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THE VICAR'S LETTER



Harvest Thanksgiving

The first school I attended was a very small village school which was based in the home of the headteacher. I arrived there aged three (coincidentally on the same day that my brother was born) and left at 12. As schools go, it was quite unusual, but some of its traditions have stayed with me ever since.

One of these was saying grace before and after a meal. We had a selection of different prayers to give some variety. Some of them were in Latin – although I

understand now what they were saying, I'm not sure I quite grasped their meaning when I was only three or four!

One of the English-language graces we used went like this: "For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly grateful. Amen." It's short and simple but with an important plea – for God to help us recognise what we have and be thankful for it.

And that is, of course, what Harvest Festival is all about. Each year we celebrate the bounty of the land and seas, the hard work of those who produce our food, the sunshine and rain that enable the crops to grow and remember God, the source of all our blessings.

It is sadly noticeable that as people and nations grow richer, their sense of gratitude diminishes. We take so much for granted: food on our plates, water in our taps, rubbish collection, electricity, gas, solar power, good sanitation, health and education. The minute something goes wrong we move into complaint-mode, rather than being able to focus on how 99% of the time our services work well.

For those who are less fortunate, the things we take for granted are still a source of thanksgiving. To see the look on a child's face when their community first gets a tap with clean water is amazing. To read the stories of girls who can now continue to go to school during certain times of the month rather than having to stay at home because a school now has toilet facilities can be moving. To listen to the words of people who can now feed themselves because others have helped them to find a sustainable existence is inspiring.

Harvest Festival can remind us that we have much to be grateful for, and perhaps it can become a time not only of gratitude but also of generosity. We have so much; some have so little. There is enough in the world for everyone's needs, but if the dream of full plates and clean water is to become a reality for all the world's people, those of us with resources must be willing to share them with others. We may not feel rich but compared with many we have so much.

Thanks be to God!

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West Stafford Village Hall Artsreach. Friday 15th November – **Little Earthquake** theatre company present “I Ain’t Afraid of no Ghost” – a comic nostalgic journey back to the 80’s through an exploration of a childhood haunting. Be prepared for a lot of laughter and a few surprises! Another inventive performance not to be missed. Tickets are £9, £6 (u 18), £25 (family 4) – suitable for age 8 plus. Contact Jim Chamberlain 01305261984; jim.chamberlain10@outlook.com; online at artsreach.co.uk.

7.30pm start for both events, doors open at 7pm and there will be a licensed bar.

Puddletown Village Hall - Caretaker

Paula is leaving to take up another position so we will need a new Caretaker after Christmas.

Apart from keeping the Hall clean and tidy, the job involves taking bookings from users and passing takings on to the Treasurer.

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Please contact the Treasurer, Chris Leonard (01305 848484 or 07964 599981) for further details.

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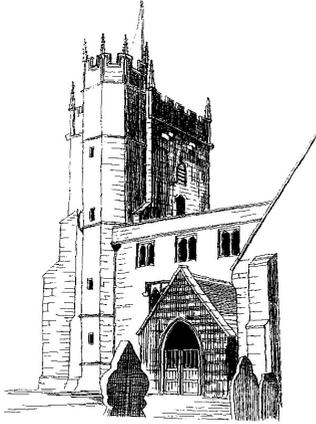


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St. Mary's Church Events—October

Report on the Family Fun Day/ Benefice Fete

See page 13.

Harvest Thanksgiving is at 11am on Sunday 6 October followed by a bring and share lunch in the Church Room. The Flower Team look forward to decorating the church and gifts of non perishable food will be taken to the Food Bank the following week. Donations will go to RABI and Water Aid.

Messy Church will be at Milborne St Andrew on Sunday 6 October starting at 4 pm in the Village Hall. There will be activities, crafts, songs, games, bible story and prayers, followed by tea. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pop-in Coffee Mornings are held every Thursday in the Church Room from 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone is very welcome. Rosemary will be there on the 3rd with her card stall and there will be a short communion service at 12 noon on the 17th.

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 14 October and steak and ale pie is on the menu followed by all your favourite puddings, from 12 noon to 1.30 pm in Puddletown Village Hall. Please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 if you haven't already booked or if you find you have to cancel.

There will be a Church stall at the CLIP Coffee Morning in the Village Hall between 10 am and 12 noon on Saturday 19 October.

Family Fun Day and Dog Show

Special thanks to those people who helped with the Family Fun Day and Dog Show go to Hazel Barrett, Rita Knight, Julie Heng, Suzanne Kelsey & Kath Cheetham for running the Tearoom; Paul, Ethan & Hayden Fleetwood and Matthew Kelsey for running the bar; Pam & Grace Fleetwood for the raffle; Rod Hughes for providing the PA equipment; Pat & Bram Sparks for the use of their van; Jean Jeffreys & Jill Andrews for serving ice creams; Shirley Hart, Sylvia Hanby, June Maitland, Helen Greening, Caroline Cox, Judy Bumby, Joyce Sheppard & Pam Rado for helping run the Tombola and Human Fruit Machine; Lizzie Peckover & Andrew, John & Carol Paton, Sharon & Alan Sheppard & Clive Barnett for running the BBQ; Peter & Pat Bishop for helping with car parking; Summer & Harry Jeffreys for their help in moving gazebos on Sunday;

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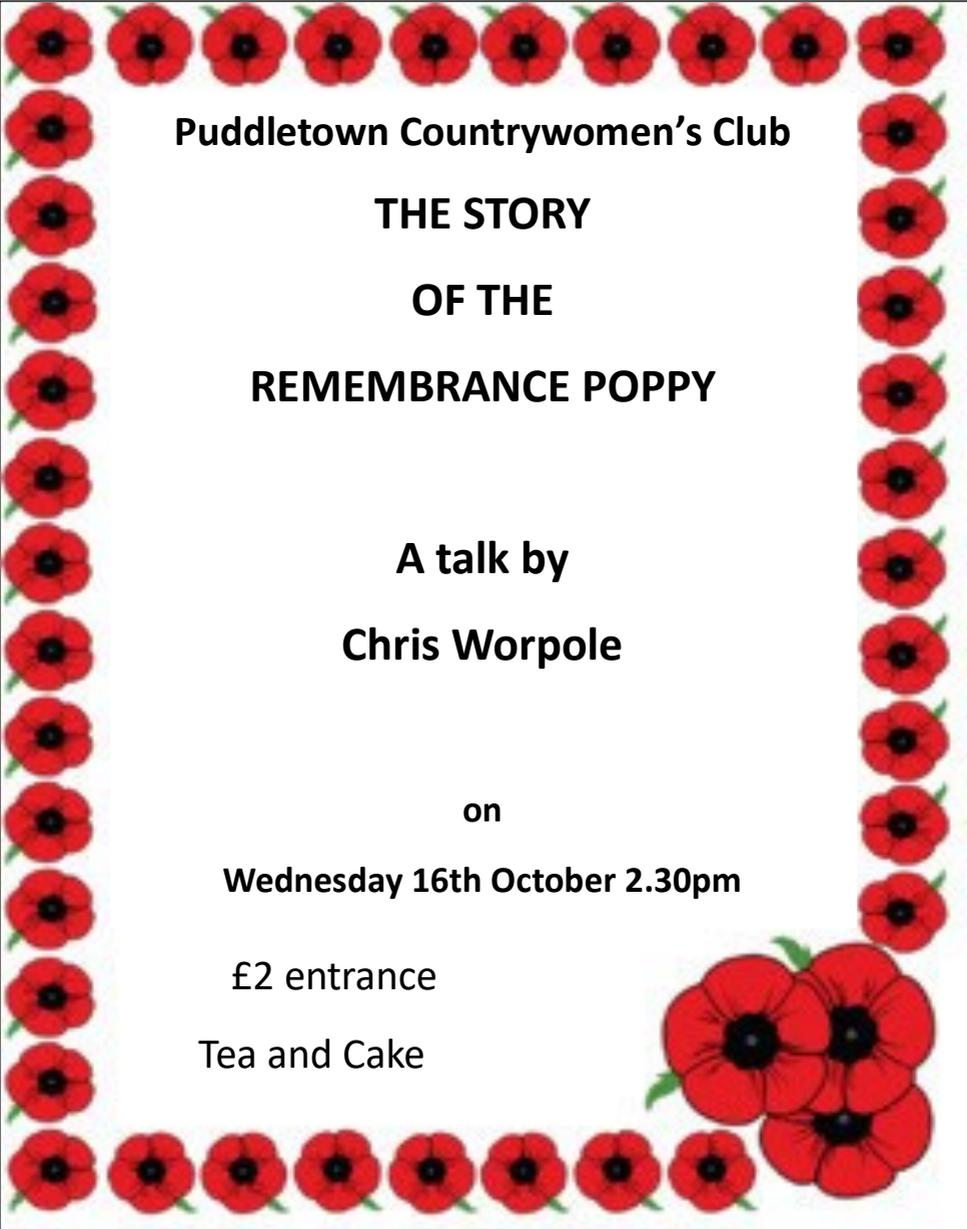
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Family Fun Day & Dog Show

After 4 months of sleepless nights, Monday 26th August, the day of our Benefice Family Fun Day and Dog Show finally arrived.

We were apprehensive of a change of venue, after holding the fete at Athelhampton for over 10 years, but our new location at Milborne St Andrew Sports Club proved popular with stall holders, the band and visitors alike.

We prayed for good weather, but maybe a bit too hard, as it was a very hot day! So hot, that the bar sold out of soft drinks within half an hour, resulting in an emergency run to Blandford Tesco for further supplies!

Our new venture this year was running the BBQ and adding a tearoom within the pavilion. The BBQ proved popular, as did the ice creams, served from the pavilion window.

Maureen Lock kindly judged the Dog Show for the 3rd year running, which was sponsored by Marion Clemens of Trophy Pet Foods, who provided goody bags for all prize winners. The Dog Show was complemented, this year, by displays from Moonlight Dog Agility Team in the adjacent ring.

I'm still waiting on some expenses to come in, but current figures indicate we might have matched last year's profits!

A big thank you to everyone involved, from stall holders, Durnovaria Silver Band, Moonlight Dog Agility, Maureen Lock, Marion Clemens, and all our visitors (including the dogs!), to Richard Lock for all his help with our new venue and Mr Ferguson for the use of his land for car parking, along with a kind donation.

Please can the Churchwardens pass on my thanks to all their helpers. I am planning to hold a feedback meeting very soon, so if anyone has anything they wish to raise, please let me know, or ask your Churchwarden to contact me.

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This month's recipes are provided by Diana Wilson from Puddletown. The granola and muesli sound a delicious healthy way to start the day and Diana tells me that all her family now make them. The granola is good mixed with the homemade Muesli, bio-yoghurt and fruit.

GRANOLA

Ingredients:

Half a cup of sunflower oil

Three-quarters of a cup of honey or golden syrup

1 cup each of sesame seeds/oat bran/wheatgerm/sunflower seeds/pumpkin seeds

4 cups of rolled porridge oats

Method:

Heat the oven to 140C/275F/gas mark 1. Put the oil and golden syrup or honey into a fairly deep baking pan and warm it until it is runny. Mix all the dry ingredients in a bowl and stir it into the warmed oil/syrup mix. Bake for one hour, stirring and turning the mixture every 15 minutes. Leave the granola to cool in the pan. Store in an airtight container.

MUESLI

Ingredients:

12oz porridge oats

3oz sultanas

3oz chopped dried apricots

3oz chopped hazelnuts - toasted for 3-4 minutes

3oz sunflower seeds - toasted for 4-5 minutes

3oz pumpkin seeds - toasted for 4-5 minutes

1oz soft brown sugar (optional)

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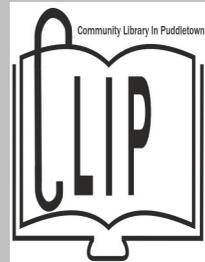
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	2018 Rainfall for the month	54.60 mm
	2018 Cumulative for the year	327.30 mm
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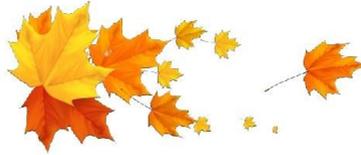
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We hope that all road users are aware of the 30 mph speed limit in place in residential areas, but work is needed to educate and enforce this, and to identify areas where other measures may be helpful to reduce the risk of road casualties. That is the goal of any work undertaken in connection with vehicle speed, to enable drivers to identify the appropriate speed for the conditions, and the reasons why. Sometimes 30mph is totally inappropriate, and it is worth us all reminding ourselves the limit set is the maximum permitted speed - not a target. The Parish Council is setting up a Group to work on this, having had conversations on the subject with Dorset Police, and if you are interested in working on this project with them, particularly in Puddletown, they would welcome hearing from you.

In the first instance please contact Heather Stephens on 07791 071 163.

PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL 2019

**at Briantspuddle Village Hall DT2 7HR Friday 25th
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Finding Your Feet - a comedy/drama featuring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall and Joanna Lumley made in the UK in 2017.

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One of the best comedy dramas to come out of UK film studios for many a year this talented cast take us through laughter and tears in a film which is full of fun, is moving and at times outrageous. Sandra (Imelda Staunton) discovers, just at the time when they are going to retire, that her husband (John Sessions) has for many years been having an affair. She attempts to rebuild her life by moving in with her wayward and unconventional sister (Celia Imrie) who persuades her to join her local community dancing class. Meeting characters like Charlie (Timothy Spall) the handyman who lives on a houseboat, opens up a whole new world for Sandra.

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Puddletown First School

And so a new academic year begins! New shoes, new uniform and of course new children. Each school year begins with staff training days, more of which later. Whilst these days are vital to developing and extending the provision we are able to offer they do also reinforce that a school is an empty and flat place without the children.

Our school became full of life, energy and excitement on the 3rd of September when the children returned. With maybe a few sighs of relief from parents!!

It is however, a good reminder to us that a school is not about meeting accountability targets, it is about children. It is about meeting their needs here and now. As the Nobel prize winning poet Gabriela Mistral wrote;

“Many things we need can wait. The child cannot. Now is the time his bones are formed, his mind developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow, his name is today.”

Childhood is precious and to be a part of it with our families is a privilege and we are mindful of our responsibilities that all this entails. This year we used our training days to look at the ways in which we are able to further develop our work in supporting our children' well being and emotional health. The statistics around this area for children are worrying. NHS research says that 1 in 9 5 -15 year old children have a mental health disorder, this rises to 1 in 8 if you include 5 -19 year olds and for 17 -19 year olds it is 1 in 6.

Schools on their own cannot solve this but they can be part of the solution. The phrase ‘*show me the child and I'll show you the adult*’ can have an ominous ring to it, but we are clear that we have a duty and responsibility to ensure our children are set on the right path to a successful, happy and fulfilling adulthood.

We believe this is best achieved by making the childhood school experiences full and happy. In our recent collective worship we talked with the children about the ingredients needed to make a successful school; commitment, perseverance, manners etc but we also agreed that you need to decorate this with laughter and smiles!





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D Hunwick
Head Teacher



Puddletown First School Need You!!

We are looking to appoint a new school janitor at Puddletown First School to support and play a vital role in the high quality provision we are able to offer the families and children of our community.

The key responsibilities are;

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For details on the application process or the role please contact Janet Cheate tel 01305 848206 or email office@puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk

Puddletown First School values the diversity of the workforce and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people; this is a commitment we expect all staff and volunteers to share. The successful candidate will be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service Check in line with the Government's safer recruitment guidelines.

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Autumn rapidly approaching—children back at school, our young people back at college and hopefully fewer cars on the roads. But we can look back on a happy summer here in Tolpuddle and now can look forward to winter - cosy evenings in

front of the fire and frosty mornings.

Perhaps we can also remember those who find the winter more challenging—maybe feeling more lonely and depressed. Do you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or a lift to come to the **Coffee and Chat** which is held in the church on the second Thursday of the month, **Thursday October 10th from 10.30am to 12 noon.**

Other events in the future-

Harvest Festival- in the Church- Sunday October 6th at 9.30am- we will be decorating the church on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th- do come along and help. We will need lot of tins, packets and jars which will be given to the local Food Bank and at the service we will be collecting for Water Aid so please do be generous. We are hoping for a speaker- to tell us more about their wonderful work.

Visitation from the Rural Dean on Monday October 21st- this is a regular visit every three years when he formally checks that all our paperwork is up to date and there are no irregularities. The PCC have all been undergoing Safeguarding Training and reviewing various policies and procedures.

Bonfire Party- November 1st on Martyrs Field from 6pm to 9pm- this is a joint event with the Village Hall and the TUC. There will be soup and BBQ, live music and lots of fireworks. Tickets available in advance from Marion Regan (849353) or Hilly Cobban (848552) - **£3** to include a mug of soup or **£5** on the DAY- CHILDREN UNDER 10 FREE

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Carols under Martyrs Tree- December 22nd at 5.30pm and then to the Martyrs Pub. We will be doing a collection here for the Children's Society so bring your purses and join in with the singing.

Details of Church Services in the next magazine- and also a reminder for you all about **Posada.**

The PCC Treasurer is still endeavoring to persuade the Diocese to approve our plans for rewiring the church and installing some decent heating and lighting.

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Perhaps we will have some definite news by the time this magazine is published. To this end we are optimistically continuing with our "Sparks Appeal" – Heather is selling some wonderful calendars with local views on and also cards (848165). These will also be on sale at the Craft Show at the end of October on the church stall.

We would like to take this opportunity to send our very best wishes to those who are suffering with ill health and also Revd Steph Jenner who is preparing to stand down as Methodist Circuit Superintendent due to a chronic condition.

Hilly and Julie
Churchwardens

Tolpuddle Village Meeting

The next Tolpuddle Village meeting is to be held on Thursday 7 November at 7.00pm in Tolpuddle Village Hall.

Please email any issues for discussion to Tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com or alternatively to Aeon Cottage, 48 Main Road, Tolpuddle.

This meeting is usually very well attended and valued as a way of highlighting village issues – I am sure there will be some lively discussion.

Nigel Pitman: Chair

Julia Johnstone: Clerk



New Play Equipment to be Installed

Work is due to start in November on replacing the play equipment in the fenced toddler play area. Following several suggestions at our consultation at the Village Hall earlier in the year and our successful bid for funding from the National Lottery, with additional funding from the Parish Council, we are installing the following:

A new play unit that includes a tunnel and a slide.

A new double swing frame from which we will re-attach the two toddler swings.

An eagle nest springer

A bee finger maze – to be fixed to a fence panel.

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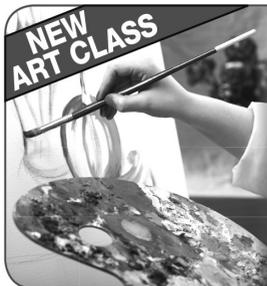
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Tolpuddle OLD CHAPEL saved.

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust has finally succeeded in raising the critical funding from the National Lottery which now enables us to move to the final stage of renovation.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has confirmed a generous grant of £329,300 to help save Tolpuddle Old Chapel, the meeting place of the Dorsetshire Labourers before the events that saw them help spark the Trade Union movement when they became known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

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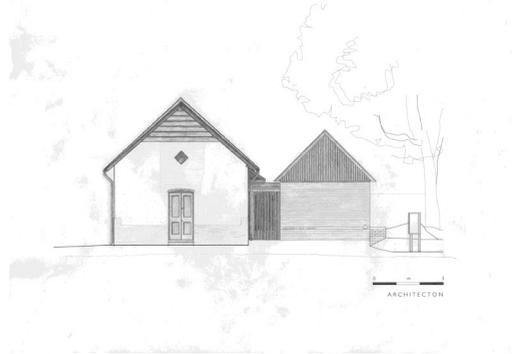


After four years of dedicated hard work by trustees, volunteers, project managers, consultants, architects, Friends of Tolpuddle Old Chapel and financial sponsors, TOCT has to date raised over £290,000 for the project, with only £32,000 left to raise.

The Future:

As a building preservation trust, TOCT is committed to sympathetically preserving, renovating and maintaining the Grade II* building as ‘a quiet place in the heart of this historic Dorset village’.

The renovation proposals for the former chapel and the designs for the new extension have been developed through many stages and with guidance from the formal approval body, Historic England, the former West Dorset District Council as well as extensive consultation with Tolpuddle residents. Our house to house survey reaffirmed residents’ overwhelming support for the project. TOCT ensured that all funding came from sources outside the village, ensuring that TOCT has not detracted from the essential funding needs of St John’s Church and The Village Hall.



What Next?

TOCT’s architect, Paul Richold of Architecton, Bristol, will now update our approved plans.

A registered Heritage Conservation Construction Specialist will be appointed.

Building work to renovate and extend The Old Chapel is expected to start in April 2020.

Many thanks to all who contributed to our consultations and to our team of loyal TOCT Link Volunteers.

You can keep up to date with the project via our site notice board and from our Website and Twitter feed. www.tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org



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St Andrew's Church News

Harvesting Talents

One Harvest service that I was at, many years ago, the sermon was about giving to God, as one would expect; however, the priest suggested that it didn't have to be produce or money but could be the use of a person's 'talents' which could help us to be better disciples and to spread the 'Word'. It was one of those sermons that one never forgets.

A few weeks ago, a friend from church and I, went to a Christian run event at Milton Abbey titled 'Created to Create'. We could choose from several different sessions but we all attended the introductory session. This was the one that made such an impact on me, Bible Journaling. I had never heard of it before and assumed it was about writing or verbally sharing thoughts following a bible reading session; however, it was not but it was so interesting that I feel I need to share the theory with you.

Bible Journaling is a creative way to express and document how God is working in your life. A unique way to use sermon notes, learn scripture by using different translations, and creatively document your spiritual journey. Our course taught us how to use paint and colouring techniques to illustrate the 'message' that we heard during a reading from the bible. Many people use old bibles to decorate pages but you can also use a journal book or buy special journaling bibles which have a blank space at the side of every page and some even have pictures to be coloured in.

This, new to me, creative praise is what reminded me of how God inspires us to use our talents. So, what talents will you be praising God with after Harvest?

Pam Shultz
Churwarden



This is an example of one form of Bible Journaling.



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4.00pm

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Sunday 3rd November - St Mary's Church, Puddletown

Sunday 1st December - Dewlish Village Hall

Sunday 5th January 2020 - Tolpuddle Village Hall

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SUNDAY 6th October - 2 pm

The Southern Winterbornes

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Grid reference: SY 863976 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

WEDNESDAY 16th October - 11 am

Hambledon Hill and Hod Hill

Meet near the church in Stourpaine

Grid reference: ST 861094 on Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 6.75 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

SUNDAY 3rd November - 2 pm

Charlton Marshall

Meet St Mary's Church in Charlton Marshall, on A350 from Blandford.

Grid reference: ST 900041 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

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- WEAR** Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.
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- PACE** We go at the pace of the slowest.
- TERRAIN** Expect mud, inclines and stiles.
- AIM** Keep fit, enjoy the Dorset countryside and each other's company.
- LEGAL** We look after one another but in the end you are responsible for yourself.

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Monday 14th October
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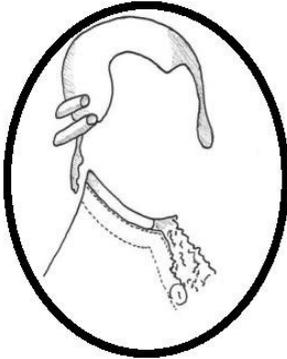
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THE MILBORNE PLAYERS

DICK WHITTINGTON is on his journey, knapsack on his shoulder and cat by his side. The casting is underway with rehearsals starting on Monday 7th October. King Rat could still do with a few more followers so any youngsters or adults interested in joining him to cause havoc are very welcome to get in touch. The Sultan would also be grateful of some help with pest and visitor control. Again, youngsters or adults welcome. There are always extra hands needed for panto in varying capacity so if you fancy just getting involved generally then please contact me on 07702 124579.

Production dates are 6th to 8th February 2020

It's all going to be such fun with all the tradition elements you expect in Panto, colour, music, slapstick and larger than life characters

Caroline Nobbs – Director and Producer for DW2020

For the Milborne Players



A Different Way of Living

I recently was lucky enough to visit Kenya for almost a month, with the Scouts and the Dorset Expeditionary Society, where I was able to spend a lot of time working and living alongside the local people. We went to schools, teaching and interacting with children who have almost no possessions, many walk around barefoot as they own no socks and shoes and a lot live on their own in tiny wooden shacks. And yet their enthusiasm towards life is astonishing. Most days I struggle to get out of bed, as I cannot see what there is to bother getting up for, and yet here are children who embrace every day, despite the constant hardship that they face.

The family that we stayed with were incredibly welcoming, and allowed us to live in their home with them for three weeks. This really portrayed the sense of community that they have, and despite their lack of money, they were happy to share what they did have with us.

I met one girl, Fiona, whom I went home from her school with to see where she lived. It was one of the hottest days there, and the walk back to her house took us 50 minutes in the scorching heat and I remember hating every second of it. And yet she is only 12 and this is a walk that she has to endure twice a day, five days a week, in order to get an education. When we arrived at her house, I realised that it was similar to my own garden shed; it was simply a wooden hut with an old mattress in the corner, which she shared with her gran and sister. I spoke to her for a while, and she told me that she wanted to be a pilot when she was older, and hopefully travel to England. It struck me that here was a girl with virtually nothing, and yet she had aspirations to be something incredible.

My time in Kenya taught me a lot, both about myself and the world. It hit me how privileged we are to be living in a country where every child is able to go to school, and how lucky I am personally to be able to have access to the opportunities that I do. It isn't until you experience it first-hand that you can take in the massive difference in cultures and way of living, but when you do it greatly changes your entire outlook on life.

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Dewlish Church Notes

Our **Harvest Festival** is on Sunday 6th October at 6.00pm. We would welcome any gifts either beforehand or at the service. Please come and join us in our thanksgiving for a good harvest, both in the fields and in our gardens. The produce and some of the flowers will be auctioned after the **Harvest Supper** the following evening, with the proceeds being donated to WaterAid.

The supper (on Monday 7th October) is being held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. This year, because of the huge workload of producing the meal, it will be a Ploughman's Supper, and we are being helped by Gadget and Andy, for which we are very grateful. Fliers will be circulated round the village containing full details. We do hope you will join us.

This year **Remembrance Sunday** is on 10th November, with the service beginning at the War Memorial at 10.50am and then continuing in church after the 2-minute Silence. Coffee and biscuits will be served in the Village Hall following the service.

Daphne Burg

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – it's quiz time!!

In September we had fun putting awkward questions to an expert panel in our Gardeners' Question Time event. In October the tables will be turned! On the 17th at 7.30pm we will meet in the Village Hall to pit our gardening wits against all sorts of tricky questions put to us by quizmaster Martin Young. We are a mixed ability group, some of us are quite clever really whilst others of us are ... not. If you know that roots go down and stems go up, then you are suitably qualified to join us. Don't be shy – just turn up; we are a friendly bunch and would love to see you there.

For more information about the MSA gardening club contact Ann Guy, 01258 837131.

Mark Johnson



Weldmar Hospicecare launch 'Make A Will Month', offering a free Will writing service during October

Weldmar Hospicecare has launched their first 'Make A Will Month', taking place this October, where local people can take advantage of a free Will writing service with a number of local solicitors.

It's estimated that just over half of all adults in the UK do not have a Will, which would ensure their money and property goes to the right people, and saves additional stress for the family at a difficult time.

Selected local branches of Kitson & Trotman, Blanchards Bailey, Porter Dodson, Humphries Kirk, and Battens will be offering the free service at appointments during October, with a suggested donation to Weldmar Hospicecare from anyone taking up the offer in return.

Sarah Balchin is Weldmar's Legacy Fundraiser, and says, "Having a Will is really important, and can provide peace of mind at the most difficult time. We are delighted that a number of local solicitors have come on board and we thank them for giving their time to this important campaign, so that we can encourage more people to write their Will".

Make A Will Month coincides with the launch of a campaign by the charity to get more people to consider leaving a gift in their Will to Weldmar Hospicecare. Gifts left in Wills directly contributes to the care of one in three patients in the last year of life.

With demand on services increasing by a predicted 25% over the next five years, leaving a gift in your Will now will ensure we are there for anyone who needs end of life care in the future.

To find out which solicitor is offering the service in your area, and to make an appointment, please visit the Weldmar Hospicecare website.



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St Mary's, Puddletown – October 2019

Intercessors		Scripture Readers
6th	Cynthia Metcalfe	Paul Fleetwood
13th	Family Service Team	
20th	Sue Turner	Pat Bishop
27th	Dawn Loveless	Jean Jeffreys & Pat Sparks
Flowers		
6th	Everyone	Harvest Festival
13th	Jean Jeffreys	Trinity 17
20th	Jean Jeffreys	Trinity 18
27th	Diana Wilson	Trinity 19
Coffee		
2nd Sunday of every month—Family Service Team		
October: Jo Crankshaw		
(Please let Jean know of any problems over dates.)		
Brasses		
Sylvia Hanby		
PCC Charity Donations		
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Lent	Bishop's Fund for Sudan	
Mothering Sunday	Mosaic	
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Services in the Benefice— October 2019

6th October – Harvest Festival

Psalm 100, Deuteronomy 26.1-11, John 6.25-35

9.30am	Harvest Festival	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate ... Harvest	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Harvest Festival <i>Followed by bring and share lunch</i>	Puddletown
4.00pm	Messy Church	Milborne St Andrew
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Dewlish

13th October – Trinity 17

Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-19

8.15 am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30am	Methodist United Service	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

Thursday 17th October

12 noon	Lunchtime Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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20th October – Trinity 18

Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5, Luke 18.1-8

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	1662 Morning Prayer (Said)	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

27th October – Bible Sunday

Psalm 119.129-136, Romans 15.1-6, Luke 4.16-24

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

Morning Prayer—Monday through Thursday 8.15am, Saturday 9.00am

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