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Finding the still centre

November is a month when a number of occasions remind us of the uncertainty and fragility of life. At All Souls' we remember those who have died and are now at rest with God, and Remembrance Day faces us with the tragedies of wars past and present and the loss and damage they have done, and that conflict still brings to the lives of people in our world.

Coronavirus has also brought much uncertainty into our world. No one knows how long the pandemic will

last, how many mutations the virus will undergo, the length of time that vaccines will remain effective and so on.

For many people the rising costs of living, fuel prices, tax rises and so on have left worry and anxiety in our minds.

Then there is the speed at which our world runs, and the busyness and overhigh demands and expectations we put on ourselves and others.

There are few people who can say they truly don't know what it feels like to be stressed or anxious.

One really good way of ensuring we stay grounded and centred in this vastly uncertain and ever-changing environment is by having a still centre to our being. How do we achieve that?

There is a long tradition of Christian prayer that enables people to do just this, to find a still centre in their souls, as the world rushes on around them. Knowing that whatever happens, God is holding us and providing a firm foundation for our lives really can help us to withstand the demands and vagaries of 21st-century expectations and stresses.

Contemplation and meditation have long been used by Christians to help find this calm centre that leads to the ability to stay unflustered and unhurried by life and its burdens.

Retreats and quiet days are positive ways of finding time for cultivating a still centre. But we can't be on a retreat or quiet day every day, much as we may like it. Times away from the hustle and bustle are wonderful and we all need them, but the real skill is in cultivating a still centre in the midst of every day.

It's a skill, but it's one we can all learn. The first step is desire, wanting to find that space within us that keep us rooted in God and then making opportunities for that to happen in our daily lives. We can do it anywhere – standing in the shopping queue, waiting for someone in the car, five minutes' peace before the children get up or after they go to bed, a lunch break away from your desk.

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With best wishes Sarah

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Baptism			
19th September	Alfie Jeremy Riglar	Puddletown	
Marriage			
25th September	Neil Dayment & Gemma Pearson	Dewlish	
Marriage Blessi	ng		
10th October	Peter Whitty & Gina Corbin	Tolpuddle	
Funeral			
4th October Free	la Eunice Jones	Weymouth Crematorium	
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7th	Bob Todd	Dawn Loveless		
14th	Puddletown Praise	Team		
21st	Jean Jeffreys	Judy Bumby		
28th	Margaret Rickard	Peter Bishop & Geoff Hawkins		
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Harvest		R.A.B.I . And Water Aid		
Christmas		The Children's Society		

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Prayer for the Month

Do you have a favourite prayer?

Our prayer for this month has been chosen by Margaret Rickard of Puddletown. Margaret moved to the benefice during 2020, and has just received her licence to serve across the diocese as a Licensed Lay Minister (formerly know as Lay Reader or Reader).

Go forth into the world in peace;

be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

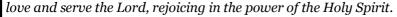
render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak;

help the afflicted;

honour everyone;



And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Margaret writes: "At the end of each term our headmistress said this prayer (minus the blessing). I always went home reflecting upon it and trying to keep it in my mind throughout the school holidays. Whenever I hear it now, I think of her and that she chose that prayer to give us values for our adult life."

To contribute to this 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!

BENEFICE 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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St. Mary's Church Events— November

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The Monthly Village Lunch will take place on Monday November 8th from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving beef casserole accompanied by vegetables and followed by some delicious home-made puds. If you would like to book your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211.

The Christmas lunch will be held on 15th December, £15 payable in advance. 12.00 for 12.30. Booking forms available at November lunch

Messy Church This will take place in Tolpuddle Village Hall at 4.00pm on Sunday 7th November. There will be activities, crafts, songs, games, a bible story and prayers followed by tea. An adult must accompany children.

Christmas Fair This will take place on Saturday 11th December from 10am – 12noon. There will be stalls, a raffle, refreshments, wreaths, cards etc etc. Please see details further on in the magazine.

Children's Society

Due to the pandemic the boxes were not counted until May this year. Instead of what was our regular collection in November the boxes will be not be counted until February 2022.

Thank you all.

Dawn Loveless (Children's Society Co ordinator)



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PUDDLETOWN SOCIETY

ExtraOrdinary General Meeting (EGM)

The Puddletown Society has not been active for the past nineteen months due to Coronavirus. Our last meeting was more than a year ago, in February 2020. The committee has met a couple of times to discuss the way forward; at a recent Committee Meeting it was decided to hold an EGM (ExtraOrdinary General Meeting) ahead of our next scheduled AGM in July 2022. The EGM will take place on Wednesday 17 November 2021 in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. All members are invited to attend. (Please note the change of venue to a larger room for Social Distancing; masks optional).

Many thanks to those who returned the Questionnaire; 72 were delivered with 54 replies - a remarkable 75% response! Feedback from the questionnaire revealed overwhelming support for the Society to continue; also, several ideas and suggestions were put forward, with offers to join the committee. This will all be discussed along with thoughts from the committee and possible amendments to our Constitution.

Please come along to contribute to how the Society will function in the future; the committee look forward to seeing you.

Janet Ranger-Dennis Vice Chairman

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The Friends held their Annual General Meeting in the church on 2nd September 2021 – the first time we had met since 2019. There was a good attendance of 21, including four welcome new members.

The officers of the group were voted in again, as there were no new nominations. Ursula Pomeroy remains Administrator, Colin Allder Chair, and Janet Nassim Secretary. Ursula, who is a founder member of the group, and has been its Administrator since its inception, is retiring from the position this coming Christmas. Though she will remain as Treasurer, we are seeking a new Administrator to take over the other administrative duties. Please do talk to Ursula (phone number 01305 264 516) about what these might involve if you would be interested in taking on the role. The Administrator should be a member of the Friends, but not necessarily a church goer, as the broad aim of the Friends is to support and protect our historic Grade 1 listed Church building – everybody's building.

Grants made since the 2019 meeting and approved by email or telephone in 2020/21 have included upgrading of the hearing loop, repair to the altar rail, and support to the repair of the Church bells. In addition, £8,000 was granted to the Parochial Church Council to help with work identified by the Quinquennial Report as needed on the Church building. It was decided at the meeting to postpone discussion of new grants until our 2022 meeting when there will be more information on potential projects. Finally, of interest to us all, Bob Todd gave an update on the impressive progress made by a team of volunteers on preparing the ground for the extension to the graveyard.

Following the AGM we had a presentation by Simon Pomeroy on the impact of the Reformation on village life, drawing on the contemporary account of a priest in the Devonshire village of Morebath. Interest in his previous talk on the Christchurch Cartulary, which threw light on the rights and duties of villagers in Puddletown in pre-Reformation times, had led to a request for a follow-up talk on what happened during and after the Reformation. This very interesting new talk questioned the traditional view of the Reformation as a cataclysmic event in the mid-1530s arguing that in village communities at least, it was a much slower, incremental process of change.

We then moved to the social part of the evening, adjourning for refreshments and catching up with friends.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends, please contact Janet Nassim, by email at janet.nassim@gmail.com, or Ursula Pomeroy at the telephone number given above.



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	2020 Cumulative for the year	610.20 mm
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Other fields of mustard, which when it is in flower is a bright vellow, have been covered in bees and insects having a good feed before the winter sets in while other fields have been topped in readiness for drilling of winter wheat and barley. Some of the fields which still had stubble on them from this year's crops, have had a light cultivating to get the volunteer seeds to germinate before sowing.

The teaser rams have been taken out from the ewes who are now resting, hopefully having got these ewes excited, ready for serving by the rams. Making sure there are enough rams for the correct number of ewes has meant that we have had to venture out to one of the Sheep Sales to purchase a couple of new younger tups up for the job.

Groups of young calves are now purchased weekly, so needing their milk and nuts each morning with fresh water being topped up during the day and clean dry bedding as required, which, with moving the field electric fencing, is the daily routine now until spring turnout. With

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In October, we had our St Mary's Harvest Festival service. We were grateful for very generous donations of food, which will be sent to a local foodbank. The theme of our service was sharing, with a focus on two of our school values: justice and equality. Members of Year 5 acted out

the Bible story of Jesus feeding 5000 people with five loaves and

two fishes and then members of Years 6, 7 and 8 gave a presentation about which countries in the world suffer the worst food shortages and how we can help them through buying Fairtrade products. A big well done to all who took part!



On Tuesday, pupils in KS2 had a special assembly with Kate Kenny from fun-science. The pupils were treated to a fantastic show demonstrating how fun science can be. This included fire bubbles, chameleon colour change and elephant toothpaste.

We have finally got back to sporting fixtures! Our Head of PE, Mr Bingham, said it was the best feeling seeing our pupils enjoying

being competitive once again. Our year 7s took on the mighty Budmouth College in a football friendly. Budmouth took a 4-1 lead into halftime with some very well taken goals, but in the second half we managed to contain Budmouth's attacking

talents, pulling 2 goals back and conceded just one more, with the match ending with a 5-3 defeat. Thanks to the boys for their efforts! Also, a big well done to the boys and girls who took part in the cross-country race at Beaminster. Everyone ran very well.

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St John's Church Tolpuddle—November 2021

As I write this I am looking out at a really autumnal scene- mist across the meadows, leaves beginning to turn and the apples now ready for picking. We celebrated the Harvest in the church on September 3rd- with the

church looking truly festive with leaves and wild flowers thanks to Marion- and piles of tins and packets which were delivered to the Food Bank. The collection of £187 was sent to Water Aid. The Harvest Supper was held in the village hall on Friday 1st October and had been exceptionally well organised by Jules and Camilla Kinder together with Shirley and Richard. The food was brought by a band of volunteers and was truly outstanding and plentiful- thank you to all those concerned. Diana had created a very difficult quiz (won by Kay and Glenn!) which Martin Pendergast delivered and Judy and Izzie sold lots of raffle tickets. A very happy evening.

The next big event will be the Village Bonfire Party on Friday November 5th-there is an advertisement elsewhere in the magazine. Do hope you can join us and even better volunteer to help, either with the BBQ or on the gate-contact Jonathan Van Baars jonathan@vanbaars.co.uk

We have lots of plans for Christmas- so do put some of these dates in your diary-Carol Service in the Church on December 12th, Childrens Party and Village Carol Singing on December 18th and Crib Service on December 24th. Other ideas are flooding in so do keep an eye on posters and the next Parish Magazine.

Meanwhile the church is bedding down for the winter- Anthony has some new volunteers to help with the Churchyard but will always welcome others. Perhaps you might like to take over a certain area or a particular grave? The Camping Team (Fi, Marion, Mandy and Jayne) have put away the beds ready for next year after a spectacularly successful season during which they made nearly £2500 for church funds and gave so many people this unique experience. We do hope they will be prepared to offer this again next year but will definitely need more help!

The church is of course holding regular services- with Communion at 9.30am on the first and third Sunday and Go Fourth with Coffee and Biscuits at 10.00am on the fourth Sunday. Sadly the congregation is now very small which is causing some concern as we do want to keep our church alive in the village. We know that many villagers support the church though in other ways for which we are eternally grateful.

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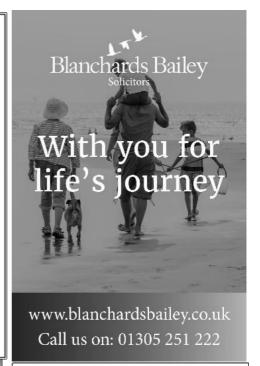


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Orchard Meadow - Winter Work Parties

Following a very trying 18+ months when work parties have been seriously limited, it is planned to get back to some normality and return to having bimonthly work parties to manage our wonderful public open greenspace. The winter work involves mainly cutting back and coppicing some of the shrubby and herbaceous areas, and pruning the apple trees.

Following 10-years of incredible effort, Martin Cooke is stepping back from organising the work parties and so I will be stepping forward more to cover this with help and support from Anna Bendall. I'm sure I can say that the whole village is hugely grateful to Martin and his family - Sally, Sam and Joey - for all their amazing input and dedication and hope to see them still joining in on occasions in the future.

My background is in the practical management of nature reserves and so if there is anyone out there who would be happy to help organize the work parties - be it simple admin, practical supervision, a first-aider, or even making refreshments - please do let me know.

On receiving this, we would have already run our first work party, so please join us on our next sessions planned for **5**th **December** and **13**th **February**.

Rob Brunt 01305 848383

TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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150 Club 2021—Draw

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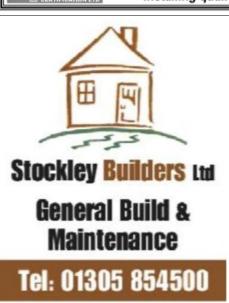
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Milborne St Andrew's Church News

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As I write this article, we are planning to join in the Remembrance Sunday event at Milborne St Andrew's memorial stone on 14th November. The service in church will start at 10.00 and the congregation will process down the hill to join with others who have come to show their respects. Anyone is invited to join the church service and procession.

In November our thoughts start to turn to the Christmas season and all the different services which are traditional or new. Ensuring that they will run smoothly is due to planning and help from others. In next month's magazine all will be able to see what is scheduled.

Pam Shults
Churchwarden

News from Trading Standards

Consumers wanting to avoid financial fraud now have a secure and easy-toremember phone number to contact their banks on in order to avoid painful scams. It could prove to be the safest way for many to contact their provider if they have suspicions or concerns about any of their accounts.

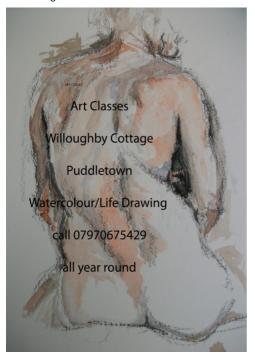
Stop Scams UK and Global Cyber Alliance have launched a UK-wide 159 call service, which is designed to guarantee consumers a safe route to contacting their banks about any products they hold with them.

The scheme is urging people to "stop, hang up and call 159" to check calls are for real. The idea is to help those who believe they have been contacted by scammers claiming to be their bank, or by fraudsters who encourage them to transfer money.

According to Stop Scams UK, criminal gangs stole over £470 million from individuals and small businesses last year by pretending to be a bank or other service provider, encouraging consumers to falsely make a payment or transfer money.

Currently, banks that cover over 70% of UK current account customers are signed up to the scheme at launch, although more are expected to follow.

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Do you have holiday accommodation in Tolpuddle?

We are adding an additional page to the village website

(www.tolpuddlevillage.co.uk) as this is a busy holiday area with little accommodation available.

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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club ... Coming up in November

In October, club members met at the MSA Sports Pavilion. Richard Lock showcased the improved, newly decorated facilities and then demonstrated its state of the art audio, video and lighting equipment available to hirers for their group or family events and parties. Its location, ample



parking and excellent views make it a great place for anyone needing space for a sports activity or social event. Club members enjoyed refreshments and watched highlights of the Chelsea Flower Show.

On 28^{th} October, members enjoyed a talk on growing fruit and vegetables given by Steve Gould from Steeptonbill Farm Shop.

On Thursday 18^{th} November, members will meet at the Milborne Village Hall at 7.30pm for a social event and AGM. Everyone is welcome, so do please come along, you'll be most welcome.

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Orchard Meadow - Winter Work Parties

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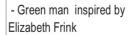
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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Magic spells

Our topic book being Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson has led to lots of 'Witch magic' this month in the lead up to Halloween. The children have made pictures of witches by arranging coloured shapes; black cats from toilet rolls and sparkling magic wands. The wands were then used to change friends and adults into whatever the child thought of. I personally liked the wands that 'froze' but didn't seem to work on all children. Inside we played find and collect items to match the colour of the characters, baked chocolate chip cookies and retold the story with puppets. Outside became a witches potion area with cauldron, natural ingredients and clipboards to check all was

included. With twig brooms the children 'flew' around the area and magically changed the puddle into a fantastic foam area. (Simple trick of putting washing up liquid in the puddle before giving the children brooms). After they tired of sweeping, it was enjoyed by little ones with their big trucks. We did this for 2 days after it had rained during the night creating the puddle – the children were disappointed on the third day when there was no puddle!





In our nature tray we added some props so the story could be retold. In the tale the animals frighten the dragon away by emerging from the bog as a scary monster. Having read that you could make slime with tapioca we gave it a try. Not to be recommended! It certainly did make a thick gloopy mess which only a few children were brave enough to feel. The dry tactile tub with glitter, lentils and pasta was much more popular for pouring and scooping – but those pesky spiders found their way into the tub and needed collecting and counting. Very impressed that one boy correctly

counted 22 spiders.

If you have a child who is between 2 and 4 years and they'd like to join in the fun at ladybirds please contact Liz to reserve a place..

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A group will meet in Puddletown Library

Every Friday 14.00 – 16.00[approx]

commencing 10th September.

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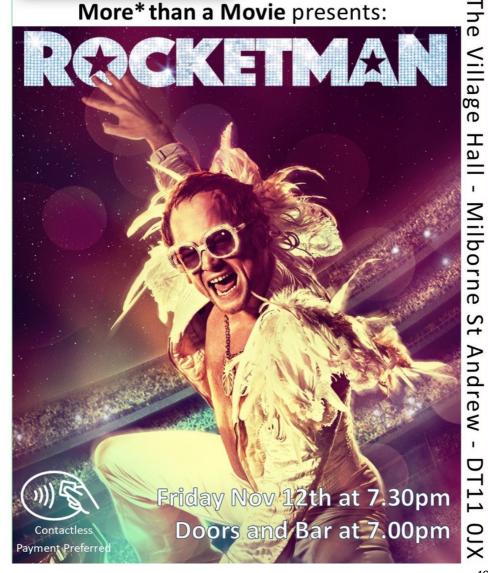
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Our prize raffle will be drawn on the night.



Wordsearch for November 2021 Poppies

It was 100 years ago this month, on 11th Nov 1921, that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war.

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War 1, tens of thousands of bright red poppies had grown, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields",

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place, and in the sky, The larks, still bravely singing, fly.

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year. (Twenty words to find.)

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Christmas

An hour of seasonal songs and carols

Emma Estridge flute William Bishop organ



Sunday 12 December 2021



Priory Church of Lady St. Mary Wareham



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3pm

Free admission Retiring collection for the Church



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remembrance were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries. Hostilities had actually ceased three years earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

This year, on the 14th November, which is the nearest Sunday, a two-minutes silence will be kept at war memorials throughout the country, and at the national ceremony at the Cenotaph in London's Whitehall. The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London and many others. Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries. All will wear a red poppy.

Around 30 million poppies are sold each year in the UK by the Royal British Legion. All the proceeds are used to provide serving and ex-service personnel with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing and mental health facilities.

Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life. The act of 'remembering' will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also yearn to learn lessons for the future.

Reflecting on the poem, 'In Flanders Fields', the American professor Moina Michael, wrote:

And now the Torch and Poppy Red We wear in honour of our dead. Fear not that ye have died for naught; We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought In Flanders Fields.

Church Mouse Stock

Piddle Duck APRON (blue or pink) £15
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Duck cards (pack of 4) £5
Single cards £1.40
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Please contact Caroline Cox on 01305 848514 if you wish to purchase any items.

WANTED!

We have plans to create a 3rd volume of the popular Church Mouse Cookbooks and are after new recipes.

Do you have any favourite lockdown recipes?

Have you lived abroad or in another part of the UK and would like to share a recipe from that place?

Please email them to puddletownbenefice@outlook.com

It doesn't matter what measurements or temperatures they are submitted in.

Please do not copy directly from a cookbook or internet page for copyright reasons. Maybe tweak the recipe to make it "your own".

Thank you!





Dewlish Church Notes

At our Benefice PCC meeting we were informed that our Parish Share, payable to the diocese, is to increase by 10 per cent next year, meaning that the payment from our church at Dewlish will be in the region of £5,000. You can see what an uphill struggle we have, so we desperately need the support of the people of Dewlish to keep the church going.

On a more positive note, Jim cycled to 21 churches for the Dorset Historic Churches

Trust's "Ride 'n' Stride", and received donations of £880, meaning Dewlish All Saints' Church will benefit by £440. A very big thank-you to all who kindly donated so generously.

Remembrance Sunday is on **14**th **November** this year, and we shall be holding our usual service of meeting at the War Memorial on the crossroads at 10.50am, and continuing our service in church after the 2-minute silence. Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and biscuits afterwards at the Village Hall.

It doesn't seem possible that next month we shall be thinking about Christmas. A note for your diary then: we are holding the **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday 4**th **December**, starting at 2.30pm. We very much look forward to a lovely sale and friendly get-together.

Daphne Burg

Love your trees: 27th November – 5th December

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year). This year, it runs from Saturday 27th November to Sunday 5th December. It is a good time to

both celebrate your current trees, and to plant more trees in your area. You don't have to necessarily hug a tree to prove your appreciation; there are plenty of other ways to support them. Visit:

https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/





St Edward's Way

On September 2nd-4th, Harry and I joined Bishop Karen for the inaugural walk of the St Edward's Way. This is a 32 mile route from Wareham to Shaftesbury.

St Edward, a boy king murdered possibly on the orders of his stepmother at Corfe Castle, was originally buried at Wareham. Later in 979, for political reasons, his body was moved to Shaftesbury Abbey where it became an object of pilgrimage.

A footpath route between Wareham and Shaftesbury Abbey was developed by the Dorset Ramblers. Bishop Karen led a pilgrimage walk over three days in early September 2021.

Day 1 took us from Wareham Quay, through mostly forest, ending at Winterborne Kingston mid afternoon.

Bishop Karen writes:

"Great first day to launch St Edwards Way Pilgrimage route. We happy band of pilgrims, ably led by Dorset rambler Martin, walked from Wareham to Winterborne Kingston. Tasty bacon butties at Not Just Sundaes in Wareham at 8.30am and tea and cakes to greet us at the end. Just over 10 miles today and we had the Wareham Town Crier send us on our way."

Unfortunately for me, the last 4 miles were like walking over hot coals and Lego bricks barefoot. On closer inspection at the end, I had massive blisters on the balls of my feet.

Day 2

After popping (this may or may not be advisable) the monstrous blisters and covering them with plasters and extra socks, Harry and I joined the rest of the pilgrims for coffee at Winterborne Kingston village hall before continuing on our way. Today's walk took us mostly through fields and footpaths.

Unfortunately for me, every step was agony, and after 7 miles I really didn't feel well so dropped out at lunchtime. Close to tears in the car going home I wasn't sure if this was due to the pain or the disappointment of not being able to continue the pilgrimage. Harry continued without me and we picked him up late afternoon at Shillingstone.

Bishop Karen writes:

"Good to have a variety of pilgrims today joining us for a short stretch. Over 13 miles walked as the harvest is gathered in. Great views from Winterborne Kingston to Shillingstone, lunch at Winterborne Stickland. We even had a fly past by the red arrows!"

Day 3

Still unable to walk - feet wrapped up with padding and vet wrap, and wedged into crocs, I managed to drive to Shillingstone to meet the others and leave Harry with them. The plan was to wait near the bottom of Gold Hill at 3:30pm and join them all for the final few hundred metres.

I think I was last up the hill, where Harry, on approach to the top, broke into a sprint to get there first!

After a photo shoot and radio interview we then set off to the abbey ruins - "We've not finished yet?" said Harry, who then ran ahead to "win the pilgrimage".

At the abbey we had tea & cake before a short service, where, at the end, those who walked the entire route were presented with certificates. Only 5 people, which included Bishop Karen and Martin from Dorset Ramblers, actually achieved this. All in all, around 30 people had walked over the 3 days, most doing just a day or two.

Bishop Karen writes:

"Rather more uphill climbs before the finale. Great to have new pilgrims with us and to celebrate with pilgrim cake at Shaftesbury Abbey after a good 33 miles. Final prayers at the Abbey as we marvelled at the miracles which happened as Edward's relics were transported. Our miracles, the weather and God's travelling mercies."

You can find more details of the route on the Shaftesbury Abbey web site https://www.shaftesburyabbey.org.uk/st-edwards-way.

Although still blistered at the time of writing this on 12th September, I'm pleased to say I was back in normal shoes by the afternoon of the 7th!

Emma Hughes





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Services in the Benefice November 2021										
7 th November – 3 before Advent										
Psalm 62.5-end, (Jonah 3.1-5, 10), Mark 1.14-20										
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle								
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne St Andrew								
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown								
11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish								
4.00pm	Messy Church	Tolpuddle								
14 th November – Remembrance Sunday										
Micah 4.1-5, John 15.9-17										
10.00am	Service of Remembrance(followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11am)	Milborne St Andrew								
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Puddletown								
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service (starting at the war memorial at the crossroads)	Dewlish								
21st November – Christ the King										
Psalm 93, (Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14), John 18.33-37										
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle								
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne St Andrew								
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown								
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish								
28th November – Advent Sunday										
Psalm 25.1-9, (1 Thessalonians 3.9-13), Luke 21.25-36										
9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle								
9.30am	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism	Milborne St Andrew								
11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown								

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

Parish Communion

11.00am

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

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