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## **A Blessing of Bishops**

As I write, the Lambeth Conference has just come to an end. This global gathering of archbishops and bishops was first held in 1867 with an attendance of 76 bishops; at this year's meeting there were more than 650 present. These bishops represented the vast majority of the 165 countries in which the Anglican Church has a presence in 2022.

If your opinions on the Conference have been shaped solely by secular media outlets and on-line platforms, you would be forgiven for thinking that the only news worthy of note was the division caused by differing opinions on same-sex relationships. This is an important subject and one which is emotive for many people, not least those for whom this is a personal issue, but the Conference had a much broader remit than this one divisive area.

“God’s Church for God’s World - walking, listening and witnessing together” was the theme for the bishops’ gathering. Many had been meeting on-line in small groups for more than a year before coming to this country for the in-person part of the Conference. These times of prayer, sharing and Bible study brought joy and challenge, as women and men listened to God and to each other, building friendships across the world, which were cemented when they met in person last month.

Yes, sexuality was part of the discussions, but so were climate change, gun crime, war, famine, drought, oppression, migration, colonisation, modern-day slavery, freedom of religion, flooding, forced marriage, access to education and people-trafficking. Those living in parts of the world where these are features of daily life spoke of their impact on vulnerable people, and there was unity among the bishops on the need to work for peace, freedom and justice for all God’s people around the globe.

This show of unity, sadly, was under-reported. It seems that, so often, a good news story is no news at all. Many Christians agree, it would appear – how slow we are to talk about God’s impartial love, to show it in the way we live our lives and to model ourselves on Jesus, whose whole ministry was centred on the good news that everyone is valued and precious in God’s eyes.

All in all the Conference was, in Bishop Karen’s words: “A reminder of what we are about, people who teach, tell and treasure, people who love.” The highest calling of the Christian is to love. That may not seem a newsworthy story for our secular media, but it is one for all Christians to treasure and tell for it is both our story and God’s story.

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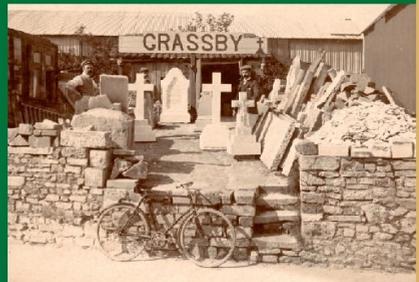


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**Cards** Rosemary will bring her cards to the pop-in coffee morning on September 8th.

**Prayer Group** The Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church Room, 10.30 until 12.00noon. Coffee and conversation from 10.30 followed by prayers at 11.00am. All are welcome.

**The Monthly Village Lunch** will be held on Monday September 12th. We shall be serving chicken and bacon pie with seasonal vegetables followed by the usual delicious puddings from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Puddletown Village Hall. Please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 if you haven't already booked or if you have to cancel.

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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.

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



## **The Children's Corner**

Those of you who visit St. Mary's Church Puddletown regularly, will know of the Children's Corner at the back of the Church. Established many years ago, relatively recently it was given a make-over by one of our Parishioners, and now has a multitude of fascinating books and toys for our little ones to enjoy.

At this point in time, we need to find a new volunteer to keep that area clean, neat and tidy so that it can retain its rightful place with the Church. It is an important and valued area, but it very much needs someone to take charge of it so that it always looks welcoming and is safe.

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## Prayer for the Month

Do you have a favourite prayer? We have had some lovely prayers suggested in the past sixteen or so month since this column started. If you haven't already chosen yours, please do. See the end of the column for how to submit a contribution.

As with a number of the prayers already chosen, this month's one goes back to school days. It is the prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola and has been chosen by Rod Hughes of Puddletown.

*Teach us, good Lord  
to serve thee as thou deservest;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to ask for any reward  
save that of knowing that we do thy will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen*



Rod writes: "I chose this particular prayer because it resonates with a distant memory; in fact, all the way back to my school days at Kelvin Hall School in Hull. It was not a particularly religious institution nor, I hasten to add, were most of the people in it. Sadly, I must include myself amongst those ranks: back then I had no faith. However, I do remember school assemblies mainly because they were long, drawn-out affairs and served, in my eyes at least, as a relief period before the onerous task of the school day. Yet, in amongst all that negativity, a positive memory has persisted - our adopted school prayer. This prayer alone stimulated me and instilled some semblance of a work ethic; the whole premise, the underlying call behind it, centres around the strong devotion to duty.

It is a short prayer which, in its simplicity, says a great deal about being a servant of Christ with a selfless devotion to work, which brings with it no earthly, material gain, but instead the spiritual pleasure of knowing that we follow Christ's path. It gives everlasting assurance through the knowledge that we are serving the Lord."

To contribute to this new column, please send details of your prayer with a few sentences about why it's important to you, to Sarah Hillman ([sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com](mailto:sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com)). If you're not on-line, we'd still love you to participate so snail mail is also great!



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## Month on the Farm

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The straw left on the ground after the combine has gone through has all been baled and hauled back either here, or down to rented barns at West Knighton where we have cattle on summer keep and who will spend the winter in the barns there. Most of the straw from up at Cheshelbourne has also been brought back here, but straw from some fields at Tingleton where we are contracted to harvest the crops has been chopped at the back of the combine and will be cultivated back into the soil before autumn drilling.

Hay was cut and baled on the meadows by Grey's Bridge in Dorchester which gave us a wonderful view of the town from a totally different angle than when keeping to the roads. Also out the other side of Maiden Castle, the views were spectacular and fascinating on ground we had been asked to cut. The grass not being used by the farm there, but will make good extra winter forage.





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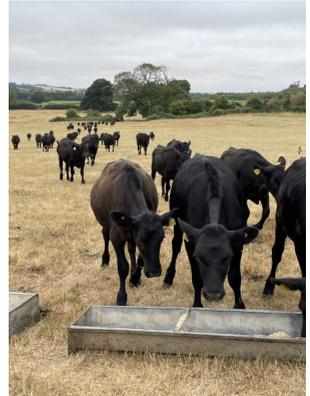
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With the dry weather and lack of grass, many of the cattle are being fed hay to keep them filled up, and the plans for drilling the autumn crops of turnips and the new grass seeds are put on hold until we get some decent rain as the ground is too hard and dry to plant anything.

But with a red kite flying with buzzards over the combine and still quite a display of house martins and swallows swooping over the fields, small eels found in the river by another school group and a few sunflowers bursting yellow in the conservation strips, harvest proceeds on, with hopefully a little rain to turn brown fields back to green again.



*Wakely Cox*

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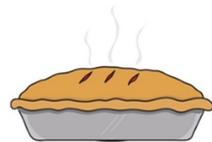
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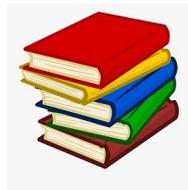
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	Rainfall for the month Cumulative for the year	0.60 mm 282.20 mm
	2021 Rainfall for the month 2021 Cumulative for the year	50.70 mm 474.30 mm
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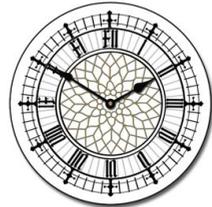
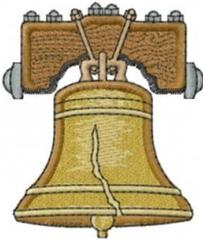
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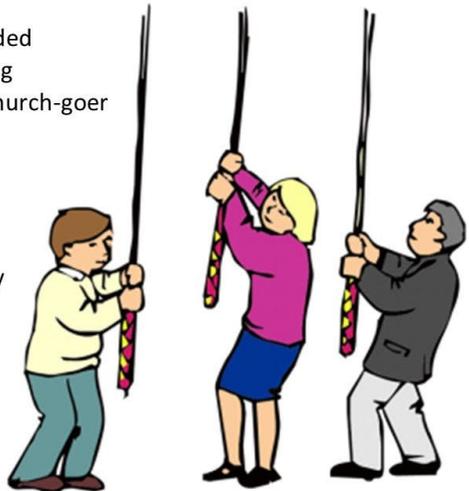
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## St John's Church Tolpuddle - September 2022

Another month is passing us by - the sun still shining, the beaches full of happy holiday makers and the roads snarled up with traffic! We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful county and particularly blessed to live in Tolpuddle where the community is thriving despite the absence of a pub. In fact, the Friday get together at the village hall, which is open to all, is very well attended and a good source for information of the “whats” and “wheres”.

The Martyrs Festival passed without a hitch - numbers were dramatically reduced but the visitors still enjoyed the Tolpuddle hospitality and we made a goodly sum for village Charities.

The next Village Event is on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - when “Music in the Meadow”, with a much loved band - Hazard - will set the feet a-dancing- for more information contact Ian Cray [ian.cray@maidenvideo.co.uk](mailto:ian.cray@maidenvideo.co.uk).

The Harvest Festival in the church is on **Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 9.30am, do join us there so we can celebrate our glorious summer and collect tinned and dried goods to distribute to a Food Bank, where the need is so very great. The following Friday – **October 7<sup>th</sup>** - is the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall - this is such a good opportunity to meet old and new friends and enjoy a table top quiz supplied by Diana and eat a two course meal, with coffee and chocolates - Tickets £10 available from Julie ( 07552 943704) or Hilly (07817 557367 - [hlcobban@gmail.com](mailto:hlcobban@gmail.com)) Tickets sell quickly for this and numbers are limited so don't delay!

Just two days later- **Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>** - we are holding a Car Boot Sale on Martyrs Field by kind permission of the TUC - from 10am-2pm. Light refreshments will be available. Book a space for £10 in advance or £15 on the day. This is in aid of MENCAP and the church and is an ideal opportunity to clear out those treasures from the attic and come and buy some others! For more information contact Marion (07747 104591 [66mregan@gmail.com](mailto:66mregan@gmail.com)) or Julie (07552 943704)

Final date to put in your diary.... **November 4<sup>th</sup>** - Bonfire Party - more information later.

Phew.... And meanwhile the regular church services continue - some more popular than others - but we DO listen to your ideas which is why we offer a very special Sunday Reflection on the second Sunday of every month at 5.30pm and Go Fourth, with a band, on the fourth Sunday at 10.00am as well as communion on the first and third Sundays - surely one of these is worth a try?!

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Indeed do pop in to the church anytime - it is open every day (unless there are campers in residence!) – Marion always has a beautiful flower arrangement - using wild flowers where possible, and the living churchyard is full of unusual grasses and wild flowers. Did you know there is a very good choice of books for you to take home as well?

Enjoy the rest of the summer and good luck to all the school children as they start their new year.

*Hilly and Jayne*

## **Dorchester Poverty Action Annual Open meeting**

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# TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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## 150 Club Draw—July 2022

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The new 150 club is now underway and the first draw has taken place. It is drawn live on the Tolpuddle Facebook Community page with results published here as well.

2022	1st (£20)	2nd (£15)	3rd (£10)
July	Penny Ruddock	Helen Weir	Melissa Spencely

## 150 Club Draw—August 2022

### In aid of the Tolpuddle Village Hall Development Fund

The new 150 club is now underway and the first draw has taken place. It is drawn live on the Tolpuddle Facebook Community page with results published here as well.

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August	Daryl Walmsley	Helen Weir	Marianne Sargent



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Warblers such as the Chiff-Chaff, Blackcap, Willow Warbler and so on are frequently heard in this area around the water meadows, and we can see as well as hear them and have been able to do so for years. More recently, and I would say in the last ten years, it has been a delight to hear Cetti's Warbler singing from the bottom of a hedge, say as you walk down the lane from the Martyrs Tree towards Southover. This year there has been a greater number of pairs in this valley although I am advised that there are also more pairs nesting in Puddletown.

Cetti's (pronounced "Chettys" and named after an Italian naturalist) Warbler was apparently first seen in Britain in 1961 and first bred here in 1973 and has spread up through Europe from the South. It can be resident all the year round but is unlikely to be seen easily as it is a bird which habitually skulks in the undergrowth. It is, though, a little rather stocky brown bird with a loud, vibrant, short song which ends abruptly.

I should say that I am not a bird expert, but ever since I was a lad and when I worked on farms as a young person, I kept an eye on birdlife and so can fairly say that there has been an increase in this delightful little songbird in the Parishes of Puddletown and Tolpuddle recently. This could be due to the fact that the winters in southern England have tended to get warmer – but that is controversial!

*Tony Gould - Tolpuddle resident.*





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We are raising money for the Village.

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## Milborne St Andrew's Church News



I am writing this during the heatwave. A friend said, “At least I know what it will be like if I go to hell, although with rising fuel costs, the devil may have to turn the heating down!”

At the end of July, we welcomed the Dean of Salisbury, the Very Reverend Nicholas Papadopoulos, “Nick”, as our Celebrant and preacher at the Benefice Eucharist in Milborne Church. It was good to have so many with us from the four church communities in our Benefice. Good, too, that many were able to stay and enjoy the “Bring and Share” Lunch. “Thank you” to all who contributed to the meal, as well as to those who decorated the Church for the occasion.

With September upon us (where has the year gone?), we look forward to celebrating God’s goodness “in giving us the fruits of the earth in their due season”. We celebrate the Harvest Thanksgiving in Milborne on Sunday, 25th September at 9.30, appropriately with a Eucharist (being the Greek word for “Thanksgiving”). We welcome the children and staff of Milborne First School for their Harvest celebration as well. We are reminded that God has promised, “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

September is also a time of new beginnings – a new term, perhaps a new school/College or University - even a new Prime Minister. With the rising cost of living and so many “unknowns” in the world, it is easy to become despondent. But Christians are called to be thankful. George Herbert, one-time Rector of Bemerton near Salisbury wrote a poem called “Gratefulness”, two stanzas of which say:

“Thou that hast given so much to me,  
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.  
Not thankful, when it pleaseth me;  
As if thy blessings had spare days:  
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"Yes, God is good, all nature says,  
By God's own hand with speech endued;  
And we, in louder notes of praise,  
Should sing for joy that God is good.  
For all Thy gifts we bless Thee, Lord,  
But chiefly for our Heavenly Food;  
Thy pardoning grace, Thy quickening word,  
These prompt our song that God is good."

*Tony Fox & Pam Shultz*  
*Churchwardens*



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### AGM

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

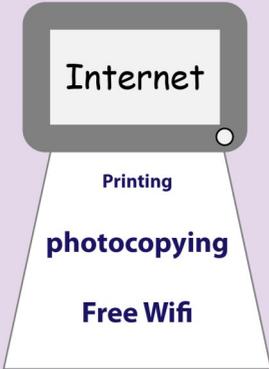
**The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Puddletown Library will be held in the Village Hall on the 28th September at 7.30pm.**

**The business meeting will be followed by a talk by local author, Brent Shore and refreshments. All are welcome.**

The Friends of Puddletown Library became established in 2012 for the benefit of the residents of Puddletown and neighbourhood, running Puddletown Community Library, facilitating activities and events.

We are a Registered Charity (1154773) and the Library is entirely run by our volunteers who also raise funds to cover running costs. If you would like any more information or are interested in supporting us in any way, for example as a volunteer librarian, fundraising or helping with publicity, please do contact us at the email address below. We would love to hear from you!

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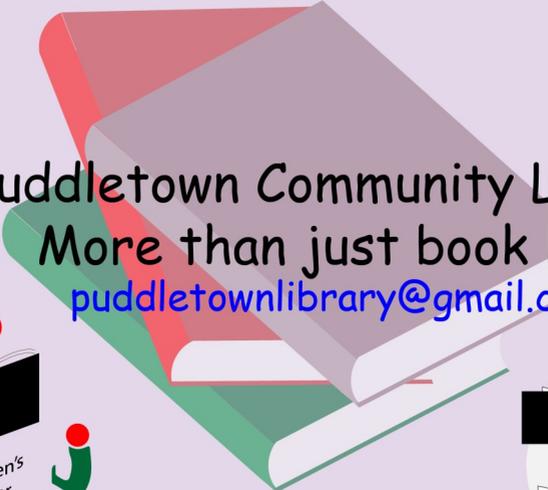


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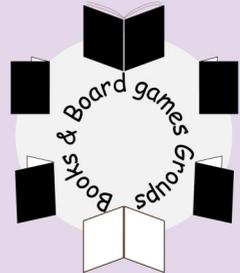
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## **Romance Scams**



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Scammers set up fake profiles, fake photos and claim to be from other parts of the world, for example the United States. The scammer weaves a story of a successful person working overseas, and presents themselves as a thoughtful, caring and loving individual who is looking for their soul mate. The scammers are good at what they do; they ask lots of questions of the victim about what they want in their lives. They then use the information and turn it into a dream that becomes a reality to the victim. They use words we all like to hear to win their victim's heart, and they use psychology to hold them in their spell. Once they have established a relationship then the scamming begins. In all cases the plea for financial assistance is the key to the scam. This can be for assistance in cashing a cheque that they are unable to cash themselves, or asking for financial assistance to help them out of a difficulty they are having. For example, they were mugged, or involved in an accident, and are in hospital but cannot pay their hospital bill, or they are desperate to come to visit but need help with the money to manage that.

Signs your friend or family member may be involved in a romance scam:

They may be very secretive about their relationship or provide excuses for why their online partner has not video called or met them in person. They might become hostile or angry, and withdraw from conversation when you ask any questions about their partner.

They may express very strong emotions and commitment to someone they have only just met.

They have sent, or are planning to send, money to someone they have not met face-to-face. They may take out loans or withdraw from their pension to send money.

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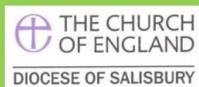
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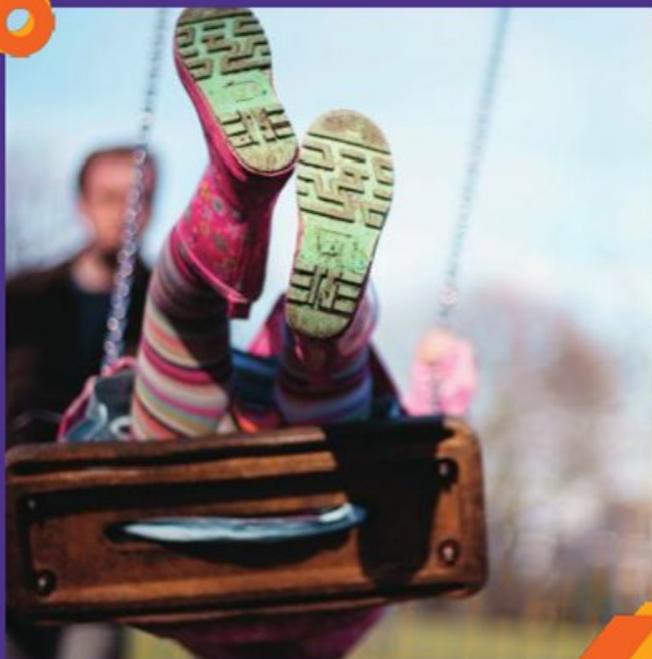
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When I completed the course I couldn't wait to be matched with a family, and in January 2020 I went with my Organiser to meet my first family. I was a bit apprehensive, and as I found out later the Mum I was about to meet was also. But whilst waiting for Mum to come to the door one of her 3 lovely children came to the window and gave us the biggest smile –and I was hooked! Mum and I were successfully matched, and our weekly sessions were arranged for me to help Mum get the children ready in the morning, tidy the kitchen after breakfast and play with the children. I was just beginning to understand the routine and we were building up a good relationship when unfortunately face-to-face visits were put on hold due to Covid restrictions. For some months our only contact was via texts and WhatsApp messages, which wasn't ideal as my Mum needed hands-on support much more than moral support. But we persevered and got through it, and finally face-to-face visits were allowed again. My weekly sessions are a delight, I love playing with the children and helping Mum in any way I can. Most days we take the children out for fresh air and to run around – puddle splashing, trips to the beach or the park are favourites, often with a snack or picnic. I can recommend the slide in their local park, it helps bring out my inner child.

Some days we stay at home and I play with the children whilst Mum gets on with some chores. We often play out in the garden with sand or water, or the children play with their outdoor toys: indoors we do crafts, read books, play with toys, sing songs, make up games – whatever we do it's lovely encouraging the children to use their imagination, and watching how they interact. At times there are tears and tantrums, but most of the time there is fun and laughter, and lots of love..

I initially chose to volunteer with Home-Start to help a young family, and so that I could have some young people in my life – but I couldn't have imagined how important a part of my life these 3 little people and their lovely Mum would become. I have been made very welcome, and to feel that my time spent with the family is of value to them. We have lots of laughs and I get lots of hugs – I don't think there's much more a Home Start volunteer could ask for!

*Volunteer—Suzanne*

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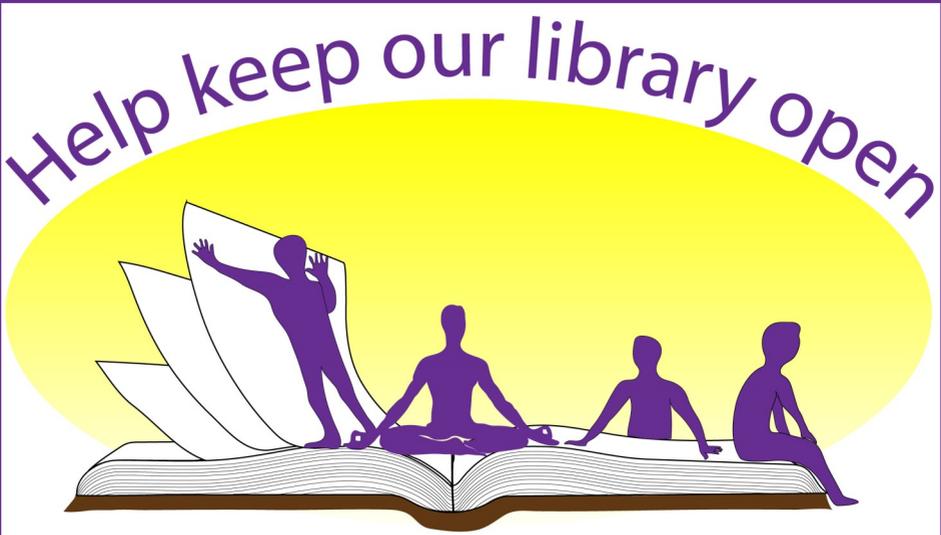
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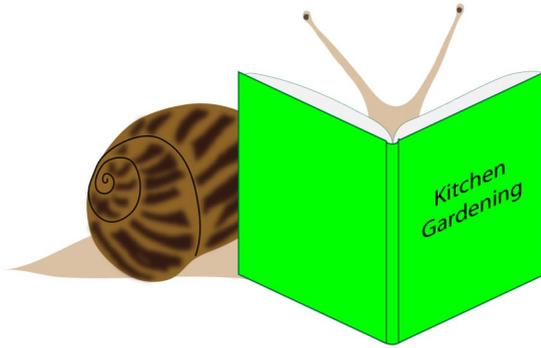
*Vicky Burrows  
Home Start West Dorset*



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## Dewlish Church Notes

THE Pet Service was very well-attended and the pets were wonderful. As usual, we had several lovely dogs, Sue's young chicken, a stick insect and Dennis the tortoise (who's actually a she, but that's another story!) We were blessed with a wonderful day, and it was a pleasure being under the trees on such a hot day.

We enjoyed the Benefice Service at Milborne when Sarah and Maggie were joined by the Dean of Salisbury, the Very Rev. Nicholas Papadopoulos, who gave a very interesting sermon, and officiated at the Holy Communion. The service was followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

Jim is hoping to once again take part in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust's **Ride 'n' Stride** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. He's not certain where his route will be, though, because the Tour of Britain cycle event is coming through Dorset on the same day! However, we do hope that you will be able to support him again as Dewlish Church will receive half the money raised, with DHCT using the other half to support churches needing major repairs.

Our **Harvest Festival** will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.00pm. Please do come to this thanksgiving evening service. Any gifts of produce will be most gratefully received.

This year we are hoping to hold our **Harvest Supper** again, and this will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm. *Please note the change of day.* Further details will be included in next month's magazine.

*Daphne Burg*



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### 4th September - Trinity 12

**Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 14.25-33**

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	1662 Matins (Traditional Language)	Dewlish
3.00pm	Holy Baptism	Dewlish

### 11th September - Trinity 13

**Psalm 51.1-11; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10**

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

### 18th September - Trinity 14

**Psalm 113; Amos 8.4-7; Luke 16.1-13**

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

### 25th September- Trinity 15/Harvest Festival

**Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31 (Trinity 15)**

**Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35 (Harvest)**

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

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