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## **The Power of Encouragement**

Barnabas, one of my favourite saints, is remembered this month on 11th June. He's one of my favourites because above everything else he was known for being an encourager. Barnabas wasn't his original name; he was Joseph. However, the other apostles of the time nicknamed him "Son of Encouragement" i.e. Barnabas.

We read about Barnabas in the New Testament book of Acts, which tells the story of the beginnings of the Church. Among other things, Barnabas was known for his generosity. He sold a field he owned and offered the money he received to help those in need.

When others were wary about Paul, following his conversion from being a Christian-hating persecutor to committed Jesus follower, it was Barnabas that stood up for him and encouraged his ministry. When Paul and Barnabas later had a difference of opinion about the dependability of Mark, it was Barnabas that gave him a second chance, trusted him and later Paul also came to recognise Mark's value. Barnabas was a great support and encouragement to the new church in Antioch where he spent much time as a leader.

If only we had more people like Barnabas! In our fast-paced and often pressured world, encouragement can sometimes feel in short supply. We hear a lot of critique, we face constant comparisons, and it's all too easy to focus on what's going wrong. Our political system is built on being adversarial, and social media is full of people trying to knock others down. Encouragement is a much needed quality, I think.

Barnabas was the kind of person who stood by others when they were struggling or had made mistakes. He didn't give up on people. And because of that, those he encouraged went on to do great things.

Encouragement is more than just being nice — it's about lifting others up when life has dragged them down. It's about seeing potential where others might see problems. It's about choosing to be kind in a world that often rewards being clever or critical. It allows for second chances.

We all need encouragement in our lives; it builds people up and helps them to be the best version of themselves. Imagine what our communities would look like if we all made it a habit to encourage one another. A word of support to a colleague, a message of appreciation to a friend, taking time to notice someone's quiet efforts—these things cost little but mean a great deal.

*With best wishes,*  
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Intercessors		Scripture Readers
1st June	Margaret Rickard	Mara Wingrove
8th June	Puddletown Praise Team	
15th June	Dawn Loveless	Bob Todd
22nd June	Jean Jeffreys	Ursula Pomeroy & Geoff Hawkins
29th June	Cynthia Metcalfe	Dawn Loveless
Charitable Giving 2025		
Lent		Dorchester Poverty Action
Mothering Sunday		Mosaic
Easter Day		The Salvation Army (Homeless)
Harvest		Water Aid
Christmas		The Children's Society

BENEFICE REGISTERS		
Baptism		
27th April	Lucas Max Odysseus Wood	Dewlish
Funeral		
D. 23rd Feb Aged 75	Henry Bruce Dyer	Weymouth Crem

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**6.00pm  
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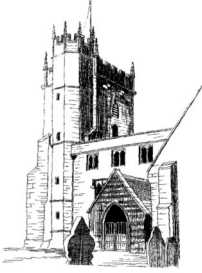
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## St. Mary's Church Events - June

**Pop-in Coffee Mornings** in the Church Room are every Thursday from 10am to 12noon. Everyone (of any age) is welcome. Good coffee and delicious cakes and/or biscuits are always on offer. Come and join us for a sociable hour or two.

**Rosemary's cards** will be available at coffee pop-in on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayer Group** This continues to meet in the church room on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 until 11.30am. All are welcome

**Craft Group** will meet on Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12.30 in the church room. A light lunch will be provided. Please contact Margaret to book your place on 01305 849332 or [margaretmary227@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmary227@gmail.com)

**The Village Lunch** will be on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. We shall be serving baked salmon followed by the usual delicious puds. A vegetarian dish will also be served. These must be booked in advance. If you haven't yet booked your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211.

**The Variety Concert** was a great success. Many talented people took part in an evening of music, poetry and song which was much enjoyed. The evening raised a magnificent £740 for church funds.

**Easter Flowers** in the church were, as always, beautifully arranged. Many thanks to our talented flower team who put such a lot of time and effort into making our church look so beautiful.

**A Midsummer Fair and Flowerpot Festival** will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Come and join us for frolics and fun – refreshments, stalls, games, cakes, plants etc. etc. This will be followed on the evening of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June by **Pimms and Hymns** at 6.00pm.

**Wimbledon Afternoon Teas** will be served on the afternoons of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July followed by screening of the Singles Final Matches.

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## Tower News

**Puddletown, Dorset - St Mary the Virgin**  
 Monday, 28 April 2025 in 28m (16–1–18 in E)  
**840 Plain Bob Doubles**

1	Nigel Pridmore	2	Robin J Mears	3	Howard Bowering
4	Ian D Tucker	5	Nick Baker (C)	6	Robert Newton

Rung with Bells open in memory of Rosie May Gough aged 98 years old,  
 Mother to Heather & Mother in Law to Robin.  
 Rung on the evening of her Funeral.

**Puddletown, Dorset - St Mary the Virgin**  
 Thursday, 1 May 2025 in 46m (16–1–18 in E)  
**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

1	Nigel Pridmore	2	Roger Thomson	3	Robin J Mears
4	Nick Baker	5	Ian D Tucker (C)	6	Robert Newton

Rung in place of practice night.

**Puddletown, Dorset - St Mary the Virgin**  
 Thursday, 8 May 2025 (16–1–18 in E)  
**General Ringing**

Robin Mears	Robert Newton	Nigel Pridmore	Jane Pridmore
Roger Thomson	Fiona Thomson	Ian Bishop	Emma Hughes
Emma Greyson			

Rung to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

**Puddletown, Dorset - St Mary the Virgin**  
 Thursday, 1 May 2025 (16–1–18 in E)  
**120 Plain Bob Doubles**

1	Emma Hughes	2	Roger Thomson	3	Robert Newton
4	Jane Pridmore	5	Nigel Pridmore	6	Robin Mears

Rung for the 21st birthday of William Bishop on 17th May.



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### **Flowerpot Creation Competition**

- Make a person, animal or thing - real or imaginary, using flowerpots.
- Entries should be assembled in the church/churchyard between 9am and 10.30am on Saturday 21st June.
- Entries can be made using various materials but must be mainly created with flowerpots.
- Flowerpots may be terracotta, plastic or any other material.
- You may use paint and anything else to decorate your creation.
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- Entries can be left in situ for up to a week. Any left after 28th June will be disposed of.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the day.





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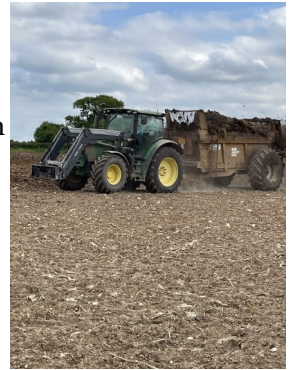
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## Month on the Farm



The house martins and swallows have well and truly arrived and when I was checking and moving some cattle in the meadow the cattle and I were surrounded by them swooping around feeding on the flies. They are now back here in the yard as well, busy rebuilding their nests. We always make sure there are a couple of damp muddy areas around to help them for this year's sitting.

Most of the farmyard manure has been spread and incorporated into the soil as part of the fertilizer for the maize. With the wet winter and the cattle grazing the turnips and cover crops the soil was compacted so on these fields we pulled the sub soiler through the ground to lift the soil and remove the tight patches which allows the soil to breathe and the plant roots to go down deeper, hopefully finding water and nutrients. After the soil was lifted we then went through with the heavy cultivator which mixes the soil, muck and crop residue together and breaks the lumpy soil down. We then went through the field with a combination of discs and a roller to get a finer seedbed before the maize was drilled using a precision drill, which places one seed at a time in rows 30 centimetres apart. We then followed behind with the ring roller to try to conserve any moisture there is. The lack of rain and the cold nights has certainly slowed down the grass growth with many of the fields slow to recover after the first round of grazing and the fields that are shut up for silage or hay a long way off having any quantity of growth for cutting.



The lambs are growing well and enjoying the grass and have started to eat some rolled barley and nuts, helping them to grow faster and be less reliant on their mother's milk. We feed this in a covered trough which has adjustable holes which is opened wide enough for the lambs' heads to get through but not far enough for the ewes' head. With the warmer days the ewes fleeces are starting to lift as the grease rises and the shearing gang are booked for a couple of weeks' time. Another group of weaned calves have today been turned out to grass and will rotate around the grazing paddocks grazing the grass and also having a couple of kilos of rolled barley every day to keep them growing.



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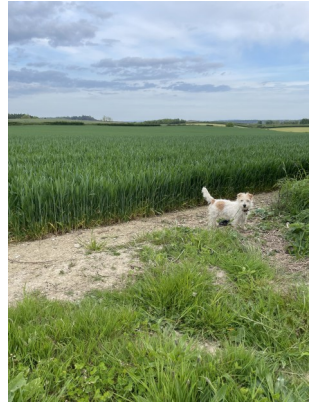
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Yesterday I did a video meeting with a school in Cheshire giving them a virtual farm tour showing them the ewes and lambs, pigs and piglets and some of the machinery and having a chat about life on the farm which is all part of Farmer Time a national organisation getting school children onto farms and talking to farmers without leaving their classrooms!

*Wakely Cox*

*10<sup>th</sup> May 2025*



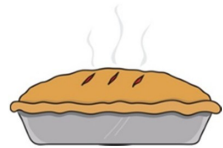
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Our Year 5 Axolotls have returned to the classroom after spending the winter at home with Miss Young (Year 5 leader). The two fascinating amphibians, who joined St Mary's last year, have become quite the stars of our Year 5 area. Despite being fairly sedentary, the children are captivated by their permanently smiling faces and their diet of one juicy worm each day!



Year 6 were visited by nothing less than a menagerie in their science lessons recently! Their topic of animal and plant classification was certainly brought to life by Guinea Pigs, tortoises, lizards, fish, stick insects and giant land snails! Tortoises ambled over the students' books while Guinea Pigs scurried across the lab floor! Fortunately, all animals were accounted for at the end of the lesson! Massive thanks to Ellie and James Harper for sharing their wonderful animals with us.





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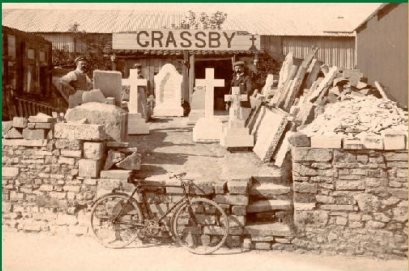
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In non-animal news, our Year 8s have been lucky enough to experience life behind the scenes at Wagamama's in Dorchester! The students participated in a culinary workshop in which they learned how to create some fabulous dishes and how to use chopsticks. This terrific experience, which was organised by Food Tech teacher, Mrs Evans, was rounded off with the opportunity to sit down in the restaurant and sample some of Wagamama's delicious signature dishes. We are very grateful to Wagamama's, Dorchester, for making the trip so memorable.



**Calling all St Mary's alumni!** Would you like to come back to our school to see what's changed? We would love to welcome you back to St Mary's on **Friday 13 June at 10am** for a tour of the school, a cuppa in the library and the chance for a reminisce! To confirm your attendance, please email Mrs Gaughan in the school office (email address below). We look forward to welcoming you back!

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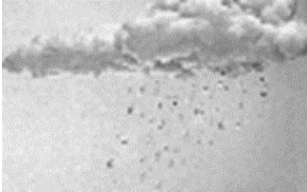


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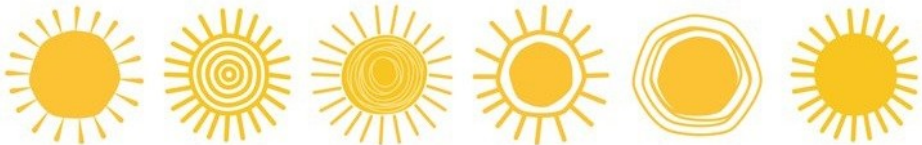


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Site location (GPS): N 50° 44.937' W 2° 20.862' Altitude 88.39m  
(somewhat sheltered from easterly winds)

April 2025		
	Rainfall for the month	21.90mm
	Cumulative for the year	283.20mm
	2024 Rainfall for the month	53.40 mm
	2024 Cumulative for the year	388.20 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 27.60° C Min. 0.00° C
	2024	Max. 18.50° C Min. 1.90° C
	Maximum wind speed	14.50 mph
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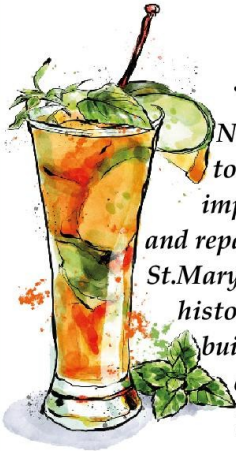


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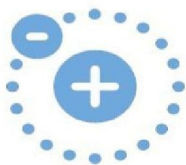
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## St John's Church Tolpuddle June 2025

What a beautiful spring- indeed so much sun that many of the flowers have not known whether to bloom or stay underground a little longer. Those rainy autumn days seem so far away.

Wildflowers will soon be coming up in our "Living Churchyard" though even this takes a lot of managing- we are very grateful to Morten and his team who nurture this and cut paths where necessary. He has a working party on May 31<sup>st</sup> and will welcome any help, particularly if you happen to have a tall ladder- do contact him on [mortimusmaximus00@gmail.com](mailto:mortimusmaximus00@gmail.com) if you feel you could spare an hour or two.

We have had a busy time through the month with special events at the pub- a fun barbecue to bid Julie and Adrian farewell at which a presentation was made of a potted rose and a handsome sum of money, and then another BBQ a couple of weeks later which had been publicised as a VE80 party but was also a farewell and thank you to Steve our postie - he had been a very special postman, letting us all feel we were the only special ones but actually he made us all feel special! Thanks to Mark and his team and all those who helped organise these events.

Meanwhile- the church continues with its regular services- as we try to please everyone- having two formal services on the first and third Sundays (always with a thought provoking sermon from Sarah or Margaret ) our Reflective service on the second Sunday with music carefully and appropriately chosen by Richard and then on the fourth Sunday our less formal service with lots of singing and involvement of the congregation. We will of course miss Adrian who took his sacristan role very seriously.

Many of you are wondering how the church can survive with so few locals attending on a regular basis, though we like to feel that most of us like to know the church is there when needed- for weddings, funerals etc. We are very fortunate that many people pay into our parish giving scheme but we do ask others to see if they can spare a few pounds every month to help pay our expenses. ( for instance if 20 people put in £5 a month- that will total £1,200 annually) Please contact our Treasurer [nigel.ffitch@icloud.com](mailto:nigel.ffitch@icloud.com) if you want to know more. We also need to do fund raising. As you are aware we can no longer call on the resources of TEC but need to address any shortfall ourselves- calling on others in the community. Thus we are having a **COFFEE MORNING** in the church (outside if fine) on **Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10.30-12.** with a Raffle. Do join us for a chat and a cuppa.

We feel we should like to express our good wishes to Pope Leo as he takes on the role of leader of the Roman Catholic Church and hope very much that the Crown Nominations Committee will convene shortly to appoint a new Archbishop.

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*Hilly and Jayne*

### **JULIE & ADRIAN BONNER SAY THANK YOU TO FRIENDS.**

Julie and Adrian would like to thank everyone for their good wishes in our move to Weymouth.

We have made very good friends in Tolpuddle and are sad to say “Goodbye”.

Thank you all for the party and for the beautiful rose and for the money which was collected.

We will come and see everyone at the pub regularly but for now thank you all again and come and see us when you get the chance. Lots of love,

*Julie and Adrian Bonner*

May 2025.



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The annual Martyrs Festival in Tolpuddle will take place over the weekend of 18-20 July and we're looking forward to another successful year.

As well as the usual daily breakfasts at the Martyrs' Field, we shall be providing refreshments at Tolpuddle Village Hall throughout the Sunday. Proceeds from both, together with carparking on the Sunday, contribute significant funding for St John's Church and the village hall and help to support local activities throughout the year. Both the hall and the church are undertaking works this year, so fundraising is more important than ever.

This year we are hoping for a bumper year. Last year's 'ploughman's in a box' lunches in the village hall proved to be very popular, so, with a few minor adjustments, we will be making these again this year. In addition, we will provide our usual array of homemade cakes, together with teas, coffees and soft drinks throughout the day. We have a reputation for good value, home-cooked food and, as far as feasible, all the food will be sourced or produced locally.

As ever, we need help with various aspects of the day's catering, including providing some of the food; setting up the hall on Saturday afternoon; and serving and clearing up in the hall on the day. In particular, we are looking for:

- Homemade cakes of all shapes, sizes and flavours\*
- Homemade quiches\*
- Help with setting up tables and chairs from 6.00pm on Saturday 19th
- Helpers in the hall from 8.30am – 5.30pm on Sunday 20th. We plan to open from 10.00am to approx. 4.30pm (earlier if the food runs out) and are looking for volunteers to do 2-hour periods at a time in the hall but there is flexibility. (We will prepare a rota for the day in due course.)

\*help with the cost of the ingredients can be provided, if needed.

We were very grateful for all those who helped last year and, once again, are looking for volunteers for this year. If you would be willing to help with any – or all – the items listed above, please email or text Margaret Walton ([maclark2@btinternet.com](mailto:maclark2@btinternet.com) or 07740622415) to let her know what you would be prepared to do. If you are able to help on the day, please let her know if you have any time constraints. Even if you volunteered last year, it would still be helpful if you could reconfirm your willingness to do so again and your availability etc. If you are new to the area, it is a great way to meet people and help the village at the same time.

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We look forward to hearing from you and many thanks in advance.

## Solar Panels - Electricity Consumption Before and After

This is from the Puddletown Village Hall, which has 20 panels, facing roughly **South South East**.

The perfect direction for the panels to face is **South**, the more panels and the better the weather, the more electricity you generate. I'm told that outside a direction between South-West to South-East the benefit becomes very limited if any (that is unconfirmed).

Figures shown are in kWh or units because the cash benefit will depend on your contract.

Hopefully, we will be able to update this to give people an idea of the annual benefit. Note that you do not always benefit at all (December 2024/2025)

### Puddletown Village Hall Solar Panels - Electricity Consumption (kWh) With Solar Panels

Month	2023/24	2024/25
July	417	262
August	565	10
September	262	30
October	330	103
November	358	293
December	366	551
January	401	200

I would be happy to keep records of anyone else's before and after figures if you have them – that would give an indication of the effect of more panels and different directions the panels face. I would need both before and after figures along with the number of panels and the direction they face.

*George Grazebrook*



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## PUDDLETOWN AREA PARISH COUNCIL

As summer begins to bloom around us, we're pleased to bring you a round-up of key updates and decisions from the May Parish Council meeting. From new leadership appointments to community safety, planning matters, and local park improvements, there's plenty happening in our parish. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, we hope this update helps you stay informed and feel connected to the work we're doing together

**Leadership for 2025–26:** We're pleased to share that Cllr Ridout has been re-elected as Chairperson for another year, offering a welcome sense of continuity and stability for the Parish Council. His steady leadership and deep understanding of local matters have been invaluable, and we're grateful he's continuing in the role.

Cllr Hood will serve as Vice Chairperson, bringing fresh energy and a renewed perspective to the leadership team. His enthusiasm and proactive approach will complement the Council's ongoing efforts as we head into the year ahead.

**Council Roles and Responsibilities:** As part of the annual housekeeping, councillors were appointed to various working groups and community liaison roles. This ensures our community's needs are met across areas such as finance, the environment, and local play parks.

If you have a particular interest or skill and would like to get involved, whether it's helping with a project, sharing local knowledge, or supporting a specific area, you don't need to be a councillor to make a difference. There are plenty of ways to contribute. Simply get in touch with the Parish Clerk to find out how you can help your community.

**Annual Governance & Accounts:** The council approved its Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2024–25. This includes financial statements, year-end reports, and confirmation of public rights notices. The Clerk will now submit these documents to the external auditor, BDO LLP.

**Planning & Licensing: Application P/PASO/2025/01894, Location:** St Marys Church of England Middle School Coombe Road Puddletown Dorchester DT2 8SA, **Proposal:** Install solar panels on roofs., **Comment:** No objection

**Application P/TRC/2025/02314, Location:** 5 The Green Puddletown DT2 8SN, **Proposal:** T1 Conifer – Fell, T2 Holm Oak - Re-pollard back to previous points, T3 Plum – Fell, **Comment:** No objection

**Application P/PAAC/2025/02462, Location:** Southover Farm Tolpuddle DT2 7HE, **Proposal:** Change of use & conversion of agricultural, **Comment:** Puddletown Area Parish Council Object on the following grounds:

1. Proximity to Slurry Lagoon – Environmental and Amenity Impact



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The proposed development site is situated in uncomfortably close proximity to an existing slurry lagoon. This raises serious concerns regarding odour and air quality: The location may expose future occupants to unpleasant and persistent odours, particularly during warmer months or times of slurry agitation and spreading.

## **2. Overdevelopment of the Site**

The Parish Council considers the proposal to represent overdevelopment of what is essentially an agricultural site. The scale and intensity of the proposed residential use appear disproportionate to the rural character and infrastructure of the area.

Full details for all planning applications and outcomes can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

## **Save the Date! Annual Parish Meetings:** Burleston & Tolpuddle Parish Meeting – Tuesday, 24th June 2025, at 6:30 PM

Join the Parish Council for a couple of hours of conversation with local groups like Dorset Police, The Church, The Cottage Garden Society, and the Guide Dogs (adorable pup included!). We even have the Middle School Choir opening our event in Tolpuddle. Share your ideas with councillors, learn about upcoming plans (Including a new Youth Council), and help improve our community. Enjoy a FREE cup of tea or coffee (plus a cheeky biscuit!) while connecting with your community.

Join us, share your vision, and be part of the positive change

**Next Council Meeting:** Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between Puddletown Village Hall and Tolpuddle Village Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 7pm in the Tolpuddle Village Hall. Please come and join us and have your say.

That's all for this month! Stay engaged with your community, and if you have any concerns or ideas, feel free to get in touch with the Parish Council.

**Parish Council contact details:** (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors, but note your details will NOT be shared with anyone else)

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# Disinheritance by Deception



If you think “fraudulent calumny” sounds like something from a Shakespeare play, you are not far wrong. The concept of pouring poison in the ear was a common theme for the playwright. Sadly, however, it is still very much relevant today in the context of Wills.

Lucy Mignot, Partner and Head of Contentious Trusts and Probate at Blanchards Bailey, explains this issue in detail.

Fraudulent calumny occurs when a person poisons a will-maker’s mind against someone who would otherwise be their natural beneficiary, and as a result the will-maker disinherits the person they have been poisoned against or leaves them less than they would be expected to receive. If fraudulent calumny is proved, the entire Will may be rendered invalid and set aside, reverting to the Will-maker’s previous will or, if they did not have one, the intestacy rules. In practice, these disputes are often between siblings, where one is alleged to have spread lies about the other to a parent. There are cases where it was alleged that a parent had been deceived into believing that one of their children had stolen from them, was a shopaholic and spendthrift, or was untrustworthy.

Fraudulent calumny will only be established if the person casting the aspersions knew that what they were telling the Will-maker was untrue or they did not care whether or not it was true, and there is no other explanation for the disinheritance.

It is a subtle form of undue influence where, rather than being forced into making changes against their Will, the Will-maker makes the changes of their own volition because their perception of the person they are disinheriting has been skewed. Fraudulent calumny is often missed by inexperienced or non-specialist lawyers.

If you are concerned that a Will may have been affected by deliberate deception or you believe it may not be valid for any other reason, it is essential that you seek specialist legal advice from a contentious probate expert.

For assistance, please contact Lucy Mignot on 01305 217303.



## Notes from St Andrew's

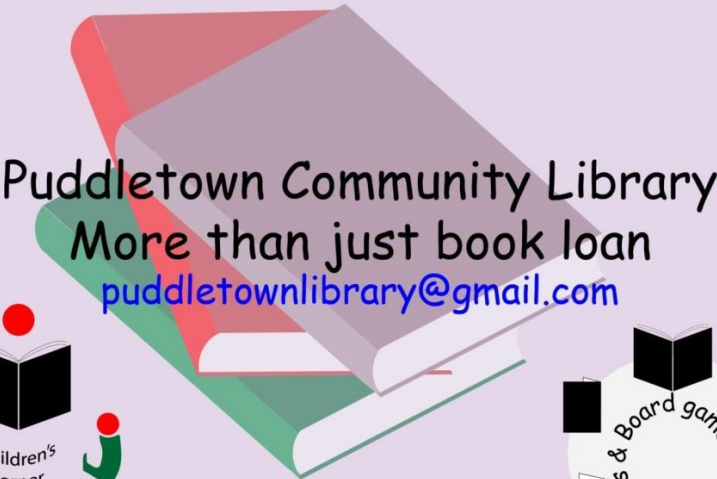
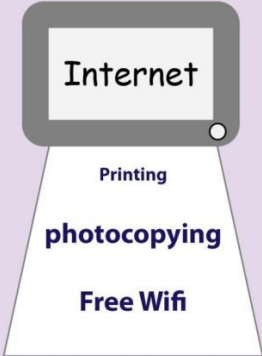
When I last wrote, we had just entered Holy Week. By the time you read this, the Easter season will be almost over. We have enjoyed a very dry and warm Spring, although this is not good news for farmers and gardeners.

The Good Friday Liturgy, led by Tony, was very well attended, and the singing, boosted by visitors, was particularly rousing. On Easter Day, our Festal Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. was equally well-attended. The Church looked magnificent, and the sight and scent of lilies were especially pleasing. Thanks to Lin and her team for the flower arrangements, some of whom were first-time arrangers, I understand. Thank you to those who contributed towards the cost of the flowers as a memorial to loved ones departed. A list of those commemorated was displayed; thank you to Pam for organising it. In the evening, we raised our Alleluias at Compline, which has been very well supported throughout Lent this year. The Easter Garden has been much admired, and we thank those who helped create it, especially the three young people involved. As a result of a generous benefactor paying for the lower parts of the nave walls to be repainted (using approved Clay-based paint), the Easter Garden has been taken down earlier than usual. We thank the benefactor for this work; it has made the Church look so much cleaner and brighter.

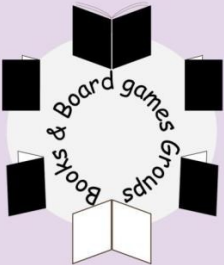
It was good to welcome friends from Puddletown to two of our Services recently. It was lovely to have you with us; do come again!

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Tony led a Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Words from Psalm 46 were sung with great gusto to the tune of the Dam Busters March, amongst other hymns. On VE Day itself, there were commemorations at the Memorial Stone and the Union Flag flew proudly from the church tower. In the evening, the bells were rung. We thank Robin and his team for organising that. As far as I can gather, a peal wasn't possible in 1945 as, when the bells were augmented and rehung in 1967, the "Echo" report stated that the bells had been silent for 30+ years. As the bells were pealing, news reached us that Cardinal Robert Prevost had been elected Pope Leo XIV. We pray for him and rejoice with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters as a new chapter opens in the life of the Church.

The cremated remains of Martin Holdaway, who with his parents Harry and Thelma used to live in Hopsfield, were interred in the family grave. Martin's family now lives in the Netherlands and had travelled here for the occasion. The funeral of Rosie Gough, nee Caines, took place at Weymouth Crematorium at the end of April. Rosie was born in Milborne 98 years ago, and she and her extended family were instrumental in keeping the Chapel alive over many years. Tony Fox gave the Eulogy at her funeral. We assure Heather and Hazel, and all who mourn of our love and prayers.



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“Rejoice the year upon its way  
Has brought again this blessed day  
When on the Church by Christ our Lord  
The Holy Spirit was outpoured.”

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*Tony (& Pam), Churchwardens.*

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Wordsearch - Pentecost

The story of Pentecost is found in Acts 2. After the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples had obeyed His command to stay in Jerusalem and to ‘wait for the promise from the Father’. Jesus said this would be the ‘baptism of the Holy Spirit’, but the disciples had no idea what that meant. They soon found out! Acts tells us that at about 9 o’clock one morning, a sound like a rushing wind from heaven suddenly filled the house, and divided tongues as if of fire rested on each one of them. The Holy Spirit had come down and filled them with His divine power! Praise, preaching and witnessing followed that morning – and the Church was born.

Pentecost	Trinity	Jerusalem	Disciples	Praying
Tongues	Power	High	Fires	Flames
Languages	Praise	Drunk	Wine	Nine
Morning	Glory	Waiting	Place	Wind
Father	Son	Holy	Spirit	Eternal

## **Milborne Movies – June Film Night – Conclave**

Friday 20th June, Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

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With electrifying performances, rich harmonies, and unmatched instrumental prowess, Taff Rapids is set to become a powerhouse in bluegrass and beyond - don't miss them playing live in Dorset, touring in partnership with Artsreach, the county's rural arts charity!

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## Dewlish Church Notes

WE were delighted to see so many people at our Spring Sale. In addition, it was a lovely morning, which was a blessing. We raised £444.70p for church funds – a very welcome amount. Many thanks to all who gave so generously, and to those good people who manned the stalls.

Lent Lunches were also very successful. It was so good to get together with friends and neighbours, and to enjoy all the lovely soups, bread, etc. on offer. Thank you so much to all our hosts and hostesses. We raised £261, which has been donated to WaterAid.

Our church looked beautiful for Easter, and we thank the flower arrangers and Jim for the Easter Garden. Margaret led our service, and yet more thanks to Jim for attending the 8.00am service at Milborne St. Andrew so that the bread and wine could be blessed so Margaret could carry out Communion by extension. A very busy morning for him!

The following Sunday we welcomed baby Lucas, Jane and Charley, family and friends for his christening. It was a joyous service full of wonderful singing and it was especially lovely to see the church so full! Lucas managed to sleep through it all!

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June we are holding our **Pets Service** so we will be delighted to see families with their pets (if they have them) at 11.00am in the churchyard.

*Daphne Burg*



### FRIENDS OF PUDDLETOWN CHURCH AGM

**Thursday 19th June 2025**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Puddletown Church will be held in the church on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.**

**The business meeting will be followed at 8.00 with a talk by Daniel Cantrell of Crickmay Stark, our church architect and specialist in conservation. All in our community are welcome to join us for the talk.**

**The meeting will end as a social gathering with refreshments.**

The Friends' mission is to protect the church building, in recognition of its historic, social and architectural importance to Puddletown. The meeting will consider requests from the PCC for grants to help us meet this mission. The Friends also produce two newsletters a year that, in addition to notices of interest to members, explore and document aspects of Puddletown history.

The Friends of Puddletown Church is open to all – regardless of religious persuasion. If you would like to join the Friends, there are subscription forms in the church and the library.

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## VE Day

Last Thursday we came together with our neighbours and celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. Walking together with our families and gathering at the memorial stone, our children waved their home-made flags, listened to a local resident Jeff Blake as he spoke about his war time memories and enjoyed a biscuit (or three!). It was a really special morning, and we would like to thank Wayne, Rich and anyone else involved for inviting us to come along.

Our children then walked back to school and enjoyed a special street party picnic on the field (with Ladybirds too!)

## Farm Trip

On Tuesday, Miss Ross and the Buttercup Class had a wonderful time visiting Whiteways Farm in Dewlish. Mrs Pavey was there to greet them and give them a tour around the dairy. Watching the cows being milked and mixing the feed was an incredible experience for our children, who then went on to feed the calves, give the lambs their bottles and visit the chickens! The Buttercups then enjoyed a bit of bird watching with binoculars whilst they had a snack and then went on to play a bit of 'cow bingo' by the stream, as well as stretch their legs in the field. It was a busy morning, and our children loved every moment.



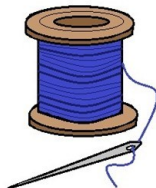
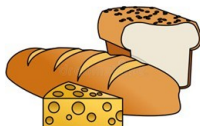


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9.30am	Milborne Praise - 80th Anniversary of VE Day	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer	Dewlish

### 8th June - Pentecost

**Psalm 104.25-35, 37; Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17, 25-27**

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

### 15th June - Trinity Sunday

**Psalm 8; Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; John 16.12-15**

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

### 22nd June - Trinity 1

**Psalm 22.18-28; Galatians 3.23-25; Luke 8.26-39**

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00am	BCP Matins	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	Hymns & Pimm's	Puddletown

### 29th June - Trinity 2

**Psalm 125; Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19**

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion Followed by bring & share lunch	Puddletown
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