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## One Year On



It's hard to believe that I have been living, working and serving in the Puddletown benefice for a year already. Time has flown by and it has been great to be here so far and to get to know so many new people in all four villages. (I think I can just about remember everyone's names now!) I have recently reached a point when I finally feel I have some idea of what I am doing, however that is soon to change as by the time you are reading this letter I will have been ordained as a

priest in Salisbury Cathedral. This is the next stage in my journey of ordained ministry. Once priested there will be many more things for me to learn - presiding at Holy Communion and taking weddings being two examples. Both of which I am looking forward to being able to do enormously.

The past year has not been without its challenges for me though, particularly these past few months. As some of you know, I am caring for my parents after my mum became unwell earlier in the year. This has meant I have reduced my hours and I am currently working part time.

I certainly did not expect this during this part of my training but like everyone else, life throws us curve balls when we are least expecting them. Being obedient to God's call on my life does not mean I am immune to the challenges that life throws at us all from time to time. For me, it is my faith that helps me deal with these unexpected challenges. I am clear that God called me to ordained ministry, and that God is also currently calling me to look after my parents. I have faith that God will equip me with the resources I need to be able to do both, particularly the energy, stamina and patience I need right now.

Often when faced with difficult or challenging circumstances we can be tempted to ask 'why me?' but I find it more helpful to ask 'why not me?' I am no more or less important than anyone else so why shouldn't it happen to me? Reframing how we think about life's challenges can often help in the way we respond to them. As a Christian, knowing that I am not facing life's challenges on my own, also helps me enormously. I find this particular verse from the Bible comforting - 'The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged' (Deuteronomy 31:8). These words of encouragement and comfort aren't just for Christians though. This is God's promise to everyone. So if you are facing a particularly difficult time, remember these words and know you are not alone and that God is there with you.

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*Maggie*

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*Angela Johnson (daughter)*



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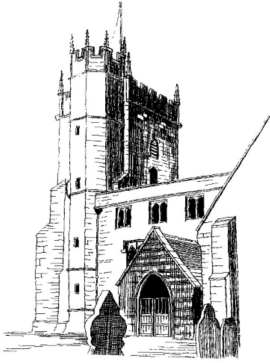
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**Rosemary's Card Stall** will be at the 'pop-in' coffee morning in the church Room on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and

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** This will be taking a break through July and August, we hope to restart in September.

**The Village Lunch** will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving baked salmon 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.

## Puddletown Food Bank

Please pass on to anyone you know who might be in need.

There is now a food bank in Puddletown church for the use of people living in the village. (This would include Athelhampton, Burleston & Troytown).

Please feel free to take what you might need, and also donations welcome from all. The food is in some kind of order in the labelled plastic boxes.

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Harvest		Water Aid
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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.

Do come and join us.



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### **AGM**

**Thursday 13th July 2023**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Puddletown Church will be held in the church on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.**

**The business meeting will be followed at 8.00 by a talk by our Curate, Maggie Crosbie. All in our community are welcome to join us for the talk. The meeting will end as a social gathering with refreshments.**

The Friends' mission is to protect the church building, in recognition of its historic, social and architectural importance to Puddletown, and the meeting will consider requests from the PCC for grants to help us meet this mission. The Friends also produce 2 newsletters a year that, in addition to notices of interest to members, explore and document aspects of Puddletown history. This AGM will bring members up to date on changes in the officers of the FOPC, and will be glad to welcome several new friends to the group.

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

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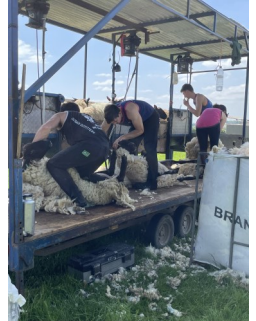
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All the older cattle are turned out to grass for the summer with the younger ones going out when they have been weaned. With the summer weather we are fly spraying all the cattle with a repellent as the flies are a real nuisance to them and can cause eye problems, it is noticeably worse in the damper areas and under the trees than out in the open with plenty of air. We have just had another whole herd TB Test over the last week and I am relieved to say that there were no inclusive results or reactors, phew!!



The corn is growing on well but at the time of writing, the constant wind of the last three weeks has really drawn the moisture out and a good soaking of rain would really help the grain fill. The new grasses which were sown in April are really dry but will hopefully recover with a drink. Last month saw the first round bales of silage for next winter's forage cut and baled from some grass fields that had grown ahead of the cattle. These were cut and the new clean growth can then be grazed. There are many more fields to cut; some for silage (which is pickled grass) and some for hay (which is dried grass) in large rectangular bales, some round and a few the old fashioned small bales. These will fill the stores and a barn with the necessary winter feed.





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*Wakely Cox*

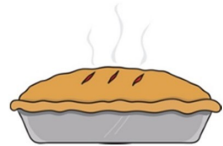
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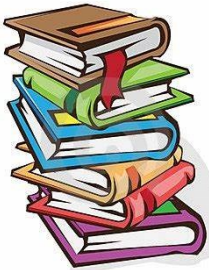
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## Nine Daily Truths To Say To Yourself - Mary DeMuth

1. I am wildly loved by the God who made everything.
2. God delights in showing His strength in my weakness.
3. God is bigger than any sin or mistake or problem or worry I may have.
4. I am worthy of affection.
5. There is no one else like me on earth, therefore I have a unique, God shaped purpose here.
6. I am beautiful because God makes beautiful people.
7. God is sovereign. Even when I don't understand what he is up to, I can be assured he'll take my mess and bring redemption to it.
8. God gives me what I need each moment to succeed in this day.
9. God will take care of my needs whether I fear or not. I may as well trust him.

A daily dose of these truths does much for my sense of well-being. I hope you find them beneficial too.

*Sue Turner*



## Book Group

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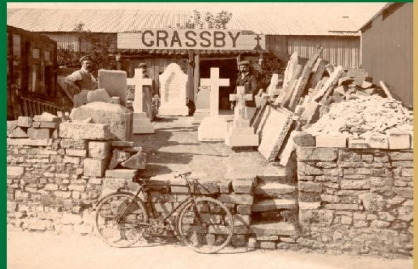
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<b>May 2023</b>		
	Rainfall for the month	43.50 mm
	Cumulative for the year	356.10 mm
	2022 Rainfall for the month	44.10 mm
	2022 Cumulative for the year	240.80 mm
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## St John's Church Tolpuddle July 2023

By the time you read this we will have passed the longest day- and all those lovely long evenings with the birds singing their little hearts out- I do recommend an app called "Merlin" for those trying to identify the individual songs. The really frustrating thing is that the birds keep themselves very well hidden but at least we know they are there!

It was a pleasure to hear birds singing when we held our first Go Fourth outside at the end of May- a pleasure made even greater by the fact that Simon and Jean joined us with their daughter Shirley. We do so hope that we can take our worship outside as often as possible so we can enjoy our Living Churchyard. Incidentally we really do need more help to keep the paths trimmed and hedges restrained- please contact Anthony Gould -lizant6@btinternet.com

June has been a busy month for the PCC- with a Visitation by the Archdeacon who spent some time examining the church records and fabric. This was quite a challenge for us but so very important as it makes us review some of our methods and of course check that all our own personal records are up to date such as Safeguarding and DBS. We do thank Ian Bishop for supervising the latter. Jayne and Hilly have also been sworn in as Churchwardens for another year.

The Camping Team are in full swing again and look forward to more visitors through the summer. The feedback, particularly about the welcome, is always so positive which is encouraging. There has not been any further fund raising through June as TEC are gathering strength again after all the effort they put into the Coronation Events and also preparing themselves for Martyrs Weekend and of course the opening of the pub.

The village community has really pulled together to ensure that the Martyrs Inn opens with a bang and within budget. We do of course hope that the new management are sympathetic to the needs of the church and we can all work together for the good of the village.

We are all too aware that the church plays little part in people's lives until they actually need it perhaps for a wedding or a funeral. It is a sign of our times that rural churches are struggling with numbers at services in St John's we sometimes only have half a dozen people there listening to Sarah's powerful sermons (on the first and third Sunday at 9.30am) or enjoying some restful music and quiet reflection with Sarah and Richard (on the second Sunday at 5.30pm) or tapping their feet at Go Fourth (on the fourth Sunday at 10.00am) We do ask you that you give one of these services a go to help the church survive.

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This year Sunday refreshments at the village hall will include 'a ploughmans in a box' lunches, with a choice of ham, cheese or variety of quiche plus salad etc. The usual array of cakes, teas, coffees and soft drinks will also be available throughout the day. The village has a reputation for providing good value, home-cooked food at the hall on Martyrs Sunday and, as far as feasible, all the food will be sourced or produced locally.

We need help with providing some of the food and with setting up, serving and clearing up in the hall on the day. We need:

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### Who are we looking for?

We require volunteers for a range of roles within TOCT including:

- Providing visitors with a warm and friendly welcome to the Old Chapel.
- Providing accurate and up-to-date information about the Old Chapel.
- To support educational visits for schools, colleges, universities and other academics.
- To assist with the planning and delivery of activities and events and facilitate bookings to the Chapel.
- To work as part of a fund-raising team.

### What can we offer you as a volunteer?

We can provide our volunteers with a range of opportunities including:

- Working as part of a team.
- Meeting new people.
- Sharing knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust with our visitors.
- Gain experience relating to the heritage sector.
- Contributing to the planning and delivery of activities and events.
- Take part in training.

### What skills can you bring to TOCT?

We are looking for volunteers who:

- Have a friendly, positive and helpful attitude.
- Are polite, courteous and welcoming to visitors.
- Can multi-task and stay calm under pressure.
- Can work using their own initiative but also as part of a team.
- Are willing to ask for help and to learn.

### What do you need to do next?

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It was lovely greeting our first visitors in June as we welcomed pupils from Puddletown schools.

### **We want to share our building with as many people as possible.**

TOCT is fortunate to have a strong core of volunteers.

Now we WELCOME new volunteers to help tell the story of this unique building.

Initially we plan to open the building on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 1:00.

New volunteers will help us increase our opening hours.

### **Who are we looking for?**

Welcomers to help provide visitors with a warm and friendly welcome to the Old Chapel.

To provide guidance to accessing our digital and display interpretation about the history of the Old Chapel

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## Milborne St Andrew Church News



I am writing this as the temperatures soar and summer arrives with a vengeance. I'm reminded of words from a favourite hymn:

Summer suns are glowing  
Over land and sea;  
Happy light is flowing,  
Bountiful and free.  
Everything rejoices  
In the mellow rays;  
All earth's thousand voices  
Swell the psalm of praise.

We celebrated Pentecost/Whitsunday at the end of May. We are grateful to Sarah, who produces the Liturgies for special occasions, with acclamations, prayers, and other material for the festival. The following Sunday was Trinity Sunday, when we give thanks for “God in three persons, blessed Trinity.” We now begin the long “Green” season, which runs until the four weeks leading up to Advent. Green is the colour of “ordinary time”, but it also reminds us of growth and the bounty around us in fields, gardens, and hedgerows.

“Yes, God is good – in earth and sky,  
From ocean depths and spreading wood,  
Ten thousand voices seem to cry:  
God made us all, and God is good.”

On July 1st, Maggie, our Curate, will be Ordained Priest in Salisbury Cathedral, and on the following day, she will Celebrate the Eucharist for the first time in the Benefice at a joint Service in Milborne Church at 11.00 a.m.

Two descendants of William and Caroline Besant visited Milborne church in mid-June: one from Canada and one now living in North Wales. William Besant farmed at Deverell Farm in the mid-late 19th century. He was Churchwarden for many years and instrumental in the Restoration of the Church in 1876/78. He and his wife and two daughters, who died in infancy and are buried in our churchyard. The two stained glass windows in the south wall of the Chancel were given in their memory – that depicting the Good Shepherd in memory of William and of the Nativity in memory of Caroline. Enjoy the summer weather.

*Tony & Pam, Churchwardens*



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## Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

It seems unbelievable that we are nearing the end of a school year. This last half term is always the busiest with transition to school programmes and the widest age range of children we have at any time. Currently there are children from 3 cohorts – those starting school in September 2023, 2024 and 2025 – with many of these children born in Covid times. There have been several discussions on how Covid has affected children and we have seen some who need more support in sharing and separating from parents. We are lucky to be a village preschool which can offer support to children and parents who are struggling with these issues.

Now we are out of Covid restrictions we have reinstated the comprehensive transition to school programme with Milborne First School thanks to the hard work of Miss Wittman the Reception teacher.

The weather has been glorious. Parents have been brilliant at covering their children with suncream and on hottest days we have made sure the children drink plenty and come inside to cool down. The children have enjoyed outdoor play which has included water play, giving an opportunity to wash some of the toys. In the photo the children are using paint brushes and rollers to wash the playhouse. Unfortunately, it looked just as dirty afterwards. The older children were challenged to number games like rolling a dice and then throwing their beanbag to the numbered tyre.



Inside we have continued the experiments started with dripping water onto skittles and watching what happens to the coloured water; making a 'squid' go up and down in a bottle of water; and creating a rain cloud with water, shaving foam and blue food colouring.

At long last there seems to be progress with Ladybirds moving into the spare classroom at the First School. The legal agreement should soon be passed, and the small amount of building work needed can be put out to tender. No date has yet been set for Ladybirds move but we hope it will be by Christmas. Ladybirds wish to make it clear they will still be a privately governed charity organisation, renting a room at the school and not governed or run by the school.

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## Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club

In June, members enjoyed a talk on 'companion planting'. This was all about how different plants, for one reason or another, compliment each other. Our members also visited Bennett's Water Garden, a great day out.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July in our village hall we will listen to a talk on 'gardens worth a visit'. So, if you'd like to learn about beautiful gardens to visit, do please come along. All are welcome, it starts at 7:30pm, only costs £2 and includes light refreshments.

*Mark Johnson*



## Holy Days - 25<sup>th</sup> July – St James the Apostle

James and his brother John were sons of Zebedee and fishermen from Galilee - the 'sons of thunder', as the gospel writers describe their impetuous characters and fiery tempers.

James stands out on three accounts: he was one of the three disciples who witnessed the Transfiguration of Christ. Jesus took him, along with Peter and John, to 'watch' with him in the garden of Gethsemane. Finally, he went on to be the first apostle to die for the Christian faith, when in AD 44 King Herod Agrippa put him to the sword in Jerusalem at Passover time.

In the centuries following his death, James became associated with the evangelising of Spain, and as a powerful defender of Christianity against the Moors. The heyday of the cult of Santiago de Compostela was from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and the pilgrimage to Compostela became one of the most important of medieval Christendom. This in time transformed the iconography of James, and his emblems became the pilgrim's hat and the scallop-shell of Compostela. Over 400 English churches have been dedicated to James.

The scallop shell of Saint James is believed to **promote courage, strength and hope**.

For centuries, the scallop shell, which is typically found on the sea coast in Galicia, northern Spain, has been the symbol of the Camino de Santiago, and its pilgrims – los peregrinos. Pilgrims returned to their countries of origin wearing the scallop concha shell over their habit or hat to demonstrate that they had reached Santiago and its famous gothic cathedral.





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## Milborne St Andrew First School

On Thursday 11th May, Raccoon Class (years 3 and 4) visited Thomas Hardy school and got to meet the well-known author Cressida Cowell. Cressida was the children's laureate from 2019-2022 and has written many wonderful books, including the 'How to train your dragon' series. The children listened to Cressida speaking about her new series 'Which way to anywhere' and were able to purchase a signed copy of her book.

It was a wonderful morning and continued to inspire our love of reading.  
#inspiredtoread



On Tuesday 13th June we had our French Day. An opportunity to look at a different culture. The children had a selection of activities to choose from including a 'French colour' word-search, colouring pictures of the Eiffel Tower, learning some simple French phrases, watching an episode of 'Go Jetters' where they had to stop an inverted Eiffel Tower (dropped by the baddie who had tried to steal it to use as a giant T.V. aerial) from falling on top of people and playing 'petanque' a game similar to boule & hopscotch. All of the children had a chance to sample some French bread, spiced meat, grapes and cheeses "Brie & Camembert" (some were more popular than others, The Raccoons class drew part pictures of the Mona Lisa and then joined them together to make a complete 'Pablo Picasso-esc' style picture. It was a wonderful day!



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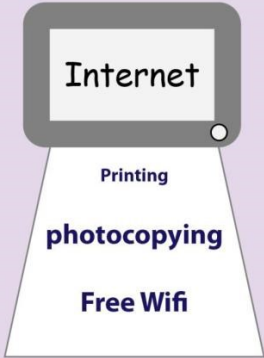


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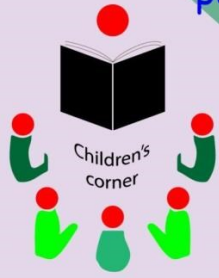
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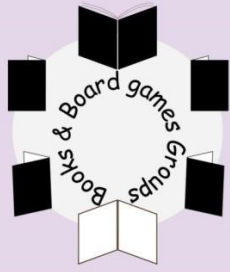
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## Dewlish Church Notes

ON 1<sup>st</sup> JULY Maggie, our Curate, is being ordained at Salisbury Cathedral at 4.30pm. She would be delighted if any parishioners would like to come to the service to support her. Maggie is a great asset to our Benefice, and we are so pleased that she is here.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July there will be a **Benefice Service** at Milborne St. Andrew at 11.00am when Maggie will be conducting her first Holy Communion. This will be followed with a bring-and-share lunch (and, hopefully, some cake!) Our **Pet Service** this year is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am in the churchyard. We do look forward to meeting your pets – and you, of course!

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July we have our annual **Benefice Farm Service**, this year at Parsonage Farm, the home of Mrs Sue Britton, at 11.00am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch. We very much look forward to meeting up with our friends from the other churches, and sharing time together.

*Daphne Burg*



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## Services in the Benefice

### Saturday 1st July

4.30pm Ordination as Priest of the Revd Maggie Crosbie Salisbury

### 2nd July - Trinity 4

TBC

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion  
Gollowed by bring-and-share lunch Milborne

### Saturday 8th July

3.00pm Marriage of Josh Baudains & Ellie Trousdale Dewlish

### 9th July - Trinity 5

**Psalm 45.11-18; Genesis 24.34-38, 42-29, 58-67; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30**

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne

11.00am Puddletown Praise + Holy Baptism Puddletown

11.00am Parish Communion Dewlish

3.00pm Holy Baptism Puddletown

5.30pm Sunday Reflections Tolpuddle

### 16th July - Trinity 6/Martyrs' Festival

**Psalm 98.1-9, 105-112; Genesis 25.19-34; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**

9.30am Worship in Stillness Milborne

11.00am Parish Communion Puddletown

11.00am Martyrs' Festival Songs of Praise Tolpuddle

11.00am Pet Service Dewlish

### 23rd July - Trinity 7

**Psalm 139.1-11, 22-23; Genesis 28.10-19a; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43**

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne

10.00am Go Fourth Tolpuddle

11.00am BCP Matins (traditional language) Puddletown

11.00am Parish Communion Dewlish

### 30th July - Trinity 8

**Psalm 105.1-11, 45b; Genesis 29.15-28; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52**

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