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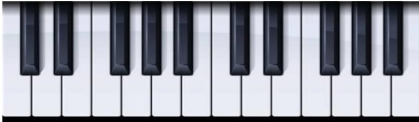
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Happy Easter

Spring and Easter are two things that bring me great joy (and not just because of Easter Eggs). As we emerge from another long and difficult winter, it is wonderful to see signs of spring peeking out at us in the hedgerows - snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses. The days are noticeably longer, and despite the sudden snow some parts of the country have just experienced, the days are also getting warmer. Spring really is springing, and as well as joy, it also brings me hope:

hope of new life, which we can see in the lambs and calves playing in the fields, and in the green shoots sprouting up in our gardens.

The Christian festival of Easter also brings me joy and hope. Both are at the heart of the Easter message - joy that our Saviour Jesus Christ has conquered death and risen again; and the hope we have of a God who is faithful in Jesus. Christians have hope that despite all the difficulties and hardships we might be facing, we know we do not need to face them alone. With the ongoing war in Ukraine, and the continued cost of living crisis, it is easy to feel overcome by the darkness of life; but if we allow it to, the light of Jesus can shine into that darkness bringing us hope. The joy and hope that come through knowing God is not just for a select few, but is for everyone. That is the good news of the Easter message. Jesus died for every single one of us, whoever we are, whatever we may or may not have done. God loves us all and God's love for us is greater than we can possibly imagine.

So I wish you all a Happy Easter. One that is filled with joy and hope, and maybe the odd Easter Egg or two!

With warm wishes
Maggie



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Since the pandemic, those of you who have attended our holy communion services will have noticed that we have been using simultaneous admission for the bread and wine (i.e. the priest dips or intincts the bread in the wine before handing it to the communicant) rather than the former practice of all receiving wine from the same chalice. This decision has been under review since 2020.

From Easter Day, we will be returning to receiving wine from the common cup, as we did before the pandemic. This is a decision the wardens and I had agreed but we have now also been instructed to do so by Bishop and Archdeacon.

I am aware that while some people will be very pleased with this change, for others it will not be welcomed and will cause some concern.

Receiving bread only is an option and has always been considered as making one's full communion.

Churches which have already made this reversion to former practice have noticed no rise in illness as a result.

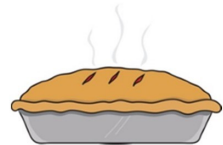
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Sarah

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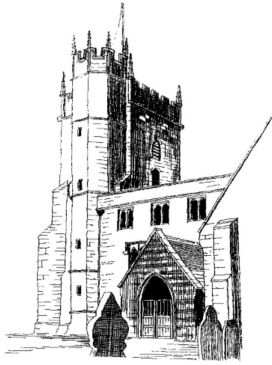
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Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee morning in the Church Room on Thursday 20th April. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look. Through the sale of her cards Rosemary is helping

to support the church room.

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

A New Bluetooth audio system with surround sound has been installed in St Mary's church. This will enable us to have better quality sound during services and musical events and is superb.

Craft Group The next meeting will be Thursday lunchtime from 12.30pm on 6th April. For more information and to confirm your place please contact Margaret Rickard for more information at margaretmary227@gmail.com or by phone 01305 849332

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 3rd April from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving Ham with cauliflower cheese followed by the usual delicious puddings, this must be booked in advance. If you haven't yet booked your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211.

The Warm Space has been a popular venture through the the last couple of cold months. There has been much chat, crochet, knitting, games and jigsaws plus of course a good supply of tea/coffee and soup.



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23rd April	Margaret Rickard	Judy Bumby & Peter Bishop
30th April	TBA	Geoff Hawkins & Dawn Loveless
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It will be in the Church Room, Puddletown on Tuesdays from 10.30 until 12.00 noon.

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

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The first application of nitrogen has been applied to all the winter crops along with some extra sulphur and phosphate and potash as the crops require and in relation to our fertilizer plan.

With the change in the weather earlier in the month to cold and wet again some of the younger calves on milk were given some extra warmth by putting a calf coat over them. The first group of cattle have been turned out to grass and with the longer days and hopefully some warmth the grass will grow away and other groups can be turned out.

Lambing is going well with the first group half way through with good strong lambs and the ewes having plenty of milk to feed them. The lambs are usually in a pen with their mothers for 24/48 hours and then turned out to grass depending on the weather, the smaller lambs have lamb macs put on them to protect them from the elements and as the lamb grows the mac splits and falls off and very quickly disappears as it is made of starch so, biodegradable!



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St Mary's Church Coronation Weekend

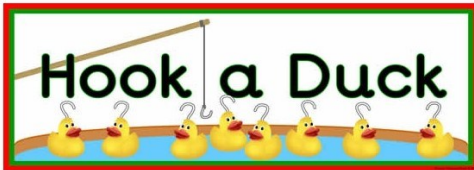
On **Saturday 6th May** we have plans to live stream the coronation ceremony in the village hall.

Bring a plate of food to share for an indoor street party afterwards. Popcorn, drinks & snacks available to buy to consume during the viewing.

On **Sunday 7th May** there will be various events in and around the church from 1-5pm.

There will be afternoon teas in the church room, catered by Andrew & Matt from Winfrith Bakery

In the church yard there will be games including a coconut shy & hook-a-duck .



There will be a display of crowns in the church (see competition below), and at 6pm we will holding a Hymns & Pimms service.

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*Queens is ringing the bells in the sequence 135246.



Coronation Weekend

On Saturday 6th May, the Puddletown library will be open.

We are following the King's suggestion that we use his Coronation to celebrate our community and the huge contribution volunteers make to the quality of our lives in the village of Puddletown and in the wider community.

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March 2023

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Along with the Canadian winter, life goes on much the same in Toronto but I do have one piece of sad news. Some of you will remember Cookie, our Jack Russell born and bred in Puddletown. She has been a very old lady for some time (blind, deaf and unsteady on her legs) and over Christmas she really went down hill, and wasn't eating. I realised I had to face the fact that she was no longer a happy dog and I had to make the big decision to have her put to sleep on 28th December. She would have been 18 in February. I bought her for Roy for his 65th birthday and she has been a faithful friend, travelling with us to Canada and learning to bark with a Canadian accent. The apartment seems very empty and quiet without her but I found her passport which she had to have to travel to Canada. It has a lovely photo of her and I have put it in a picture frame. I still have to remind myself that I do not need to get home to take her for a walk.

No more news for now but I wish you all blessings for Easter.

Diana

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Details of forthcoming meetings to be held at the Church Room

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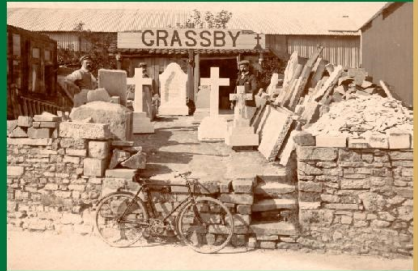
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February 2023		
	Rainfall for the month	9.30 mm
	Cumulative for the year	123.30 mm
	2022 Rainfall for the month	85.80 mm
	2022 Cumulative for the year	127.20 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 16.10° C Min. -4.80° C
	2022	Max 14.50° C Min -2.10° C
	Maximum wind speed	16.80 mph
	2022	25.90 mph



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The winning skittle team were Mark, Grahame, Ernst, David S, Sue T, Lizzie, Elizabeth, and John.

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St John's Church Tolpuddle April 2023

How wonderful it is to sit here and see a "host of golden daffodils" - we are so very privileged to live in Dorset - sometimes it is difficult to remember that so many do not have the same advantages which we have. The television news frequently brings us down to earth with a jolt - and how horrific were the images of those poor people in Turkey and Syria following the disastrous earthquake - so much so that we organised a **Big Breakfast** which was held in the Village Hall on February 19th - at which we raised a magnificent £1300 (including some very generous donations) which was sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) without delay. (photos are on the next page) We must not forget our European friends in Ukraine, many of whom are suffering great deprivation, which is why we are collecting **candles and candle ends** in St John's Church Porch. These are then melted down to make small stoves which are sufficient to boil a kettle. We are happy to report that our Ukrainian family have been happily re-housed with their dog at Whitcombe.

There is always a lot going on in Tolpuddle - some of which will be reported elsewhere -but I will just mention that TEC held a very successful **Bingo night** recently at which we raised a magnificent £335.30 - which was divided between the hall and the Village Coronation Celebration Fund.

Yes - we are well into the planning stages for the **Coronation Weekend**. During the week leading up to the Coronation we are asking people to decorate their windows. Other dates to put in your diary - **Ceilidh** (Barn Dance) in Orchard Meadow during the evening of **Friday May 5th** with a live band and BBQ. Then on **Sunday May 6th** there will be a **Big Picnic** on Orchard Meadow followed by an afternoon of family entertainment with children's races, and Taskmaster!!

We will just about have time to recover before a **CAR BOOT SALE on May 14th** on Martyrs field by kind permission of the TUC. This will be in aid of the church and Marie Curie. Do join us there. Cars can be brought in at 9am and the buyers from 10am to 12noon.

What of the church and the administration thereof? We are holding the **Annual Church Parish Meeting on April 16th** after the Parish Communion - this is your opportunity to find out what is going on in the day to day running of the church and meet some of your councillors over a cup of coffee. We will be appraised of the financial status of the church and any changes in routine. Anthony Gould will tell us about the future of the churchyard, as we sadly have to report the death of Phil who had worked so hard tidying among the gravestones. There will also be a report about the **Church Camping** which is in the process of setting up ready for the new season.

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Do remember that **TOLPUDDLE FOOD BANK** is there, in the church for you - any of you - to help yourselves to - or indeed to donate to!

Hilly/Jayne

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2023	1st (£50)	2nd (£15)	3rd (£10)
January	Penny Ruddock	Reuben Turner	Anita Nicholson

Tolpuddle Litter Pick



What a haul in the Tolpuddle litter pick!

The area covered was from Burlestone to the west to under the A35 bridge to the east of the village. Sixteen bin liners full plus assorted junk. I have asked Dorset Council to remove heavier fly tipping we couldn't deal with. Most of the litter was by the lay-bys.

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Julia Johnstone

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Milborne St Andrew's Church News



As I write this, we are almost midway through Lent, but the weather seems more suited to November! According to an old saying, "If March comes in like a Lion, it leaves like a lamb", so here's hoping for warmer weather to end the month.

Our midweek Service of Compline has been well-attended and appreciated. When you read this, one more will be on April 5th, the Wednesday in Holy Week. On Good Friday, there will be a Service in Church at 12 Noon, led by the Churchwarden (other Services are available that day!). We gather at the foot of the Cross for the first of the traditional Three Hours. Our Service on Easter Day will be at 9.30 a.m. as usual.

We thank Hustings for sorting out the Church electrics, ensuring we could have heat again. "Well done" to those who braved an unheated Church on at least two occasions when it was decidedly warmer outside than in.

Eastertide has been referred to as "The Queen of Seasons"; it is the highlight of the Christian Year. George Herbert, who was a priest at Bemerton, near Salisbury, during the seventeenth century, wrote the following:

"Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss.
There is but one, and that one ever."

Whatever we go through, whatever life throws at us, God in Jesus has experienced it. Easter reassures us that death is not the end. To quote George Herbert again:

"Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing His praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with Him may rise."

After the long drear weeks of Lent (and, indeed, of winter), that is most certainly worth a resounding "Alleluia". On behalf of the Church Community of St Andrew's, I wish you a very Happy and blessed Easter.

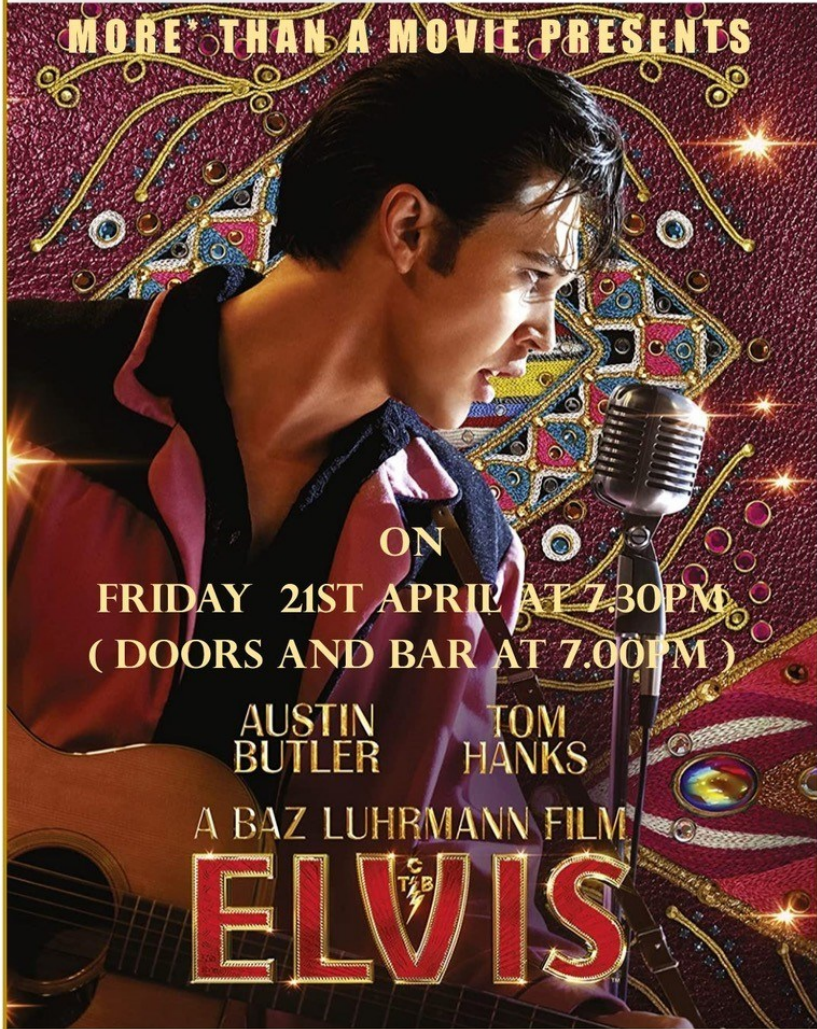
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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

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We have been studying frogspawn that has developed into tadpoles. These we have been feeding with cucumber alongside the pondweed. Hopefully they won't all turn into frogs.

The children have decorated eggshells and planted cress seeds which quickly grow into cress 'hair'. They have also planted runner beans which will take a little longer to grow, so more patience is needed. Our story has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which lends itself to plenty of learning activities. We utilised the huge box that the Hall TV arrived in to make the Giants castle which has proved very popular. Some of the older children had a go at writing 'The Giant's Castle' and 'Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum' while others painted a beanstalk green and stuck cut out leaves onto the castle. Then one day the children discovered huge footprints coming from the castle. One child stood on one to show how much bigger it was than their feet. In the raised tray we had the small castle with a Popoid giant and the children were challenged to build a beanstalk from Duplo bricks for Jack to climb. Easy building vertically but not so easy to then go horizontal to get onto the tray without the upright column breaking.

Last month we had a lamb visit and this month we were pleased to welcome a Labrador puppy which belongs to one of the families. She was really good and socialised very well. If we're lucky Lyra will visit us again and the children can see how much she has grown.

Finally the children took part in World Book Day by sharing some of their favourite books and some dressed as their favourite characters. I couldn't share them all and chose the Hungry Caterpillar as it's one of our favourite books.



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Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club

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Every month we have a 'bring something from your garden' competition with a prize for the item with the most votes.

Do come and join us . The evening will only set you back £2 and that even includes refreshments!

Angela Johnson



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If you can share the content through your service or contacts, please let me know or email PHDcomms@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

And please save and share the graphic above with your own children, friends and family!

Public Health Dorset is the shared public health service for Dorset Council and BCP Council, and we're leading this campaign on behalf of Dorset's Suicide Prevention Group.



Need to talk?

Call
Connection - 24/7 mental health helpline **0800 652 0190**
Samaritans - Always on-hand to listen **116 123**

Text
24/7 mental health support **Text 'SHOUT' to 85258**

Chat
Wellbeing community with live chat (11-18 years) **kooth.com**

Search
Find more local support **dorsetyouth.com/mental-health**

RU OK? Mental health support for young people in Dorset

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE KING'S CORONATION



TOLPUDDLE ORCHARD MEADOW

FRIDAY, 5 MAY 7PM

CEILIDH | BAR | BBQ

AND ON

SUNDAY, 7 MAY FROM 12PM

FAMILY DAY | PICNICS | GAMES

WEEK BEFORE || WINDOW DECORATING - CORONATION THEME - PRIZES

MORE INFORMATION SOON.....

WWW.TOLPUDDLEVILLAGE.CO.UK

TOLPUDDLE EVENTS COMMITTEE (TEC)



TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL JOIN US FOR A SOCIAL EVENING



Every Friday

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS, MEET NEW ONES.
NEW TO THE VILLAGE?**

**BRING YOUR OWN DRINK
(& NIBBLES IF YOU WANT)**

**AND £1
5:30 – 7:30**

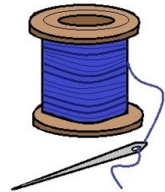
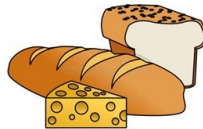


THE PUDDLETOWN BENEFICE FLEX TEAM

INVITE YOU TO A MONTHLY

CRAFT GROUP

Come and make some **crafts**, enjoy a simple **bread-and-cheese lunch**,
take time out to **relax**,
and **chat** to friends, old and new.



THURSDAY LUNCHTIME AT 12.30pm

Next Session on 6th APRIL

IN PUDDLETOWN CHURCH ROOM

Future dates: 11th May, 8th June

For further information, contact Margaret Rickard

margaretmary227@gmail.com

01305 849332

If you wish, you are welcome to bring your own crafts and enjoy the company

ALL-AGE CHAT CLUBS



Every **THURSDAY** 9.15 to 11am
Nautico Lounge
66 St Thomas Street, Weymouth. DT4 8EL

Every **FRIDAY** 11 to 12.30
Vivo Lounge
23 Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester. DT1 1QR

Every **MONDAY** 11 TO 12.30
SERENITEA, PARKSTONE, POOLE. BH14 9PN

Every **WEDNESDAY** 11 to 12.30
Delfino Lounge, Poole. BH15 1ER.

Collect your FREE happy to chat pin-badge at any of the below cafes.

Outside of Chat Club hours, DAILY:.....

Vivo Lounge, Nautico Lounge, The Palm House Weymouth DT4 7TZ, Serenitea and Delfino Lounge are safe, welcoming **CAFE'S WHO CARE**. The staff will see, hear and value you, any time, within their opening hours. They will recognise you by your badge, (don't worry - you can collect one there) and the staff will sit you beside other pin-badged customers, so you can chat and make your own Pop-Up chat club for two or three. This will help keep our communities safe and alive.

Look up and around for pin badges of hope

CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 14TH MAY

TOLPUDDLE MARTYRS' FIELD

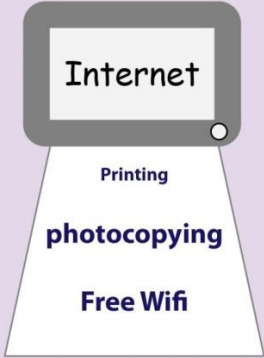
SELLERS: 9 AM

BUYERS: 10 AM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



IN AID OF MARIE CURIE &
TOLPUDDLE CHURCH



Internet

Printing

photocopying

Free Wifi



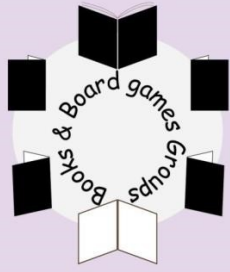
Puddletown Community Library

More than just book loan

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The library welcomes
new volunteers
to help run the library



LIBRARY HOURS:
Wednesday 3pm-5pm
Friday 10am-12pm
Saturday 10am-12pm



Dewlish Church Notes

THANK YOU so much to Tina and her family for organising yet another Jumble Sale to raise funds for the upkeep of our church. There are always many really good bargains to be had so it's a pity so few people are coming to buy! This time £92.50 was raised, bringing the overall total to £435.50, a

very welcome amount. ** See below

We are holding our final **Lent Lunch** on Tuesday 4th April in the Village Hall at 12.30pm. Please come and join us for a lovely lunch of soup, bread, cheese and grapes, and coffee or tea. We are asking for a minimum of £5 per head; all money is donated to WaterAid.

Our service on **Good Friday** is at 6.00pm, and on **Easter Day**, the most important day in the Christian calendar, at 11.00am.

The **church AGM** will be held on Sunday 23rd April after the 11.00am service. This, of course, will be combined with Milborne St. Andrew. All people on the church electoral roll are welcome to attend, and to share their thoughts on the running of the church.

** Tina is having **another Jumble Sale** on Saturday 29th April in the Village Hall between 2.00pm – 4.00pm. We do look forward to seeing you all there!

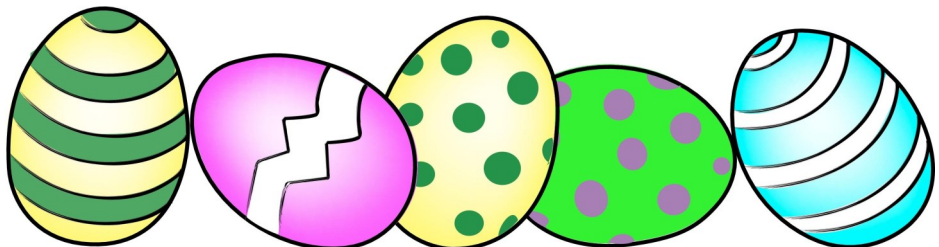
Finally, *we wish everyone a very happy Easter!*
Daphne Burg

Easter eggs galore!

Easter eggs. We like them. So much so, that about 80 million are sold in the UK each year.

They go on sale early: major supermarkets like Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, and Waitrose launched Easter-themed confectionery ranges as early as January. Tesco had them on the shelves by 30th December 2022.

On average, children in the UK get 8.8 Easter eggs every year.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Make a difference to the lives of parents and children**
- **Enhance your wellbeing**
- **Access free, high quality training**
- **Learn new skills**
- **Make friends & connect with your community**

If you could give as little as two hours a week to support a parent and their children, we would love to hear from you:



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MUSIC AT ST PETER'S
Dorchester



John Stainer

The Crucifixion

Tenor: Colin Howard, Bass: Stefan Oakes

Good Friday 7th April, 6pm

St Peter's Church, Dorchester, DT1 1XA

Admission Free

PUDDLETOWN PUMPKINS

PUDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL

HIGH STREET PUDDLETOWN DORCHESTER DT2 8RX

EVERY THURSDAY 9:30-11:30AM

(DURING TERM TIME)

COME AND JOIN OUR FRIENDLY BABY AND
TODDLER GROUP

CRAFTS AND SNACK TIME FOR THE LITTLES,
AND FOR THE BIGS, ENJOY A CUPPA AND A CHAT!

JUST £2 PER SESSION!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM



30th April - Easter 4

Psalm 23; Acts 2.42-47; John 10.1-10

11.00am

United Benefice Holy Communion with bring & share lunch

Puddletown

MORNING PRAYERS (Mon. – Thurs. 8.30 a.m.; Sat. 9.00 a.m.)

On Zoom, please contact Sarah Hillman (sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com) for the link (Please note that the calendar of services may be subject to change)

Services in the Benefice

2nd April - Palm Sunday

Psalm 31.9-16; Matthew 21.1-11; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-27.66

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Morning Worship	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer	Dewlish

6th April - Maundy Thursday

Psalm 116.1, 10-17; Exodus 12.1-14; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown
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7th April - Good Friday

TBC

10.00am	Good Friday Service - Music, Prayer, Reflection	Tolpuddle
12.00noon	The Good Friday Liturgy	Milborne
12.00noon	Good Friday Service for all ages	Puddletown
6.30pm	Good Friday Service - Music, Prayer, Reflection	Dewlish

9th April - Easter Day

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10

9.30am	Easter Communion	Milborne
9.30am	Easter Communion	Tolpuddle
11.00am	Easter Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Easter Communion	Dewlish

16th April - Easter 2

Psalm 16; Acts 2.14a, 22-32; John 20.19-31

9.30am	Parish Communion followed by APCM	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

23rd April - Easter 3

Psalm 116.1-3, 10-17; Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Luke 24.13-35

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

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