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The Resurrection – what’s in it for me?

We have a late Easter this year, so you will be reading this long before Lent is over.

In the Church’s year, the crucifixion and resurrection have yet to happen, so it seems a little pre-emptive for me to be writing about it in this month’s letter. But Christians celebrate Easter not because it is relevant only for one day a year, or even the 40 days of the Easter Season, but because it has relevance for us each and every moment of our lives.

So let’s ask ourselves what difference the resurrection does make to the life of a Christian.

Paul Hardingham of *Parish Pump* puts it like this: the resurrection means:
my past is forgiven
my present is under control
my future is secure.

We all know what it is like to do something which doesn’t go right and want to start all over again. Sometimes it’s too late; sometimes we can restore what we’ve done and make something even better; sometimes we can just ditch what we’ve done and start again. With God, there is always a new start possible. It’s never too late to seek forgiveness and an opportunity to start again. And we discover that each time we start again, God helps to make us into a person better than we were before.

We’ve probably all had times too when life feels out of control for some reason. Perhaps others are making decisions for us, perhaps our health is poor or someone close to us is facing death, perhaps our life is just too busy and we can’t juggle all the balls we seem to need to keep up in the air, perhaps we have money worries or we are lonely. Because the love of God which brought Christ back from death is available to us all, God will give us strength to get through anything in life provided we trust. Sometimes that means just hanging on by our fingertips, but God will give us courage to face anything. St Paul reminds us that “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength” (Philippians 4.13). It reminds me of the prayer: “Lord, help me to remember that nothing will happen today that you and I cannot handle together.”

One place where we really are out of control is death – there’s a 100% certainty that it is something we will all face. But for a Christian, because of the resurrection, death is not the end. We have a place assured for us in heaven which will last for ever. Our future really is secure.

That’s not something we can prove by science. Science and religion are not incompatible, but they do address different questions.

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In the same way that we cannot prove our love for another person through science, nor can we prove God's love that way either.

To have faith means to trust in God, God's love and God's promises.

Perhaps this year, you might like to ask what difference the resurrection can make to you. Or why not ask yourself today? It's not something only for Easter Day.

With best wishes, Sarah

Lent Course 2019

Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. — Broken

All sessions in Church Room, Puddletown

Broken is a series of 6 episodes, first shown on BBC TV in 2017. It centres around the Fr Michael Kerrigan, (played by Sean Bean) a Roman Catholic priest, living and working in an urban parish in northern England. His parishioners and community face situations where the challenges of daily life are also challenges for their faith.

2nd April Theft, lying; guilt and shame; keeping confidences
2 Corinthians 4.1-6

9th April Reconciliation; righteous anger; religion, good or bad
Matthew 5.43-48

16th April Justice and forgiveness
John 2.13-16

The course has been written by Paula Gooder, an inspiring theologian, recently appointed as Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, London, both the first woman and the first lay person to hold this role.

Throughout Lent there will be an opportunity to join with others on a midweek evening to say either Compline or Evening Prayer.

Why not come and spend some quiet time with God at the end of a busy day?

Both are on Thursday evenings

Compline in Milborne Church at 6 p.m.

Evening Prayer in Dewlish Church at 6.30 p.m.

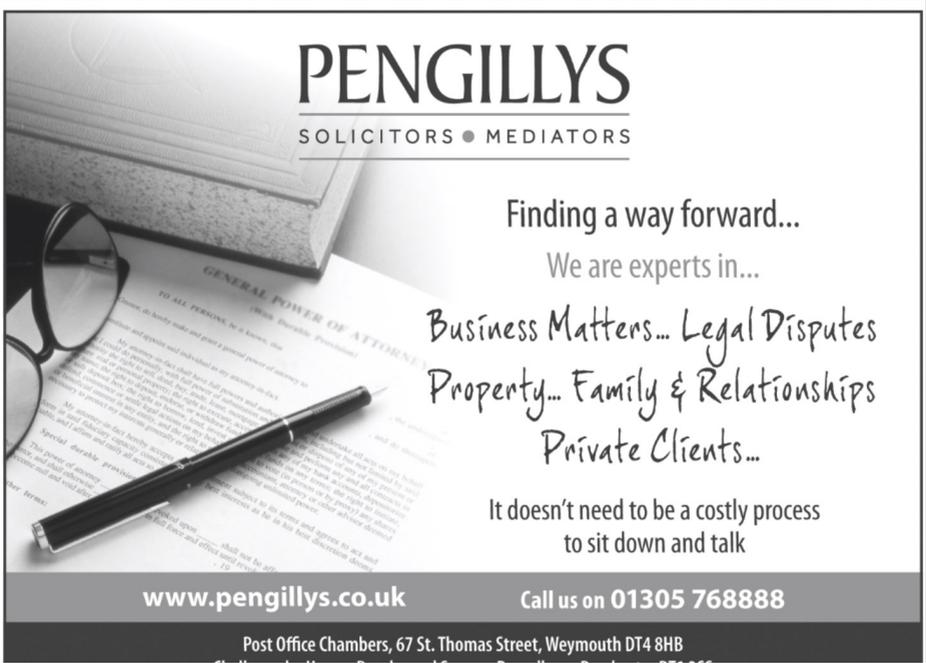
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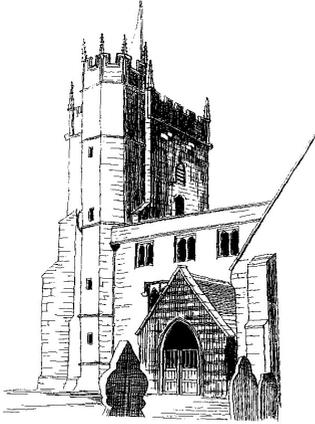
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St. Mary's Church Events—April

Mothering Sunday. The Flower Team will be making posies to give to mothers, grannies, aunts and friends at the 11 am Holy Communion service on Sunday 31st March. Come and join us.

Pop-in Coffee Mornings. A cup of coffee or tea and something to eat are always available in the Church Room between 10am and 12noon on Thursdays. Rosemary will be there on the 4th with her card stall. Please note there will **not** be a communion service on

the 18th as it is Maundy Thursday and Sarah will be at Salisbury Cathedral. There will be a 6pm service instead.

Messy Church takes place on Sunday 7th April, starting at 4pm in Tolpudde Village Hall. There will be activities, crafts, songs, games, bible story and prayers followed by tea. The theme for April is "New Life". For more details contact sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com.

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 8th April from 12noon to 1.30pm in Puddletown Village Hall. The "special" will be cottage pie followed by lots of lovely pudd. Please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 if you haven't already booked your lunch.

The Briantspuddle Singers are giving a concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday 6th April starting at 7.30pm. See further details on page 50. Tickets are £10 available from Glad 848646, Bob 849048, Diana 848510 and choir member Maureen on 01929 554055.

The Dorset Rock Choir and Clapper Chaos are coming to entertain us at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th May in St Mary's Church and it will be a fantastic evening! Heather Mears is a member of the Dorset Rock Choir and it's likely that 49 other members will turn up to sing. Clapper Chaos are a Poole based handbell group of 4 musicians who play a multiple number of handbells on each hand. They have been very helpful to the Puddletown Handbell Ringers, renovating the handbells and coaching the ringers in the early stages. They have an enthusiastic number of fans. Not to be missed – bring your friends. Tickets £10 to include refreshments, from Glad 848646, Bob 849048, Diana 848510.

A Flower Festival will take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June. The theme is the Jurassic Coast and the flower arrangers are full of ideas. There will be trips up the tower, stalls, refreshments and plenty to entertain visitors.

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Sarah's Sabbatical

From May 7th to August 6th, I will be on sabbatical. Though at home for some of this period, I will not be undertaking any parish or benefice duties during this time. My main focus during these months (formally known as extended ministerial development leave) will be looking at and studying theology and leadership. This will entail a couple of courses, long reading lists and work shadowing someone in a field outside the church, as well as taking time for personal development and rest.

Whom to contact during this time?

For most church matters, please contact the churchwardens of the relevant village or our benefice administrator, Emma.

If you need to speak to a member of the clergy, then please contact the Revd Rosie Coldwell.

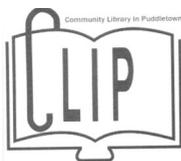
Sunday services

These will continue during my leave of absence mainly as usual. Most of the Puddletown and Tolpuddle services which I would normally lead will be looked after by the Revd Janet Smith, and those in Milborne St Andrew and Dewlish by the Revd Rosie Coldwell.

I'm very much looking forward to this time. If you see me out and about, please don't ignore me – I'll be happy to chat, but please also respect the fact that I won't be undertaking any of my usual ministry.

And if you might be able to help with looking after my animals at all during this time (cats, hens and a spaniel) please let me know. Thank you,

Sarah



LIBRARY NEWS

At the informal meeting on 23rd Jan 2019 'The Future of the Library' it was proposed that the opening hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday be changed to 3–5pm due to lack of visitors after 5pm.

Saturday opening times to remain the same 10-12noon.

After discussion this was agreed and the revised hours will commence on the 1st April.

A flier advising of these changes will be distributed around all the nearby villages.

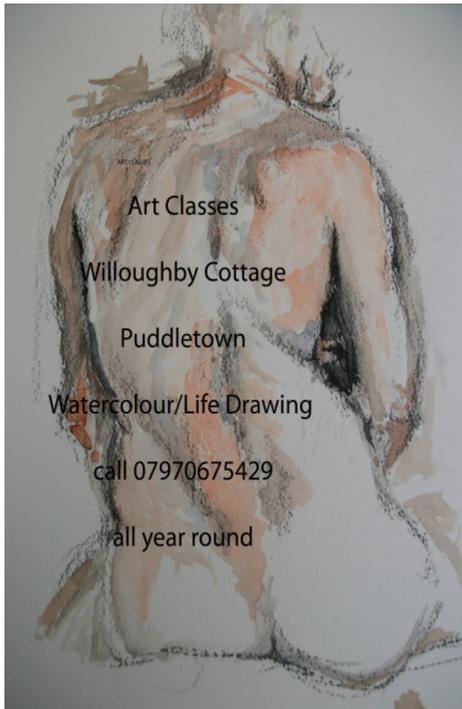




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It seems about time for a Bulletin from Toronto. Christmas is a dim memory, but Lent and Easter are just around the corner (and surely spring can't be far away).

The Canadian winter is still with us (ice, snow, high winds, sub-zero temperatures and so on) but the experts say by the end of March it should warm up. Cookie thinks it can't come soon enough, although she has got quite good at walking along the top of the frozen snow, even if her paws do slide from under her occasionally. I said in the last Bulletin in October that the summer had been extremely hot and humid. Canadians probably talk about the weather even more than the British.

Over the past few months I have been adjusting to being on my own and having to take over some of the tasks that Roy used to do. With support from family, friends and our bank manager I seem to be getting to grips with it all. Fortunately Roy kept meticulous records of everything (in alphabetical order) which does make life easier.

I have also been planning a visit to the UK in July for a family gathering in Warwickshire. It will be the first time we have all been able to meet since losing Roy. Stephanie and Liz and families will all come with me. I may not be able to make it down to Dorset then but perhaps on my next visit. My plans are still flexible. I really appreciate getting the magazine every month and keeping up with the village news.

I wish you all every blessing for the Easter season.

Diana

27th February 2019

PUDDLETOWN COUNTRYWOMEN'S CLUB

The Puddletown Countrywomen's Club is now meeting on the third Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm. So look out for our posters in the village. Annual membership costs only £12, which entitles you to free entry to the monthly meeting. If you would prefer, you can pay £2 as a non-member.

All ladies from Puddletown and neighbouring villages are cordially invited to join us for our April meeting on **Wednesday 17th April at 2.30pm**. **The speaker will be local author John Barclay who will be talking about 'Round the World Without Flying'.** **His trip took him half a year, crossing 3 oceans, 4 continents and 23 countries, using practically all forms of transport, except air travel. Copies of his book will be on sale at the meeting.** Join us for a cup of tea and cake and take part in the raffle.

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NEW YEAR DINNER



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Our guests this year were three couples.

Kevin and Judy Bumby in thanks for Kevin having been the Chairman of the Puddletown Society for several years before stepping down in July last year.

Shirley and Paul Langdon in recognition of their considerable contribution to village life – Shirley having been a Parish Councillor, and temporary Clerk for nine months to the Parish Council on a voluntary basis (usually a paid position). Also, for her efforts with a new initiative – a Community Cafe, and for her work towards the Defibrillator, now sited on the wall by the library/village hall. Paul has had the challenging job of leading the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan (PNP).

Peter and Dale Churchill for their commitment to village projects. Peter had been a Parish Councillor and Vice Chair of the PNP, and at the end of last year took on the role of Chairman of the PNP (handed on from Paul due to health reasons). Dale has worked tirelessly to promote the Community Cafe.

Shirley & Peter also instigated the production and delivery of a village newsletter to keep all residents informed about Parish matters.

Money raised from the raffle (£160) has been presented to the Community Cafe Committee; the Puddletown Society Committee had decided that this year they would support an idea that will benefit villagers.

Our meeting on Wednesday 10 April is a talk by Lynda Price entitled Tyneham “Finding the Lost Village”; she is a Project Manager and Graphic Designer for the MOD.

Janet Ranger

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The whole council will be up for election in May with places available as follows: - Puddletown 9, Tolpuddle 3, Athelhampton 2 and Burleston 2. More details on how to put your name forward for election will be promulgated nearer the time and nomination papers will be available to download on-line, or from South Walks House in Dorchester or me. The final Parish Council meeting before the elections will be held in Tolpuddle 9th April.

Colin Hampton—Clerk to PAPC

Puddletown Weather

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

February 2019		
	Rainfall for the month	75.90 mm
	Cumulative for the year	128.40 mm
	2018 Rainfall for the month	30.00 mm
	2018 Cumulative for the year	86.40 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 23.10 °C Min. -5.70 °C
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Book Review—Locked in

By Victoria Arlen, Authentic, £9.99

Paralympics champion and Dancing with the Stars contestant Victoria Arlen shares her courageous and miraculous story of recovery after falling into a mysterious vegetative state and how she broke free, overcoming the odds and never giving up hope, eventually living a full and inspiring life.

When Victoria Arlen was 11 years old, she contracted two rare diseases which induced a vegetative state. For two years her mind was dark, but in the third year, her mind broke free, and she was able to think clearly and to hear and feel everything - but no one knew.

When she was 15 years old, against all odds and medical predictions, she was finally able to communicate through eye blinks, and she gradually regained her ability to speak and eat and move her upper body, but she faced the devastating reality of paralysis from the waist down because of damage to her spine. However, Victoria didn't lose her strength or steadfast determination, and two years later, she won a gold medal for swimming at the London 2012 Paralympics.

Victoria shares her story - the pain, the struggle, the fight to live and thrive, and most importantly, the faith that carried her through. Her journey was not easy, but by believing in God's healing power and forgiveness, she is living proof that, despite seemingly insurmountable odds and challenges, the will to survive and resolve to live can be a force stronger than our worst deterrents.

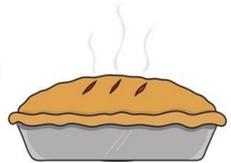
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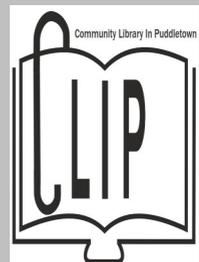
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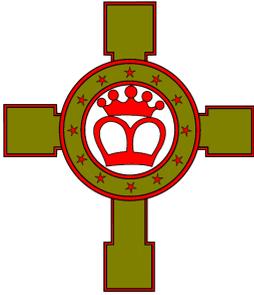
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better, you must practise. He explained that as a child he would use drawing guide books to improve his own skills and, in fact, he still has to look at lots of pictures before he attempts to draw something himself. An inspiring message, I think – if you want something, you have to work at it.



Fun with 'Horrible Histories' illustrator Martin Brown

In March, Jane Chapman, a highly successful children's book illustrator carried out a fantastic Art enrichment



Enrichment for budding artists with illustrator Jane Chapman

with some artistically talented pupils from year 7 and 8. The pupils explored drawing techniques, composition, characterisation and using charcoal. They then looked at the 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and created their own amazing charcoal drawings based on the poem. We wish to thank The Arts Society Dorset County, who kindly funded the enrichment.

In March, Year 6 and 7 pupils had an opportunity for reflection thanks to a carousel of activities organised by our Worship Group and Sarah, our vicar.

Taking time-out has many benefits. Pupils responded positively, some reporting that they felt relaxed, calm and free of negative thoughts. Others felt the activities made them more aware of the world around them, and of people less privileged than themselves. Some felt thankful for everything that had been done for them while others felt a sense of relief as though something heavy had fallen from their shoulders. Thank you to all the people involved with creating this valuable experience.

Finally, the Year 7 St Mary's girls' netball team proved too much for their Weymouth opponents with substantial wins against both the All Saints (22 - 0) and Wey Valley (15 - 2) teams. Well done!

Darren Ayling
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St John's Church, Tolpuddle—April 2019

We are now well into Lent - flowers removed from the church, the beautiful purple altar frontal in place and resolutions made – and kept?? It is a time for reflection over previous years, this year Easter is so late, spring seems to have come early and the country is in disarray. But our church remains the same, roof still leaking, numbers dwindling and always in need of funds. We held our **Annual Church Parish Meeting** particularly early on March 3rd. It was very poorly attended which was a pity as it had been so well organized by our secretary, all the councillors forms in place and re-elected, the churchwardens re-elected (unsurprisingly unopposed!), a sound treasurer's report which had been audited by Glenn and a report from the Vicar.

We heard about the events which had been carried out through 2018, including a very successful **Skittles Evening** just the night before which had been held at the Frampton Arms and had raised £555 for our Sparks Campaign. This was a fabulous launch as we work towards raising money for the total re-wiring of the church and installing a new sound system.



What of our future plans?

Coffee and Chat- Thursday April 11th - in the Church. This is not very well attended for various reasons, indeed we are thinking of changing it to the first Saturday - what do you think? We want to keep it going in some way as it is such a good opportunity to get together.

Sunday April 28th Go Fourth - informal service in the church at 9.30 am.

Street Fayre- Sunday May 26th - we are working together with the Hall to support this event. We will be doing refreshments in the Hall and a tombola stall. Any volunteers will be warmly welcomed ! We are also opening the church with some special floral displays and a stall so do call in.

Midsummer Party- Saturday June 22nd - this is to be held on Orchard Meadow and will be a fabulous community event raising money for the church funds and more particularly the Sparks Campaign. There will be cream teas, a dog show, music, demonstrations, Ukelele Band, and a BBQ. We will need **lots** of ideas and help - please contact Hilly 848552 (hlcobban@gmail.com) or Marion 849343.

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Hilly Cobban & Julie Bonner

Churchwardens

Tolpuddle litter-pick and tidy

There was great support for the Tolpuddle litter-pick and village tidy on Saturday 2nd March.

Many thanks to Hilly, John, Sue, Jonathan, Avril, Roger, Heather, Carrie, Carys, Suzanne, Eloise, Emma and Jim. It was lovely to have some village children joining in and taking pride in their village and the environment.

Julia Johnstone

LOCAL NOVELIST INSPIRED BY STORY OF PLUG RIOTS

Tolpuddle author Brent Shore, whose first novel, *Shillingstone Station* has become something of a local bestseller, has recently self-published a historical novel, *Blessèd are the Meek*.

“It’s a departure for me,” said the writer, “as all of my work till now has been contemporary fiction. But I wanted to tell the story of the Chartists and particularly the Plug Riots which took place in my home town of Hyde, near Manchester, in the 1840s. Although I have written about the industrialised north, the period detail and tone are not so different from rural life around the time of the Tolpuddle Martyrs.”

Sabotaging the factory boilers was part of the workers' means of protest against not only their low pay and working conditions but also against the continued opposition of parliament to the demands for the vote. James Shore (the author shares a home town and a name but he is no direct relation) was one of eighteen men imprisoned for their parts in the riots of 1848.

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The Festival runs from Sunday May 12th until Thursday 16th and is open from 10.15am until 5.00pm.

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – Getting fruity at the village hall.

It's all been happening at the Gardening Club; a talk on 'Water in Gardens' in which we learnt about the landscaping and technical aspects of pond construction plus our annual club lunch were enjoyed in February, followed by a presentation on 'Spanish Gardening' in March. What's next? Well, this month we are looking forward to a talk on 'Home Grown Fruit'.

So, if you don't know the difference between a raspberry and a loganberry and you think Victoria plum is an online bathroom retailer, you need to make your way to the MSA Village Hall on 18th April for 7:30pm, where an expert from the Poundbury Garden Centre will tell you all you need to know. All are welcome so see you there!

Mark Johnson



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Last week the school had a visitor from the Lyme Bay Fisheries and Conservation Reserve. We learnt how marine litter (especially plastic) is affecting our environment and what we can do to prevent the amount of litter and waste polluting our seas.

We learnt that most of the marine litter in Lyme Bay comes from boats, people using the beaches and storm drains washing litter in to the rivers. We saw shocking pictures and videos of marine wildlife confusing plastics bags for food and we learnt why

microbeads have been banned in the UK in all exfoliating and body washes and facial scrubs.

The most shocking of all was finding out just how long the plastics that enter our seas last:

Plastic bottle: 450 years

Plastic drinks container: 400 years

Foam Buoy: 50 years

Aluminium drinks can: 200 years

Plastic bag: 10-20 years

Fishing line: 600 years

Waxed carton: 3 months

Polystyrene cup: 50 years

However, this is how long it takes to break down, not disappear. Plastic is just as damaging, if not more so when it is in small pieces.

We were so inspired by what we learnt that we decided to see just how much plastic waste our school produces. Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting plastic rubbish and recycling. We will be making a tally chart of what types of plastic are being collected and then create a piece of 'plastic art' using what we have collected.



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St Andrew's Church News

St Andrew's is getting greener

St Andrew's PCC have appointed an Eco Champion to help the church and the congregation to become more environmentally friendly as proposed by Bishop Nicholas. Our initial target is to encourage parishioners to review their household energy and to be aware of other ways in which they can reduce waste or resources. Information leaflets have been available in church from the beginning of Lent. Even if you don't attend our church but are interested, please feel free to pop in and take a leaflet.

A representative of WaterAid gave a talk to our congregation during our Parish Communion service on the 10th March about their projects. This launched their Lent WaterAid campaign called Jars of Change. People took home a jar into which they are putting the money that they save by giving up something during Lent.

By the time you read this we will have had our Annual Parish Church Meeting at which members on the new electoral roll will have elected PCC members and seen the PCC's Annual Report. As I write the electoral roll officer is completing the new roll, our secretary is busy preparing all the forms and the annual report, our treasurer has had the accounts examined and is currently writing his report, and other church groups (such as the events committee, tower captain and the flower team) are being invited to send in their reports. And of course as churchwarden I will have to submit my report. We are hoping for a good turnout from church members.

At the beginning of February our Events Committee arranged a Skittles Night for all those people who help in our church. The Royal Oak provided pizza and chips, both of which were lovely. We decided to play 'knock-out' as there were 24 people. I was awful, only having played once before, and got knocked out early. John Wright was the champion and received the prize. The raffle raised around £40 which will provide a small boost to the church funds.

On Good Friday we will be organising Milborne St Andrew's annual children's Messy Church event in our village hall. Children from all over the benefice are invited. No need to book in advance, just turn up at 12.00. It is an event which is popular so don't miss out.

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Topic

Home Grown Fruit

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Also needed! A volunteer website manager. This would involve probably an hour a month. Knowledge of Word is needed, but all other training will be given.

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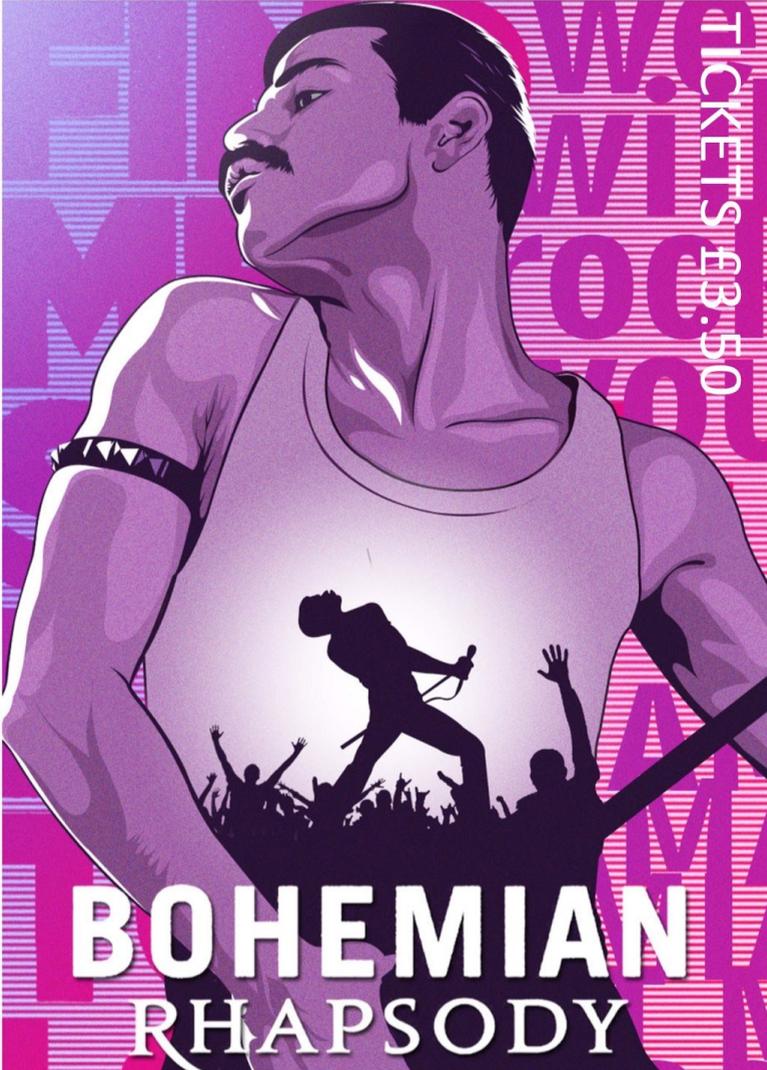
For more information contact: Margaret Barker or Wendy Hilton via info@dpag.org.uk



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SUNDAY 7th April - 2 pm

Tarrant Crawford

Meet near the church in Tarrant Crawford which is about 3 miles SE of Langton Long when driving from Blandford Forum.

Grid reference: ST 923035 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

WEDNESDAY 17th April - 11 am

Stourpaine & Bryanston via the Trailway

Meet at the car park behind the Brewery in Blandford Forum

Grid reference: ST 889058 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6.5 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

SUNDAY 5th May - 2 pm

Tolpuddle

Meet outside the Martyrs' Inn, Tolpuddle.

Grid reference: SY 795945 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Please note:

- WHO** All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners.
No pre-booking required just turn up.
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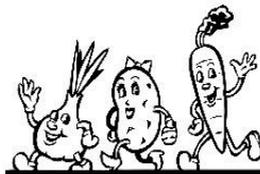
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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Spring is here with so much to do



At the end of February a Zoolab ranger from Bristol (lovely West Country accent) visited Ladybirds with some of his creatures. The children sat for almost an hour as he told them about each animal and went around the circle giving each child opportunity to look, touch or hold the creature. Most intriguing was the scorpion (staying in his container-phew!) which looked a boring dark colour that meant he was camouflaged on the earth until a torch shone on him turned him a bright blue/green colour. This fascinated the children who moved in for a closer look. Apparently this is how a flying insect sees the scorpion and is attracted to the beast who then eats the insect! Other creatures included a giant cockroach, tarantula, rat, and a beautiful rose boa which had been rescued from a garden.

March began with drawing and making daffodils, a walk to see the lambs and a visit to Sandra the chicken who later provided eggs for pancakes. As always pancakes were very popular - making, eating and having a go at tossing them. Favourite flavour is still lemon and sugar with honey very popular.

With school taking part in World Book Day we asked the children to bring in their favourite books from home and dress up if they wanted. We had beautiful *Frozen* characters and some Superheroes and as for the books it was no surprise that Julia Donaldson's books were most popular – with 3 copies of *The Gruffalo* on one day. The most original offer had to be the girl who chose *George's Marvellous Medicine* accompanied with a plastic bottle of a somewhat dubious looking liquid in it.

To join in with Red Nose Day the children painted a red bus and some drew themselves in a window to go onto the bus. "All aboard the big red bus" was one of the themes on the children's section of Red Nose Day.



Liz Dyer (Leader) 01258 839117 or 07771 512427

Lucy Bishop (Secretary) 07866 267044

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NOTICE OF AGM

Wednesday 1st MAY 2019

The Friends of Puddletown Library AGM

Will be held at the Community Library Puddletown

Refreshments at 6.30pm

Meeting starts at 7pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

Calling All Budding 5-8 Year Old Cricketers All Stars Cricket Starts 11th May at Puddletown Cricket Club

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For more details and to make a booking just visit allstarscricket.co.uk





Dewlish Church Notes

At last we have been granted a faculty to carry out masonry repairs and glass re-instatement to the south-west window of the church. Hopefully, work will commence on 21st May. Along with architects' fees the cost will be in the region of £11,500. We have been lucky enough to receive a sizeable donation from one of our villagers which will help towards the cost.

However, if you would like to make a donation as well we would be most grateful.

We would love to see you at our **Spring Sale and Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall on Saturday 13th April (10.30am – 12noon). We hope to have all our usual stalls: new, cakes and produce, Easter stall, toys and books, and a raffle. Carol has very kindly allowed us to combine with the usual Community Coffee Morning so, besides coffee, tea etc., there will also be bacon and sausage butties and cake available. We would be so grateful for any donations for the raffle, the Easter stall and cakes and produce.

A reminder that our **Lent Lunches** on Thursdays continue at...

Sue Britton's, Parsonage Farm 4th April (12.30pm)

Dewlish Village Hall 11th April (12.30pm)

...and that the **Agape Supper** will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 18th April. Please let Daphne and Jim know (01258 837 466) *by Sunday 14th April* whether you are coming. We are asking for a donation of at least £5 to cover costs. Any profit will be donated to Water Aid.

We are holding our **Church AGM** on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone on the Church Electoral Roll is welcome to attend and, as usual, we are desperate for new members to serve on the PCC so we hope you will come and support us!

Daphne Burg

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As a new tax year gets underway, did you know that the men who collect our taxes are working in one of the oldest professions known? Archaeological evidence dating from 1900 BC includes a clay tablet recording a tax for public works and a papyrus scroll which reveals that even 4,000 years ago, tax-payers had some complaints. No surprise there! (*From Optimist magazine.*)

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St Mary's, Puddletown—April 2019

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14th	Family Service Team	
21st	Bob Todd	Shirley Parker
28th	Dawn Loveless	Pat Sparks & TBA
Flowers		
7th	No Flowers	Passion Sunday
14th	No Flowers	Palm Sunday
21st	Easter Flowers	Easter Sunday
28th	Easter Flowers	Low Sunday
Coffee		
2nd Sunday of every month—Family Service Team		
April: The Team		
(Please let Jean know of any problems over dates.)		
Brasses		
Annie Cossins		
PCC Charity Donations		
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Lent	Bishop's Fund for Sudan	
Mothering Sunday	Mosaic	
Easter Day	The Salvation Army (Homeless)	
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7th April – Passion Sunday

Psalm 126, Isaiah 43.16-21, John 12.1-8

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate ...	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
4.00pm	Messy Church	Tolpuddle Village Hall

14th April – Palm Sunday

Psalm 31.9-16, Luke 19.28-40 (Liturgy of the Palms), Philippians 2.5-11, Luke 22.14-23.56 (dramatised version – no sermon)

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

18th April – Maundy Thursday

Psalm 116.1, 10-17, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-17, 31b-35

6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown
7.00pm	Agape Supper	Dewlish

19th April - Good Friday

tbc

10.00am	Good Friday Service - hymns, prayers, reflections	Tolpuddle
12.00noon	Church open for Meditation (- 3.00pm)	Puddletown & Milborne
12.00noon	Good Friday Messy Church	Milborne Village Hall
6.00pm	Good Friday service - hymns, prayers, reflections	Dewlish

21st April – Easter Day

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, Acts 10.34-43, John 20.1-18

9.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Easter Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Easter Holy Communion	Dewlish

28th April—Easter 2

Psalm 150, Acts 5.27-32, John 20.19-31 ,

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

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

Monday	Puddletown	Tuesday	Milborne St Andrew
Wednesday	Dewlish	Thursday	Tolpuddle
Saturday	Puddletown		

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