.

One of those who attended had been to a previous gathering and found it inspiring, so she signed up again. Fortunately inspiration and hope were both mentioned by several people as a result of this year's event. As one wrote, "it can be disheartening to see dwindling congregations and to constantly worry about who is going to take on all the jobs that need doing. The Rural Day helped to give a sense of hope (tho' the problems remain) and also the knowledge that others face the same problems. There was a sense that, although we all have difficulties, they can be overcome."

When we work together across boundaries (in any area of life not just church), we gain so much. Ideas that really got our folk thinking were Walking Church, Forest Church, informal gatherings around a fire pit, letting go of things that are not working or which have passed their sell-by date, the positivity of the diocesan giving adviser and making more use of local resources.

Not all the ideas that inspired were about doing things, though. Several people were reminded positively of our need to surrender to God, if we are to transform our church life and support for our communities. The reminder that as Christians we are called to join in with the work that God is already doing is a helpful one – it's not only down to us.

Days like this are valuable for those who attend (the wish of one participant in answer to what might be of use to our benefice was to encourage more people to come to such events), but the inspiration they provide lasts much longer than 24 hours. People have carried on thinking about what they learned and the questions they are left with. Some reflections were: how can we encourage children and families more? Will more informal gatherings bring people together? How can we find people willing to help grow our little congregation?

Dream, pray, let go of what doesn't work, do less better and find ways to listen to what people want from their churches: good advice gleaned from the day, which I'm sure we can apply to more than just our church life.

I'm aware that this is a different kind of monthly letter from the ones I normally write, but it's important that the gain from such days as these is not

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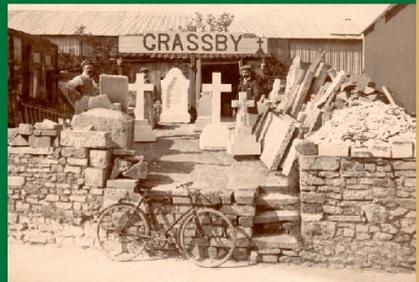
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just kept to the people who attended but can be positive for all when shared. In this month of November when we remember those past who have inspired us by their love sacrifice, courage at All Saints', All Souls' and Remembrance, it's always good to think about how we too can inspire others.

*With best wishes
Sarah*

(with thanks to Cynthia, Dawn, Pam and Sue for their reflections)

St Mary's Puddletown		
Intercessors		Scripture Readers
6th Nov	Margaret Rickard	Rosie Hallett
13th Nov	Puddletown Praise Team	
20th Nov	Dawn Loveless	Paul Fleetwood
27th Nov	TBA	Pat Lindsay & Judy Bumby
Charitable Giving 2022		
Lent		Bishop's Fund for Sudan
Mothering Sunday		Mosaic
Easter Day		The Salvation Army (Homeless)
Harvest		Water Aid
Christmas		The Children's Society

Lo, he comes.

Four meetings to get to know some of the huge range and richness of music reflecting the season of Advent and its themes. Richard Hall (organist at St John's, Tolpuddle) will introduce recorded examples drawn from five centuries of church music.

Our clergy, Sarah and Maggie, will lead discussion and exploration of the spiritual meanings behind the music.

The meetings, each lasting about an hour, and followed by tea and cake, will take place on Monday afternoons starting at 3.00 pm on 28th November, 5th 12th and 19th December and will be held in the Puddletown Church Room.



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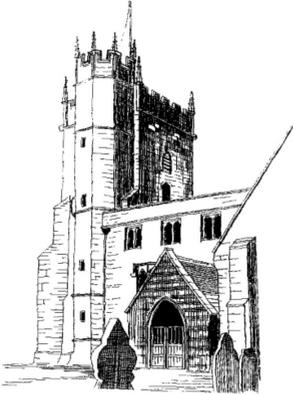
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St. Mary's Church Events - November



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Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee mornings in the church Room on Thursday 3rd November and Thursday December 1st. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look.

Through the sale of her cards Rosemary is helping to support the church room.

Harvest Festival was on Sunday October 2nd. The church was most beautifully decorated in autumn colours, many thanks to Heather and her team for all their efforts. I do hope some of you managed to get down to the church to look at all the different decorations.

This year Winfrith bakery very kindly made us an intricate bread in the shape of a sheaf of wheat with two little mice hiding inside!

Prayer Group The Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church, 10.30 until 12noon. Coffee and conversation from 10.30 followed by prayers at 11.00am. All are welcome.

The Children's Society collection boxes will be opened and counted on Sunday November 20th after the church service. During the service we shall have a talk given by a representative of the society.

Ceilidh This will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday November 26 at 7.30pm, there will be a light supper and a bar, so get ready to dust off your dancing shoes!

Christmas Fair this will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December 10 – 12noon. If you have any donations for the tombola, please contact Hazel on 07964 550983

The Monthly Village Lunch will be held on Monday November 14th from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving beef casserole accompanied by vegetables and followed by some delicious home-made puds. If you would like to book your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211.

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There will be coffee and conversation from 10.30 and prayers will begin at 11.00.

Do come and join us.



Prayer Requests

If anyone has any prayer requests for the Benefice Prayer Group, please contact:

Sue Turner - 01305 849030 or

Janet Voke - 01258 837550



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3 Ashley Monks (C)

5 Paul Poser

7 William Bishop (C)

2 Emma Hughes

4 Tom Woodland

6 Ian Bishop

8 Clare Maudsley

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All the Winter Barley has now been drilled and rolled in to get a good seed to soil contact and, with a firm seed bed, will help to stop the slugs moving around and eating the young juicy shoots as the seeds germinate and start to grow.

We have been spreading some well rotted farm yard manure onto some of the stubbles before it is incorporated with a large cultivator which is pulled through the ground, mixing the soil with the muck, which will improve the organic matter, water draining and water retaining capacity of the soil and then the fields will be drilled with Winter Wheat.

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However, it was not only in London that bells sounded out their sad reminder, but it was also nationwide; all over the land the bells rang out and so it was in our own local churches.

It was with a sad irony that some of us learnt of the Queen's passing in Puddletown's own ringing chamber as a routine practice was to begin. Immediately the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' own plan for this occasion was put into action and the bells were immediately half muffled. This was then to put into place a set pattern of ringing which was to culminate on the day of the Queen's funeral.

The day of the funeral commenced with ringing, by 8 of our band of ringers, an hour before the funeral, culminating in 15 minutes of tolling the tenor bell. This was carried out by 5 separate section individuals (details of who took part can be seen in the Bell Board section). As well as this tribute it was agreed for the bells at St Andrew's, Milborne, and then All Saints' at Hilton to be rung that evening.



So at 6pm a group of ringers, several who had previously rung that sad morning's in Puddletown, commenced an hours pealing. Once this had finished the group moved on to finish the days ringing on the bells of All Saints'. By then the sunlight, which had provided some comfort, had begun to fade and the solemnity of the dark took over. The bells rang out, echoing around the surrounding valley, and for me the enormity of what I had witnessed and heard began to become somewhat more real. There

was a sense of something passing, of loss and great change.

Once the bells had been rung down for the last time on this most sorrowful of days, the ringers moved on to the Fox at Ansty, not only for well earned refreshment but also to reflect upon the day and to toast the health of the new King, His Majesty Charles III.

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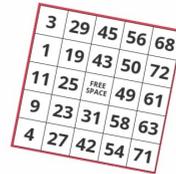
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St John's Church Tolpuddle - November 2022

“Autumn is knocking at the door”- thus saith our dear Ukrainian friend when he came downstairs last week- and definitely we have now let it in- with leaves fluttering down and lovely autumn mists across the meadows. Indeed, Autumn was the theme for the Sunday Reflection in the church on

Sunday October 9th, where Richard and Sarah shared some of their musical and written interpretations of the same.

We celebrated the autumn harvest in the church, which was beautifully decorated by Marion with dahlias and a variety of fruit and vegetables. We had specifically asked for tins and packets which are now at the back of the church as our own “**Food Bank**”. Please do spread the word that these goods can be taken by anyone in need, without any referrals. You will also find lots of information about other services available to help us all through the coming months. A collection of £147 was taken at the service which was sent to Dorchester Poverty Action Group.

We held the village **Harvest Supper** in the Village Hall- Hilly and Julie called on the talented cooks within the village to offer a fabulous spread of main courses and desserts, followed by coffee and chocs. Diana Foreman had prepared a table top quiz, for which Glenn was quiz master and Heather organised the raffle. Particular thanks to Andy and Teresa who worked tirelessly in the kitchen pouring copious drinks and to Richard King for his most appropriate toast to the Harvest and the King!



Another glorious day for the next event which was the Car Boot Sale- the first ever in the village, for which huge thanks to Tom and the TUC for use of their facilities. This was great fun and raised £376 which was divided between the church and MENCAP.



There is much to look forward to in the months ahead- the annual **Bonfire Party**- on Saturday November 5th. For more information or if you feel you can help in anyway contact Jonathan Van Baars -tolpuddleevents@gmail.com (see advertisements for this elsewhere)

We are holding a **Quiz with Fish and Chips** and pay bar in the Village Hall on November 25th- Sally Cooke has written the quiz which I am sure will be suitably challenging. For tickets apply: tolpuddleevents@gmail.com

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We are planning our Christmas Village Events- we really need a couple of young mums/dads- perhaps from our Toddler Group - to help arrange a children's party. Instead of Carol Singing around the village we are intending to have **"Carols under the Tree"** on Saturday December 17th which will be followed by a **Christmas Party** in the Village Hall. There will be more information about this next month.

A group in the village regularly get together for a cuppa on Tuesday mornings- it used to be in the pub and more recently in the Village Hall. However it has now been suggested that it moves into the church for a while- do please join us there at 11 o'clock and invite anyone new to the village- so that they might also share in our lovely community.

Do also put church dates in your diary- as we continue to hold our regular services, welcoming everyone and recognising that some services appeal to some more than others. A reminder-

First and Third Sundays- Communion service at 9.30

Second Sunday- Reflection at 5.30pm

Fourth Sunday- Go Fourth- informal service at 10.00 followed by coffee

The Church Carol Service will be on Sunday December 11th at 5pm and the Crib Service on December 24th at 3.30pm.

So- let us all prepare for the winter ahead- knowing that there are friends around and thank the Lord for our many blessings.

Hilly/Jayne

NOVEMBER 5th. 2022 - BONFIRE PARTY

As you are all aware there is to be a celebration and party in the Martyrs' Field, Tolpuddle on November 5th starting at 6.00 pm. A bonfire will be lit by Ray and his associates and fireworks start at 7.00 pm. There is, I believe, a small charge for adults and we hope for a dry evening. There is to be a BBQ and bar which will be open until 9.00 pm.

What is not so generally known is that Nigel Costley, Regional Secretary of the TUC who has led the team which arranges the annual rally & festival in Tolpuddle, retires from work that day. I am sure you will join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement. He has always had the welfare of our village and its residents in the forefront of his mind and been conscious of the need to minimise disruption on those days in July when the Festival takes place. I believe that he may be making an appearance at the event. I hope to see you there.

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2022	1st (£20)	2nd (£15)	3rd (£10)
September	Margaret Walton	Dea Gravelle	Annabelle Turner

150 Club Draw - October 2022

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Milborne St Andrew's Church News



November is often referred to as the “Month of Remembrance”. All Souls’ Day is traditionally observed on November 2nd. This year’s Service for the Benefice, when we remember “Those we love but see no longer”, will be held in Milborne Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, the 6th. Should you have names to be remembered, please contact one of the Churchwardens.

Remembrance Sunday falls on November 13th, and we will meet in Church at 10.00 for a Service of Remembrance, and then process to the Memorial Stone for the Parish Act of Remembrance at 11.00. As we recall the sacrifice of former generations, the need to pray for peace in our war-torn world is even more urgent.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 26th November between 11.00 and 2.00. There will be various stalls, a Raffle, and Soup will be available. Come along and grab an early bargain.

Advent Sunday, when we begin our countdown to Christmas, falls on November 27th this year, and we will have our usual Sunday Eucharist at 9.30. And then, to round off the month, we commemorate St Andrew on the 30th, as we give thanks for our Church and Community.

One milestone which went under the radar occurred in September. Daphne Burg has been the Treasurer of All Saints’, Dewlish for 50 years! What an achievement! Congratulations, Daphne – here’s to the next fifty!

Tony Fox & Pam Shults

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club ... our last meeting in 2022.

On Thursday 17th November, the gardening club will meet in the village hall at 7.30pm for a short AGM followed by a social evening that will include food and a quiz on the themes of gardening (naturally) and royalty. Want to come along and test your knowledge? You’re very welcome to join us. Non-members pay just £2 and that will include all refreshments.

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Mark Johnson





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Ena was born at Walton-on-the-Naze, where her father was a Coastguard. Her father died when Ena was six and her mother when she was nine. Ena's maternal Grandparents lived in Christchurch, and that is where Ena grew up, her eldest sister, Hilda, assuming the role of "mother".

Ena trained as a Seamstress in London, and in 1959 she married Don Kimber at the Priory in Christchurch, before moving to Milborne, Don's home. Their daughter Christine was born in 1960, and their son John in 1963. Sadly, Christine died in 1970 aged 9 years, a tragic loss.

Ena joined the Sewing Room at Milton Abbey School. She was the "go-to" for any sewing jobs in the village, and beyond. She made numerous dresses for village Brides and their Bridesmaids; altered clothing; made curtains and soft furnishings and a hundred and one other jobs. She was also instrumental in making various items for the Church, alongside the other "Holy Sewers", Mesdames Haylock, Cooper, and Ham. The "Best" frontal was Ena's design, and it was appropriate that it was used for her Funeral. The Flower Bowl, purchased in memory of Christine by her School friends, was also on display with flowers reflecting her love of the colour pink, bought by one of those School friends for the occasion. The Church was still decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving, appropriate as Don used to supply Chrysanthemums each year for the occasion.

At Ena's request, her coffin entered the Church to the strains of "I do like to be beside the seaside", played on the organ. After the Service, conducted by Sarah and Maggie, Ena was laid to rest in the Churchyard, reunited once more with Don. We give thanks for all Ena and Don contributed to the village and we pray that her gentle soul may now rest in peace, in the arms of Him whom she worshipped and served so faithfully. We send our condolences to John and his family.

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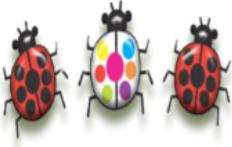
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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

All things Autumn

What a beautiful month it has been. Damp mornings then glorious sunshine have provided lots of opportunities to be outside. A walk to collect conkers was great fun as the wind blew and we could hear and see them falling from the trees. With a large bag full we returned to the Hall and sorted them, comparing sizes and shapes. The conkers provided many maths activities and ingredients in the outside kitchen.



A new story to us was Wide-awake Hedgehog by Rosie Wellesley. A lovely story of a hedgehog who doesn't want to go to sleep and wants to play but his friends are getting ready for winter, then he hears the wind. Isaac wishes he could see and hold the wind but the wise wind tells him the best things can neither be seen or held – like Happiness. Ladybirds have played outside with bubbles and ribbons watching the wind blow, the clouds move, the trees wave and drop their leaves and listen to the wind blowing. Mother Nature is a wonderful educator.

Artwork has included many painted handprints –on a hedgehog body and an autumn tree. The children, as competitive as ever, want their handprints at the top – even if you can't quite reach! Hedgehogs were also created from clay and sticks. With a surplus of apples from my tree we made apple cake which was very popular – some children found it strange that apples grew in my garden so a bit more work on where food comes from to follow.



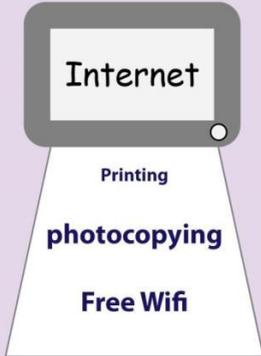
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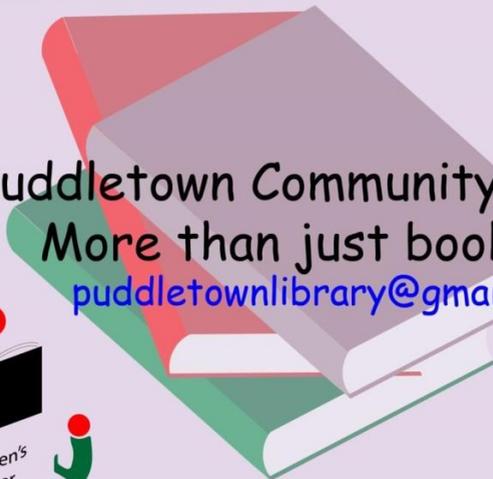


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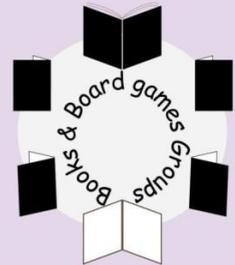
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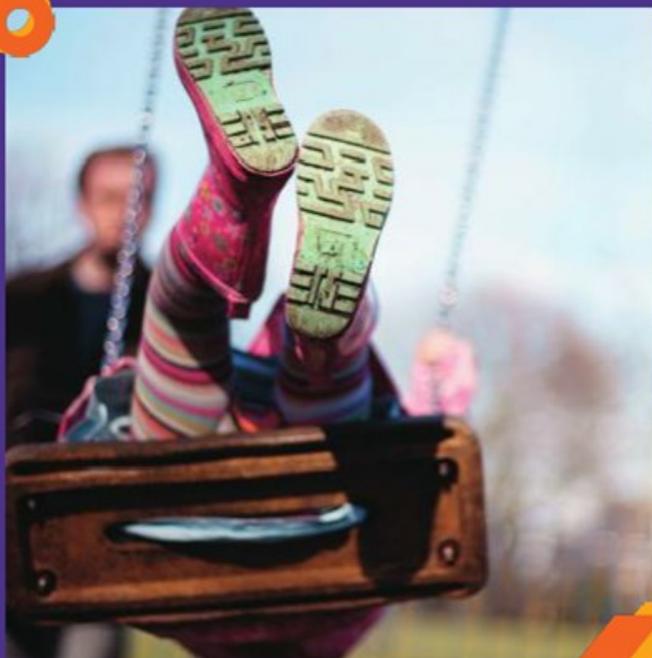
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WOTSERNAME

In common with my fellow members of the octogenarian club, my memory is in decline, particularly when it comes to peoples names. To help I concoct little scenarios.

For instance, I had trouble remembering the name of the lady who does the flowers for the church. I now imagine her in a huge, long, black car full of flowers. Ah Yes! HEARSULA!

Another problem was the name of the churchwarden in Milborne St Andrew. I have to imagine her wearing shorts that are bright pink, the colour of Spam. Yes, spam shorts. You've got it – Pam Shults!

The other day, however, I could not remember the name of one of the ladies who helps produce the wonderful monthly lunch in the village hall. At the last lunch I had to ask her name. The answer is ANITA. When I got home I wrote her name in my notebook so that I would not forget it. However, as I could not remember where I had left my glasses, I inadvertently wrote down ANTITA! It was just a silly mistake – it had nothing to do with the size of her nose!

Don't get old... It's difficult.

Eno Mesac

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Dewlish Church Notes

WELL DONE, Jim, for visiting 21 churches on the recent “Ride ‘n’ Stride” for Dorset Historic Churches Trust. He raised £1,200, half of which will be returned to our church and the other half will go towards helping Dorset churches pay for major repairs to their buildings. Village people played a huge part in raising this magnificent sum, so a big thank-you to everyone involved. Also, many thanks to our family and friends who also contributed.

Additionally, Tina and her family have made another wonderful effort towards helping to pay for our church’s roof repairs: their latest jumble sale raised £118! I think they hope to put on another sale in mid-November. Please see the village notice board for details.

Our **Remembrance Day Service** (Sunday 13 November) will start at 10.50am at the War Memorial, and then continue in church. We welcome everyone to join us afterwards in the Village Hall for coffee, tea, etc.

The **Christmas Bazaar** will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December, starting at 2.30pm. There will be the usual Christmas stalls, with toys, New items, cakes and produce, Christmas decorations, reindeer, raffles and refreshments. Please do come along and support us! We would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you!

As usual, the church looked lovely for *Harvest Festival*. Thank you so much to all who decorated and brought vegetables, fruit, etc. What was especially good was to have such a wonderful congregation joining in the service of Thanksgiving. On a personal note, I had just celebrated 50 years of being church treasurer, so I was very touched by being presented with some flowers. Thank you; that was a great surprise.

We so enjoyed the *Harvest Supper and Auction* which was held two days later in the Village Hall. Thanks all round to Andy and Gadget for helping with the shopping and preparation of the Ploughman’s Supper, to Sue and Marg for their lovely apple cake and, not least, to Andrew for conducting the auction in such a fun way. He managed to “extort” £237.50 for WaterAid from a very generous audience. Lastly, a big thank-you to Iris for decorating the tables so beautifully. This was truly a village event, and something Dewlish can really be proud of!

Daphne Burg



Ceilidh



Saturday 26th November

7:30pm



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Cradle to Grave

I hope that our readers will remember, over the past couple of years, pictures in this magazine of the work that went into reclaiming the land behind the old Puddletown First School and turning it into a new resting place for our relations and friends, some of whom may have played on this now newly consecrated ground as schoolchildren. Life turning full circle, as per the saying “from the cradle to the grave”.

So, when the time comes for a cremation or burial, we now have a place for you and/or your loved ones, a place of final rest, where they can be visited, as has been done for centuries past. Thanks to the benefactors who left the land to your church for this use, and all the team of volunteers who, by their hard work, carried out the transformation.

Now to help pay for the considerable cost of completing the project, we are hosting a Ceilidh night (see page opposite) to show our prospective sponsors that we have also made an effort to raise funds ourselves to pay for the work (a prerequisite for applying for grants).

Please come along and support your church by having a sing and dance on Saturday 26th November. If you're not able to join us, why not make a donation to the fund so that the Puddletown community can have a living and active church and a final resting place now and in the future here in our village for our folk.

Thank you in anticipation of a great night.

R. Todd.

PCC member, St Mary's Church



*...love the new notice board, Vicar...
...just not quite so sure about the wording...*

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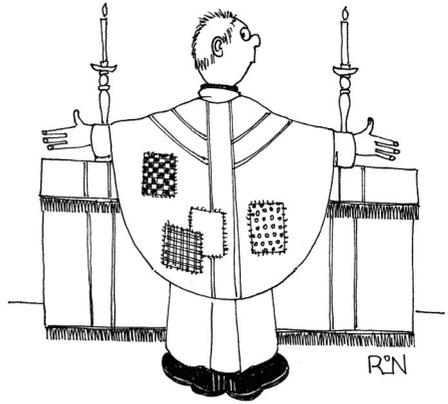
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Services in the Benefice

6th November - 3 before Advent

Psalm 17.1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion & Baptism	Puddletown
11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer	Dewlish
3.00pm	Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving	Milborne

13th November - Remembrance Sunday

Psalm 98; Malachi 4.1-2a; Luke 21.5-19

10.00am	Service of Remembrance <i>Followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11am</i>	Milborne
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Puddletown
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service <i>Starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads</i>	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

20th November - Christ the King

Psalm 46; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion <i>With emptying of children's Society boxes</i>	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

27th November - Advent Sunday

Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00am	BCP Matins (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish
3.00pm	Holy Baptism	Puddletown

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