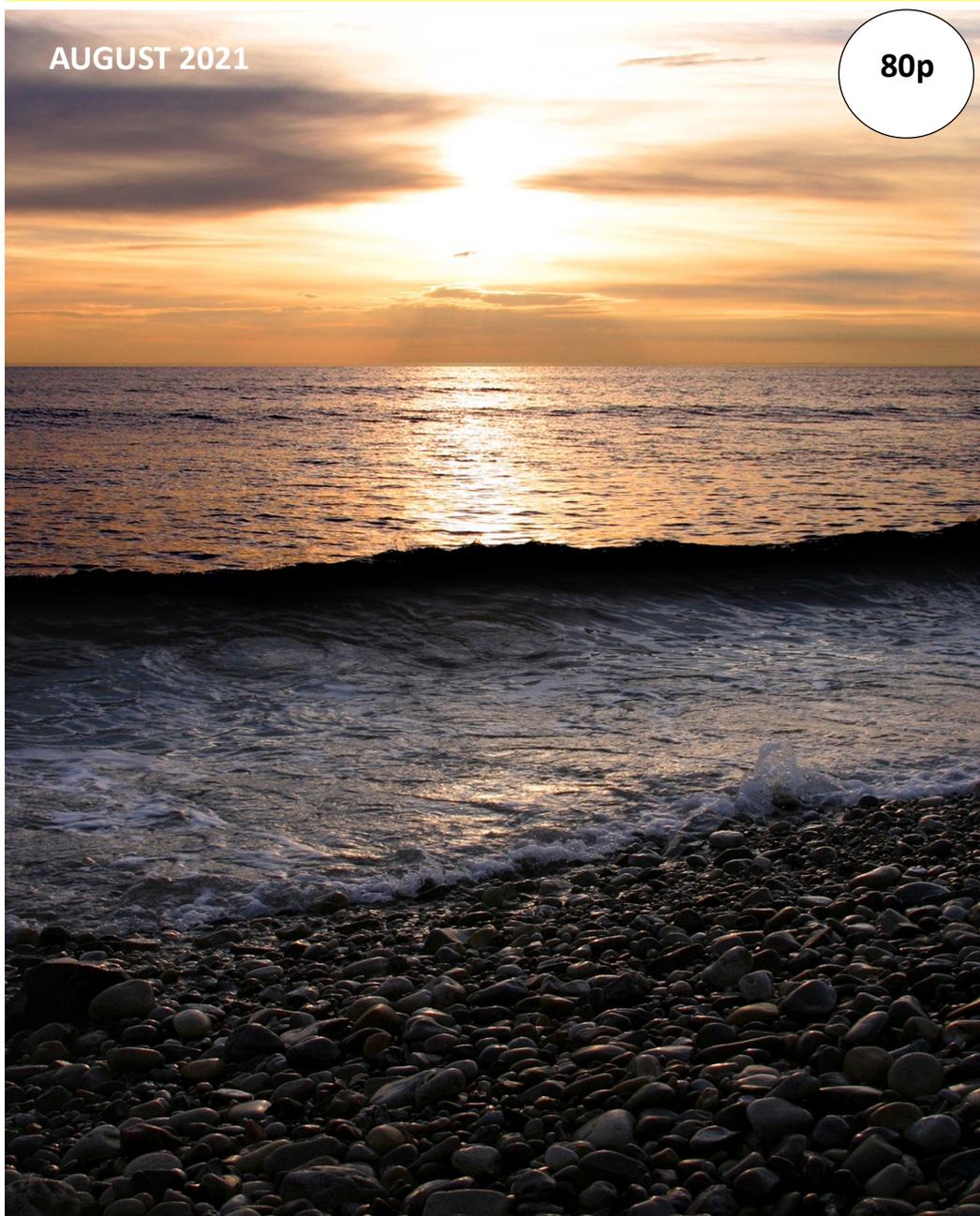


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Giving thanks

So many people have given so much of themselves in the past 18 months, both in a paid and voluntary capacity, locally and nationally. There are those who come to mind easily: workers in the NHS and care homes, teachers, parents trying to work and home-school at the same time, vaccine researchers, community volunteers, many of them in our benefice, villagers who shopped and delivered prescriptions and kept an eye on

vulnerable people living alone.

There are others less in the public eye who have worked tirelessly to keep the infrastructure going that enabled so much else to happen: workers in the power industry, telecommunications sphere, refuse collectors, shop staff and so on.

We have high expectations of people and the services we expect, and there is nothing wrong in that, except when we end up taking them for granted. The problem then is that we are very quick to complain when things go wrong, but so often don't remember to thank people for good service. It means so much to the receiver when someone takes the trouble to send a card, letter or email thanking them for good service received. And it's clearly all too rare. I know when I have rung up companies to congratulate them and express my gratitude for something good they are quite often surprised because they expect it to be a complaint.

We teach our children to say thank you and we are often good at showing our appreciation to the people around us, but it's worth thinking too of the many, many people we don't know who still affect our lives in a positive way. And expressing positivity on social media is a great way of counteracting some of the negativity that lurks there, too.

A particular thanks this month needs to go to the Revd Rosie Coldwell, who, for the past five years, has been part of our benefice team. Rosie has conducted services, preached, led and been part of home groups, visited and cared for people, prayed and supported our communities, churches and me as Vicar. I know that others will join me in wanting to thank her for all she has done during this time, and to wish her well for the future as she moves up north.

Rosie, a big THANK YOU, and may God bless you now and in the months and years ahead. We'll miss you!

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Church is back!

For those unaware, the churches are now open daily and Sunday worship is now happening again, and back to the usual service rota.

There are services at 11am every Sunday in Puddletown and Dewlish, and at 9:30am in Milborne.

Tolpuddle currently has services at 9:30am on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday.

There are a variety of services. Each church holds 2 communion services per month.

For a less formal lay-led all-age worship service, on the 1st Sunday there is Celebrate at Milborne, the 2nd Sunday Puddletown Praise at Puddletown, the 3rd Sunday there is a Family Service at Dewlish, and on the 4th Sunday, Tolpuddle hold their Go Fourth service.

Also lay-led is Matins (1662 Morning Prayer) held on the 1st Sunday in Dewlish and the 4th Sunday in Puddletown.

Milborne holds a Worship in Stillness service on the 3rd Sunday.

BENEFACT PRAYER GROUP

Janet Voke and Sue Turner warmly invite you to join them for a time of friendship and prayer for all of us in the benefice.

It will be in the Church Room, Puddletown on Tuesdays from 10.30 until 12.00 noon.

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Prayer for the Month

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Abba Father, let me be
yours and yours alone.
May my will forever be,
evermore your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
never let me go.
Abba Father, let me be
yours and yours alone.
(written by Dave Billbrough)

“This is not a prayer as such . . . but to me the sung words speak more to me than the spoken word. I first sang this at Puddletown so many years ago and it really made an imprint on me - sadly rarely sung but very humbling and sincere in words. It could be a mantra if repeated. I often find myself singing it!”

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). If you’re not on-line we’d still love you to participate so snail mail is also great!

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Laudemus was originally a good, one-off idea, hatched in 1990 to bring cathedral-style choral evensong to village church congregations around Wimborne. But it proved too good an idea to drop: somehow they found themselves returning year after year, and 2020 marked their 30th anniversary.



Puddletown Community Café Returns!

After a long wait, the Community Cafe is back with a bang! After our last cafe, which was such a success thanks to your support, we have provisionally booked the date of Sunday 29th August for the triumphant return. We'll have all the amazing (and tasty) things you love; bacon sandwiches, homemade cakes, freshly cooked food, tea and coffee, local stalls and produce, music, fun and friendship. Come along and enjoy the festivities between 10:00 - 14:00.

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A Month on the Farm

The weather over the past month has given us some lovely sunshine but also heavy rain. Only a small window of continuous sun and dry, with the forecast of rain always on the horizon so we were only able to bale some large hay bales fast before it got wet. The longed for small bales which we like for the individual pens at lambing will have to wait again.

Cutting the fields for either silage or hay and leaving it to regrow always gives the cattle a fresh bite of grass and therefore the summer months do seem to be a round of cattle being moved from field to field following the grasses growth. All the cattle are also regularly fly sprayed: flies being a real irritant to them in particular around their eyes and because of this we have had some of the youngstock with infected eyes.



This means catching the infected animals and applying cream into the eye and 'sometimes' an antibiotic injection. But the one thing which really loves these pests are the swallows and house martins which swoop low over the cattle and fields while they graze eating up the annoying little beasties!



With all last year's grain now either having being sold or mixed here for cattle feed, the grain stores have been cleaned out; a messy, dusty job but a farm assurance regulation to keep on top of the grain bugs and pests. Also, before harvest, the combine has been serviced - a job in part done by us and also the professional engineers from the local agricultural supplier of our combine harvester.

The growth in the arable crops is certainly ramping ahead, with the Winter Barley crops going their lovely golden colour; and by the end of the month the combine should be working across the fields.

This year school trips were able to take place once again. Puddletown First School's Year 1 and Year 2 who were not able to come last year enjoyed some fun river dipping on the Piddle: finding numerous freshwater shrimps, scorpions, lots of sticklebacks and miller's thumbs, as well as snails, tadpoles and even a leech! They watched nephew and niece's cows being milked, ran through a field of maize and learnt all about the different crops grown here and across the country; a slightly different programme was given to older year groups. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to see us on the farm and for us to inform them of our work and where their food comes from.

Wakely Cox
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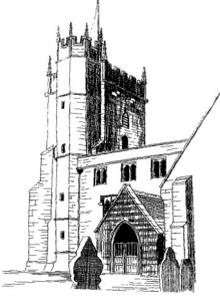
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Puddletown Area Parish Council held its first face-to face meeting in over a year on Tuesday the 8th June 2021 in Puddletown Village Hall. The meeting on the 13th July was also held in Puddletown so that social distancing would be more easily achieved in the larger venue. Meetings will once again be held alternately in Puddletown and Tolpuddle with the August meeting being held in Tolpuddle Village Hall at 7pm on the 10th August.

The Parish Council is still looking for volunteers to join a new Community Speed Watch Group in Puddletown. Anyone willing to offer a little time to help reduce speeding in the village should contact the Clerk initially.

The Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan is now officially “made” and is used to make planning decisions for the parish of Puddletown. Thanks again to all of the volunteers who have worked so hard to create this plan and all of those who made the effort to vote.

Puddletown Area Parish Council is currently working to help tackle traffic speed in Lower Waterston and Troy Town. Look out for further information on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

The Parish Council has recently awarded grants to both village halls to help improve the kitchen facilities in Puddletown and to enable Tolpuddle to purchase a television screen and have fibre broadband installed. A small grant has also been awarded to Life Education Wessex to support their work at Puddletown First School.

The historic “K6” telephone box in Tolpuddle is looking stunning. Many thanks to local volunteers who have worked so hard on improving this community asset. Further information on how this kiosk is being turned into an information point will be coming soon. Anyone with local knowledge or artistic/technical skills who would like to be involved in this aspect of the project may contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

All Parish Council meetings are open to members of the public but the Parish Council is aware that not everyone will feel comfortable attending a face-to-face meeting yet. Residents who wish to comment on any agenda item or raise a local issue may contact the Clerk if they prefer by emailing puddletown@dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

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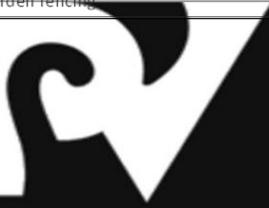
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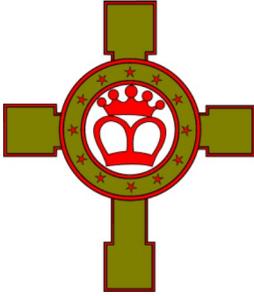
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St Mary's Middle School

The pupils continued to work very hard as we came to the end of an extremely challenging school year! Special mention must go to our Year 8s, we wish them all the very best of luck in their new schools in September and look forward to welcoming our new Year 5s.

After nearly two years of not being able to get out and do any geography fieldwork, Year 7 and their geography tutors were glad to be able to travel to the River Piddle at Wareham Common to carry out an investigation into what the River Piddle is like in its lower course. With the weather actually now resembling summer, they rendezvoused with the staff from Leeson House Field Centre and, armed with a plethora of nets, flow meters and tape measures we set off to the river. Aply and enthusiastically assisted by office and support staff from the school, they set about measuring the physical characteristics of the river - students got to measure flow rate, measure the depth and width of the river and carry out kick samples to assess the water quality and look at the different species found within the river. Best catches include an impressively sized adult leech and a splendid eel! After several hours of very enjoyable fieldwork, they returned to school (some were wetter and more sunburnt than others!) with a valuable set of data about the river. Students then used this data to write up their investigation in class and compare it with other data for the river in its upper and middle courses.

Have a wonderful summer.

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St John's Church Tolpuddle—August 2021

It is difficult to believe that 16 months ago life was relatively normal- no masks, no social distancing, and many people travelling all over the world; but now the school holidays are here and the roads are already snarled up with traffic as eager holiday makers look for a change of scenery back

here in the United Kingdom. We, in Tolpuddle, are so very fortunate to live in such a beautiful area- with the sea, hills and rivers nearby. I am sure we can share some of this with the holiday makers and indeed we hope to welcome some visitors into our church, either to a service or just to look around. Our services are continuing with a **Parish Communion at 9.30 on the first and third Sunday and Go Fourth at 10.00am on the fourth Sunday.** This latter is with the band and being less formal appeals to a variety of people, particularly as we have coffee and biscuits afterwards. As I write this we are still unable to sing inside but Sarah has recorded some lovely hymns to listen to and Dr Richard Hall still valiantly plays the organ.

What else happens in the church?- we are very excited about the “glamping”- read about its progress in the separate article.

Meanwhile, the regular team work to support the everyday running of the church- Marion doing the flowers, Anthony and his team keeping the churchyard paths mown in amongst the beautiful wild flowers, and Fi keeping the dust at bay- (Teresa now having hung up her duster). The PCC are having a meeting on July 19th- we still need another member on the council please.

Others are working very hard towards the **Summer Sizzler on August 28th** Do make sure this date is in your calendar- as it will be a day packed full of fun for the local community and other visitors- with a Dog Show, Stalls, BBQ, Bar, Variety of Live Music, Art Exhibition, Strawberries and Cream and an antique Fire Engine on display. Please do offer your help with this to Marion (66mregan@gmail.com) or Hilly (hlcobban@gmail.com) or Tink (thedigitalmarketingfairy@gmail.com) There is also a “**Junkosaurus**” competition- we are asking that you make a “Thing” out of old bits of this and that and display outside your house during the week commencing August 23rd – this will then be judged and prizes awarded at the Summer Sizzle. There will be fliers and posters about all of this so do join in.

So, the village is waking up, despite disappointment as weddings have had to be postponed yet again, and the TUC Rally is again only virtual- but we know that the future is bright with the re-opening of the pub and most of us vaccinated. We do have a lot to Thank God for.

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June	Megan Austwick - £50	Louis Gale—£15	Margaret—£10

Tolpuddle Village Meetings are being held again!

The next village meeting is to be held on Thursday 23 September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

These meetings (which had been suspended due to covid restrictions) are usually lively, informal and well attended. It is an excellent way to find out what is going on in the village, ask questions and meet fellow villagers.

The twice yearly meetings are in addition to the Parish Council meetings and are held because we are a multi-parish PC.

The posts of Chair and Clerk will be vacant - if you are interested in either position please contact Nigel Pitman (Chair) or Julia Johnstone (Clerk) directly or email Tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com for further contact details.

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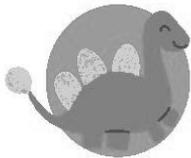
It's creative competition time in Tolpuddle!

As part of the children's activities for the Summer Sizzler event on Sat 28th Aug, we are inviting you to get creative and build a JUNK-O-SAURUS creature from recycled/upcycled materials.

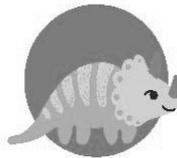
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Julia Johnstone

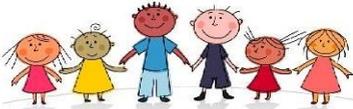
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Slow worms in the garden

I needed to pot on some plants the other day and headed over to the rough area of the garden near the compost heap where I'd left some bits of broken flowerpot to use for drainage. I was surprised and pleased to pick up a larger piece and find a slow worm underneath. I managed to get a quick photo before it slithered off into the hedge, not at all slowly! Apparently, as well as not being slow, slow worms are not worms either and despite looking like snakes, they are actually legless lizards, differing from snakes in that they have closable eyelids and tails, which drop off if they are trying to escape danger.

I am keen to encourage slow worms in my garden and found the following advice online from RHS wildlife writer Jean Vernon:

Leave piles of sticks, prunings and logs undisturbed in a quiet corner of the garden to gradually rot down, attracting bugs and beasties for the slow worms to feed upon.

Set up a compost heap and leave it to rot down naturally for several months; the warmth from the compost process provides the perfect nest site for slow worms and is also an insulated and protected space for overwintering.

Take care when turning or using your garden compost, to avoid unearthing slow worms.

Leave a bowl of water out and ensure any ponds and pools have a shallow edge for wildlife to enter and escape safely.

Slow worms love to bask in the sunshine on gravel, stone or other surfaces that hold the heat; leave a suitable area open to the sunshine but in a quiet spot and you may well be rewarded with sunbathing slow worms.

Don't use pesticides in the garden - your quest to kill garden pests potentially deprives many precious creatures of a meal and disrupts the garden's natural balance.

Finally, don't forget slow worms are completely harmless, they do not bite or sting, if you do find one it is best to cover it back over and leave it be.

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Help with your water bills

As we all hopefully start to enjoy some warm summer weather, it is also a time when we use a bit more water in our homes - watering the garden, filling the paddling pool and perhaps washing the car. For people on low income or benefits this may bring the worry at the impact of an increased water bill in the autumn on the household budget.

Our main local water supplier Wessex Water offers their customers support to pay these bills through a number of schemes with Citizens Advice as a key partner to advise and support people to access the best scheme for them.

Firstly, some basics - do you have a water meter? These can be the best option if you live alone or have a small family. Meters are compulsory for all new properties but otherwise are fitted free on request with the right to go back to standard charges after two years if a meter doesn't work for you.

Then there are a range of Wessex water payment schemes including:

Flexible Payments – you arrange to pay less for a few months to get you through a difficult patch, although these payments have to be made up later.

Water Direct - payments can be paid direct from benefits by DWP but there can be fees involved for the service.

Pension Credit Discount - a 20% discount on water bills if you receive pension credit, or your state pension is your sole income.

Assist and **Restart** are special schemes for people who are really struggling to pay and/or have debts; to apply for these you need to be receiving advice from agencies such as Citizens Advice.

If you're worried about your water bills a simple first step is to talk to Wessex Water, 0345 600 3 60 <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/help-and-advice> or Citizens Advice.

If you would like help and advice with any other problem that is bothering you, telephone our freephone Dorset Adviceline number on **0800 144 88 48** between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively visit our website - www.citizensadvice.org.uk.

For information about local Citizens Advice service go to: <https://centraldorsetca.org.uk/>

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Milborne St Andrew's Church News

Technology is wonderful, if you can control it! During the last 18 months many of us have come to rely on on-line meetings, training sessions, services, etc. as well as using devices to play music, videos, and other things in church. However, those who are not as technically minded do struggle sometimes. I had a challenging session when I was supposed to be doing a PowerPoint presentation in church but the machines wouldn't 'talk' to each other; somehow, I found the right 'button' and things improved. Last Sunday at our Celebrate service, the laptop itself suddenly stopped working so we turned to 'plan B'. I managed to play one hymn by accessing YouTube on my phone and another hymn was sung acapella by John.



Following last Sunday's service, we celebrated Rosie's birthday outside with cakes that she bought and hot drinks served from the porch. We also managed to sing, not only the last hymn but also the birthday song outside.

At the end of June, our Events Committee organised and successfully ran a Cream

Teas afternoon in Eva's lovely garden, as it is big enough to have people socially distanced. They are in the process of organising a Summer Fair to be held at our village hall and surrounding playing field on August Bank Holiday Monday. All are welcome to come along.

The Worship in Stillness services, that have replaced the 1662 Morning Prayer services, are proving to be popular so we will continue to have them on the third Sunday of the month.

To our congregation's liking we have now returned to the regular pattern of services that were held prior to 'lockdown'. These are advertised in the magazines, on church noticeboards and on Facebook.

Pam Shults
Churchwarden

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Let's get together and celebrate our wonderful village!

Tolpuddle Events Committee (TEC) is delighted to be hosting a super **'End of Summer Sizzler'** to be held on August Bank Holiday at Orchard Meadow. We are raising money for the Village with donations to Dorset Air Ambulance and Mencap. We hope you can join us! Look out for the flyer coming through your door with full details.



2pm - 5pm (Entry by Donation):

Children's Activities, Stallholders, Local Art, and Dog Show

6pm - 10pm (£6 Entry including Supper):

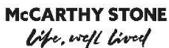


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Contact details

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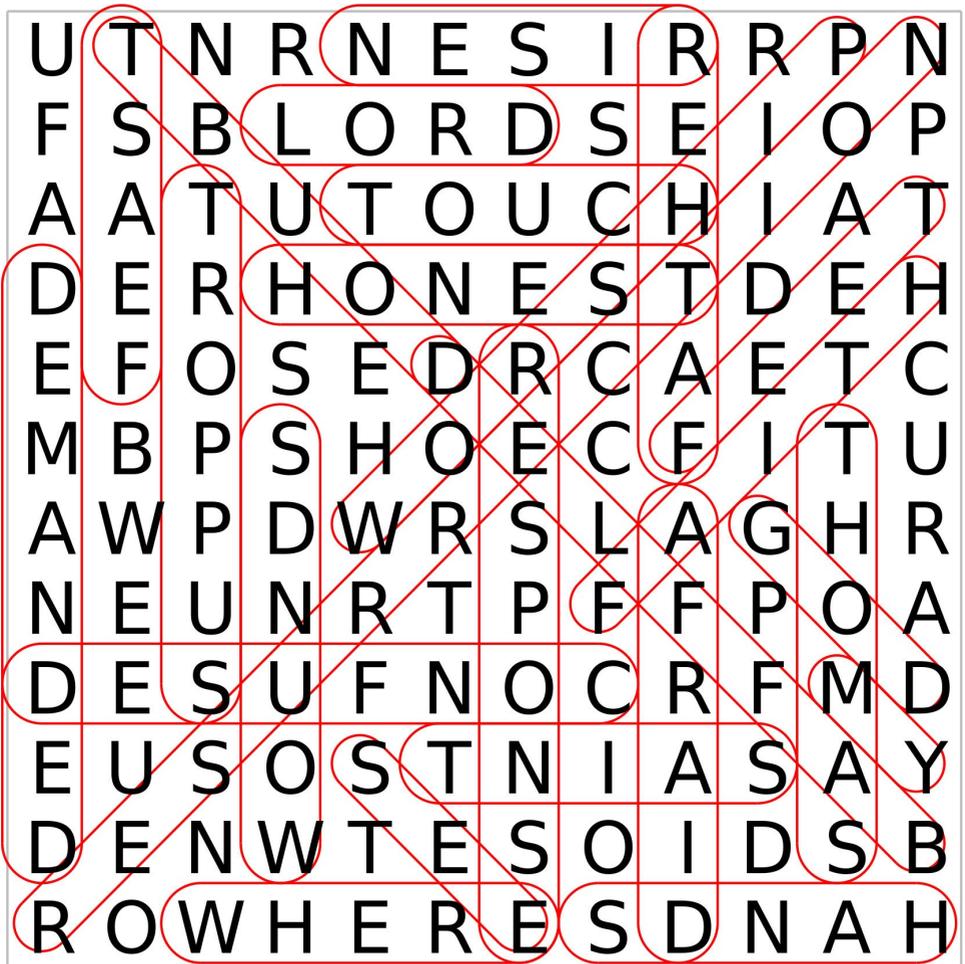
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July Wordsearch—the answers

Twenty five words to find this month , answers below.

Thomas, Saint, Doubt, , Faith, Feast, Honest, Confused, Father, Afraid, Where, Resurrection, Baffled, Demanded, Risen, See, Support, Touch, Wounds, Hands, Feet, Response, Worship, Lord, My, God.



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Walking regularly outdoors is known to benefit our physical, emotional and mental health. Walking and talking come very naturally together and walking in a group can make us feel more connected to each other, reducing loneliness and isolation. It can also improve mood and sleep quality and reduce stress and anxiety. Being in nature or in green spaces has a positive impact on mental health through being in a natural environment and closer to greenery.

Wellbeing Walks (formerly Walking for Health) is England's largest network of free group health walk schemes. Run by Ramblers, we're helping all kinds of people lead a more active lifestyle in a friendly, supportive group. We offer over 1,800 free, short walks every week.

Puddletown Wellbeing Walks are supported by Puddletown Surgery. They are free to join and take no longer than an hour.

Where: Puddletown Surgery

When: Every Wednesday at 10.15am for 10.30am start from 21 April

For further information contact Puddletown Surgery on 01305 848333. If you would like to join us, you can register by emailing Christine Robertson on christine.m.robertson@hotmail.com.

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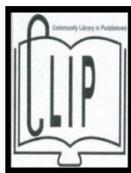
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Tolpuddle Coffee & Chat

For those ladies new to the village of Tolpuddle, several of us have coffee on a Tuesday morning 11am—12noon. Currently we are meeting at Orchard Meadow and taking our own coffee. Hopefully when the pub opens we will be able to meet there again as we always used to.

Join us for a chat, introduce yourself and make some friends.

Drop in to the park, if the day is dry, and especially if it's sunny, we will be there but we may be round the corner in the shade! All welcome

Penny Ruddock

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

Environmental Gardening for August

Courtesy of the RHS magazine 'The Garden', the Gardening Club offer you top greener gardening tips for the beginning of August.



Hedgehog support

Hoglets have started to appear, so you might like to leave out water and meat based cat or dog food for them.

Butterflies

Cutting back nettles encourages new growth to benefit butterflies in late summer.

Netting

Keep fruit cage netting taut to protect your fruit and prevent birds getting trapped.

Water top up

Check water levels in bird baths and ponds. Clean bird baths regularly and top up ponds with rainwater if possible.

In mid July the MSA Gardening Club enjoyed a social afternoon in a member's garden where everyone brought their own refreshments. A prize was given to the winner of the potato growing competition. It is hoped that MSA Gardening Club events will resume in the MSA village hall in September.

Mark Johnson

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Dewlish Church Notes

IT HAS been really good to have two of our church services outside in the churchyard, where we could sing! Our first service was our early-morning Ascension Day one, led by Sarah. The second one was the annual Pet Service, again singing our hymns and no masks. What a treat.

We had only two dogs this year: where were you, dog-lovers?! Never mind, we were also joined by Marg's cat, Bear, who decided to sit at the back, a respectable distance from the dogs! Tim and Bea

brought ducklings and a mother hen with chicks, while Bertie and Maisie brought a lovely collection of snails.

On both occasions the weather was damp but it didn't stop a good few people from attending. It was all most enjoyable.

When Christine and Ross opened their beautiful garden at Yarden Cottage as part of the National Gardens Scheme charity they kindly allowed us to do the refreshments, with all proceeds going to the church. We raised the amazing sum of £525 for church funds over the four afternoons the garden was open!

A big thank-you to Sue and Marg who took on the lion's share of the work after Jim and I had to isolate. Thank you also to Sandy and Heather who stepped in to help as well. Thanks, too, to all the people who made cakes, which were delicious.

Christine and Ross would like to thank everyone who came and supported them; they hope to do it again next year. Many thanks again!

If you go down to the sea today, beware!

The popular summer pastime of paddling our feet along the shoreline has become risky, due to a rise in venomous stinging fish along the British coast.

The weever fish may be only six inches long, but the venomous spines along its dorsal fin can inject fast-acting poison into your foot if you step on it, causing immense pain.

Sue Hickson-Marsay, from a life-boat charity off East Yorkshire, says: "The fish have been an absolute nightmare this summer. Just where the shoreline is, as the waves are going out, the fish lie just under the sand. So, if you are then paddling in the water, you could easily step on one. Then the spiny part of the fish goes straight into your foot. We've had lots of casualties, so people need to wear shoes if they're going paddling."

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Services in the Benefice August 2021

1st August—Trinity 9

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

8th August—Trinity 10

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

15th August—Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish
6.00pm	Hymns and Pimms	Puddletown

22nd August—Trinity 12

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism	Milborne St Andrews
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

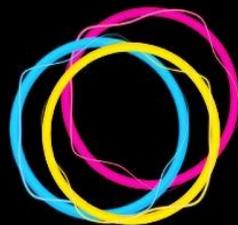
29th August—Trinity 13

10.30am	United Benefice Farm Holy Communion	Parsonage Farm, Dewlish
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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
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