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Praying for our king

In a few days' time, King Charles III will be crowned. Aged 73, he will be the oldest monarch to ascend the throne that this country has ever known. His reign will certainly be shorter than that of his mother, but the time he has had to prepare for taking on the role has been much longer.

Over the years, King Charles has come in for some criticism, but he has also made a positive difference to so many people through the Prince's Trust, the Prince's Foundation and the Prince's Charitable Fund, which have raised more than £100 million a year for good causes, with a notable concentration on young people and the environment. Like his father Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles spoke out about environmental concerns long before anyone else took them seriously.

Now that he is king, Charles has to forge a new role for himself and Camilla. He has said that he will have to be less involved with charitable work than before, but his patronages are to be redistributed among other members of the Royal Family.

At times of change, Christians have always found it helpful to pray and to remind themselves of the God in whom they trust. Charles has said that he recognises his responsibility for the Church of England: "the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted". The Bible encourages us to pray for our leaders.

So what prayers would be helpful for the King in his new role? However much he has prepared for it, it will always be a big responsibility. Praying that he will know God's presence around him might be a good place to begin. And all leaders need wisdom – no surprise then that that was the gift King Solomon asked God for at the start of his reign. King Charles may be rich and powerful, but like the Lord Jesus Christ he understands that the role of king is to serve one's people not to lord it over them. This takes humility and empathy, a listening heart.

Charles has committed himself to all the people of this nation: "whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life." Let us pray that he manages to do just that.

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Funeral

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DEANERY CELEBRATION SERVICE

Come and join with Christians from around the Dorchester area.

On **21st May at 3 p.m. in St Mary's, Dorchester**, there will be a service for all ages put together by some of our younger clergy to enable us to come together and worship.

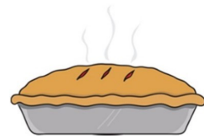
It's easy to become isolated from other Christians when we worship only in our village churches – this is a chance for a larger gathering.

BUT IT WILL ONLY BE A SUCCESS IF YOU ARE THERE, SO PLEASE DO COME.

Puddletown Village Lunch



Monday 15th May
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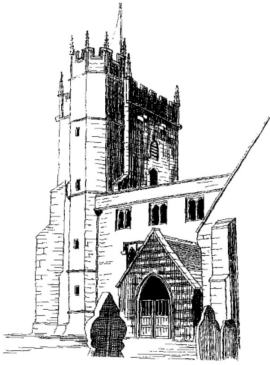
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Mothering Sunday Baskets of beautiful spring flowers were brought into the church and distributed to the congregation.

Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee morning in the church Room on Thursday 11th May. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look. Through the sale of her cards Rosemary is helping to support the church room.

Prayer Group The Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church, 10.30 until 12noon. All are welcome.

Craft Group The next meeting will be Thursday lunchtime from 12.30pm on 11th May. For more information and to confirm your place please contact Margaret Rickard at margaretmary227@gmail.com or by phone 01305 849332.

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 15th May from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving Steak and Ale pie followed by the usual delicious puddings, this must be booked in advance. If you haven't yet booked your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211.

The Warm Space has been a popular venture through the last couple of cold months and will continue for a while yet. There has been much chat, crochet, knitting, games and jigsaws plus of course a good supply of tea/coffee and soup. Please note that the timing has changed and it now runs from 11am to 2.00pm.



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21st May	Margaret Rickard Rosie Hallett
28th May	Cynthia Metcalfe Ursula Pomeroy & Geoff Hawkins
Charitable Giving 2023	
Lent	Toilet Twinning
Mothering Sunday	Women's Refuge
Easter Day	The Salvation Army (Homeless)
Harvest	Water Aid
Christmas	The Children's Society

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.

There will be coffee and conversation from 10.30 and prayers will begin at 11.00.

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For the past few years, it has been headed up by Heather Mears with help from volunteers, some who have been delighting us with their creations for decades, and some who have become involved more recently. They are able to cater for weddings as well as the main Church events, so if you would like to ask them to decorate the Church for your big day, just contact Heather.

We think we are lucky to have such a team and thank them for making such beautiful displays as part of our village community.

This photo has been taken recently and shows some of the Team members. From left to right -

Hazel Barratt, Caroline Cox, Mary Miles, Janet Ranger Dennis, Heather Mears, Jean Jeffreys, Glad Antell, Pat Lindsay, Jan O'Mara, Ursula Pomeroy -

And those absent from the photo, Lizzie Peckover, Pat Sparks, Jayne Cottingham and Jane Smith.

Thank you ladies!



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Over the last couple of weeks most of the cattle have been turned out of the yards onto the spring grass, with only the youngsters having a small amount of rolled barley to help the rumen deal with the nutritious spring grass.

At the end of March we had another whole herd TB test of all the cattle; unfortunately one had tested positive to bovine TB and so all movements were stopped until the reactor was moved off the farm. Subsequently when the animal was slaughtered there were no visible lesions of TB present, so we can now start buying calves and selling the larger stores, albeit under strict movement licensing.

The last few ewes seem reluctant to lamb having had a very busy three weeks with lots of lambs popping out, mostly unaided - some being born indoors and lots being born outside with varying challenges from the weather and wildlife!.

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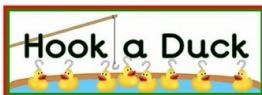
On **Sunday 7th May** various events in and around the church from 1-5pm.

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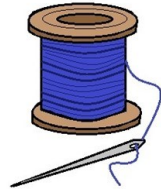
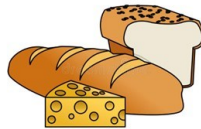


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Sarah Hillman



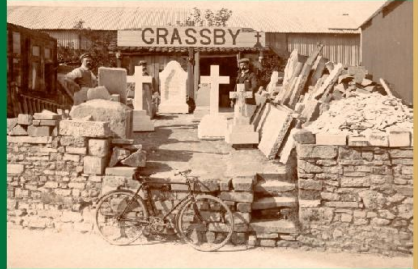
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March 2023		
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	2022 Rainfall for the month	50.30 mm
	2022 Cumulative for the year	177.50 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 14.50° C Min. -0.70° C
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	Maximum wind speed	22.80 mph
	2022	22.80 mph



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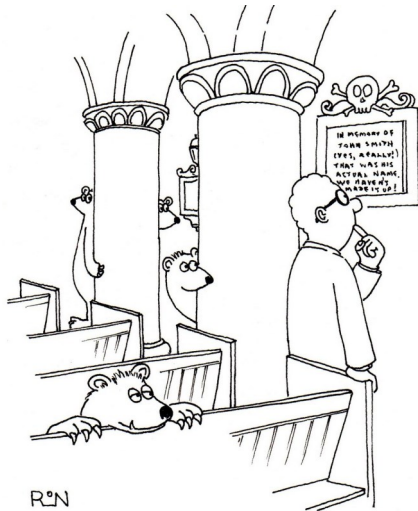


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St John's Church Tolpuddle May 2023

My goodness me- the daffodils have been glorious this year and by the time you read this many other flowers will be delighting us and the gardeners will be busy sowing seeds ready to put in their veg plots. We are so fortunate to live in the country, where we

are able to buy and grow fresh produce- but remember that even here in Tolpuddle there are some for whom resources are stretched- do please make use of the **FOOD BANK** at the back of the church.

What else has been happening in St John's?- We had a very special reflective service on Good Friday which reminded us of the importance of the Easter Festival and then a joyous "Alleluia" Easter Communion where the church was full of spring flowers, thanks to Marion and Jane. We were delighted to welcome many visitors at this service.



The Easter Garden at St Johns

We are much looking forward to a VERY special service in the marquee on **Orchard Meadow on May 7th, at 10.30am**, which will consist of songs and readings and is to be led by Dorset Youth for Christ. We will then be back to our regular programme of **Reflection at 5.30pm on May 14th, Communion at 9.30am on May 21st and Go Fourth at 10.00am on May 28th**.

The Annual Parish Church Meeting was held on April 16th, at which Hilly and Jayne were re-elected as Church Wardens, Heather as Secretary and John Taylor as Treasurer. The church accounts are displayed in the church porch. If you want to know anything about these, or indeed anything about the Church Council, do contact one of these officers.

The Church Camping Team are busy preparing for the summer season proving how very comfortable and warm the experience can be—unlike the recent reports in the press when Robert Crampton visited a church in the middle of winter! For our church this is a very necessary fund raising exercise so do please spread the word. The Church Events are also involved with TEC and their future plans, many of which will revolve around the Coronation- the **Barn Dance on Orchard Meadow on Friday May 5th** and the **Picnic Lunch on Sunday 7th which will be followed by Games and a Village Photo.**

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So we feel that we can look towards the future with hope- we have survived the winter and summer is on its way- the sun will shine, the crops will grow and our community will continue to thrive.

Hilly/Jayne

Tolpuddle Events Committee (TEC)

Our Bingo night in March was a great success - it was a full house and a good time was had by all. We will arrange another one later in the year.

Meanwhile, planning for the Coronation weekend is in full swing. On Friday 5th May there will be a barn dance, featuring the talented Murphy's Lore Ceilidh, and tasty barbecue in Orchard Meadow - all welcome! On Sunday 7th May there will be the Coronation Big Lunch picnic and family games and races for residents of Tolpuddle and Southover. Leading up to the main event there will be a competition to decorate your window with a Coronation theme - the winner will be announced after the Big Lunch. See the adverts elsewhere in this magazine for full details of the events taking place.

We are also looking forward to the Martyrs weekend in July when we will once again be providing food for festival goers to help raise funds for the village community and Church.



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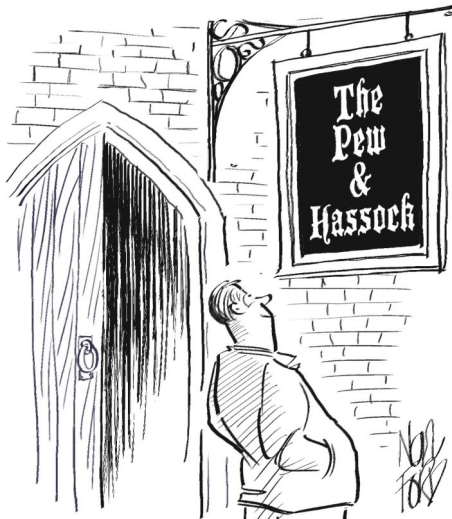


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Milborne St Andrew Church News



Lent has come and gone, and we look forward to some warmer, more spring-like weather. The Service of Compline (Night Prayer), held on Wednesday evenings during Lent and Holy Week, proved to be very popular. So much so that we plan to continue meeting fortnightly, recommencing in June (watch this space!). There were some changes to the usual pattern of Services, with Morning Worship led by the

Churchwarden and a Morning Service on Palm Sunday led by Maggie, our Curate. The latter was well-attended. On Maundy Thursday, the churches of the Benefice met in the "Upper Room" in Puddletown for a very moving Eucharist to commemorate the Last Supper. On Good Friday, Tony led the Liturgy of the Day; again, well attended and a welcome return to the Calendar. We welcomed the Reverend Jane Culliford as our Celebrant and Preacher for our Easter Day Eucharist. The church looked stunning with the flowers and candles, and our Alleluias rang out after the long weeks of Lent. Many of the Lilies were given in memory of loved ones; their names are displayed in the Church, and they were remembered in our prayers on Easter Day. We thank Sarah, Maggie, Margaret and all who prepared and led our worship during Lent.

My thanks to all those who contributed in any way to decorating St Andrew's for Easter - the flower arrangers, cleaners, brass and silver polishers, launderers, readers, and welcomers. Especial thanks to the young people, and those not quite as young, who made our beautiful Easter Garden, which has been admired so many times.

Our Service for the Coronation weekend will take place in The Village Hall on Sunday 7th May, beginning with refreshments from 9.30, and then followed by a short Service. All are welcome to attend.

We said, "Penblwydd hapus" to Shirley Parker on the occasion of her 90th birthday at the end of March. She is fondly remembered by many in Milborne. Our Curate, Maggie, celebrated her birthday at the beginning of April; we send our love and best wishes and thank her for all she has contributed to the Benefice since she joined us last year.

There is a much-loved Welsh Hymn, "Tydi a wnaeth y wyrth, O! Grist, Fab Duw." (You did this mighty deed, Oh! Christ God's Son). It has the splendid chorus, "The Hallelujah has possessed my soul, To You, O! Christ, I give my praises all!" After all, we are "an Easter people, and 'Alleluia' is our song."

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The Easter Bunny scattered cardboard egg shapes over the field and the children got plenty of exercise running around seeing how many they could find. We swapped the cardboard eggs for Easter treats which the children took home in little baskets they had made. We learnt all about eggs and which different creatures hatch from them. Our story was "The Odd Egg" by Emily Gravett where poor duck finds an egg which he waits to hatch only to find a crocodile inside. Following this, the children chose and drew pictures of what they wanted to hatch from their egg. We cut big egg shapes from paper that we had previously marbled, cut in two and, using a split pin, hinged the pieces to reveal what was in their egg.

Humpty Dumpty had to be included – well he is an egg. The children drew Humpty's face on an oval shape then 'broke' it in half and used plasters to stick him back together again. Much fun although rather fiddly for some.



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Milborne St Andrew First School

Investigating the tracks that animals and people leave behind.

We drew around our shoes to leave footprint tracks on the playground using chalk, and asked a friend to follow the line of tracks. This was a trail that someone else could follow, recalling when we read, 'Rosie's Walk', where Rosie went on a journey following a trail.

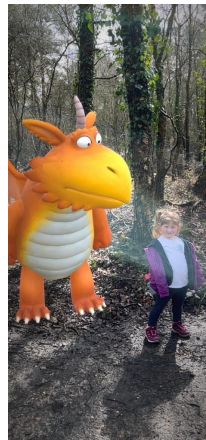


We followed this up by visiting Moors Valley, where we could walk around a nature trail. A nature trail is a circular, signposted path with signs, symbols and photographs at intervals to draw the walker's attention to natural features. Along the walk Miss Wittman talked with the children about physical or natural

features they observed (things that would be present even if humans were not) and human made items and encouraged them to describe what they saw. Whilst investigating the environment we recorded (through photographs) and talked about those features of the natural world we liked most.



Back at school, the children were asked to recall the order in which they completed the dragon school challenges along the trail, using appropriate vocabulary, and created their own simple nature trail with photographs, drawings and labels of the features to be visited in the correct order.



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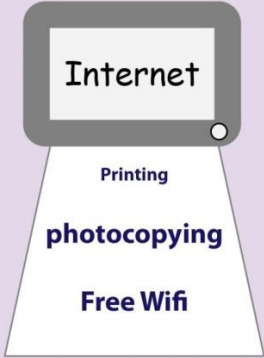
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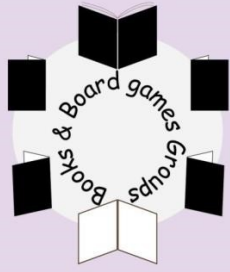
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Dewlish Church Notes

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We raised £486.10p for church funds – a brilliant sum!

On Sunday 7th May we are holding a **service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III**, which we hope will be at Sellers Field, Dewlish, (opposite School Lane) at 11.00am. Afterwards, we shall be joining in with the **Village Lunch**, and all the celebrations that have been arranged by the Committee.

We are holding our **Ascension Day service**, as usual, in the churchyard on Thursday 25th May, at 6.30am, so please set your alarm clocks and come and join us!

Daphne Burg

Talk in St Andrew's Church, Milborne St Andrew

History of Blandford Forum Parish Church

Sara Loch will be talking about the history of the parish church of Ss Peter and Paul, Blandford Forum on Saturday 20th May at 2.30pm in St Andrew's church, Milborne St Andrew.

Entrance is free and refreshments will be provided and a donation towards these will be appreciated.





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CHORAL EVENSONG

For Pentecost

Saturday 27th May at 4.30pm

St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, DT1 1XA

ALL WELCOME



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UPCOMING CAFÉ DATES

- Sunday 30th April
- Sunday 9th July
- Sunday 3rd September

10am-2pm in the Village Hall

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Services in the Benefice

7th May - Easter 5/Coronation of King Charles III

Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; Acts 7.55-60; John 14.1-14

9.30am	Celebrate the Coronation	Milborne VH
11.00am	Parish Communion + Holy Baptism	Puddletown
11.00am	Service for the Coronation	Dewlish
6.00pm	Hymns & Pimms	Puddletown

14th May - Easter 6

Psalm 66.7-18; Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish
11.00am	Puddletown Praise <i>followed by APCM & Bring & Share Lunch</i>	Puddletown
6.00pm	Sunday Reflections	Milborne

18th May - Ascension Day

Psalm 47; Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-53

6.30am	Morning Prayer	Dewlish Churchyard
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown

21st May - Easter 7

Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35; Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish
3.00pm	Deanery Service	St Mary's, Dorchester

28th May - Pentecost

Psalm 104.25-35, 37; Acts 2.1-21; John 37.39

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00am	BCP Matins (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

MORNING PRAYERS (Mon. – Thurs. 8.30 a.m.; Sat. 9.00 a.m.)

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