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Maggie Crosbie, Bishop Stephen, and Sarah Hillman outside Salisbury Cathedral following Maggie's ordination in July.

Emma Hughes



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Holidays and holy days

Many of us choose not to holiday during the school summer break, but many others have no choice. Many of us, when we do have holidays, are able to travel abroad and seek some sun, adventure, new experiences and to visit new places, but many others are not able to do this. Even those who usually do have the wherewithal to travel abroad have been limited: first by the coronavirus lockdowns and restrictions and now by flight cancellations or strikes. Some reading this never leave their homes because of illness or frailty.

Living in Dorset we know that many people choose to come to this county for their breaks. There is positive and negative in this – it brings money into our villages and towns, but second homes and holiday houses can have also an adverse effect on permanent residents' desire for community, and on local shops, pubs and businesses out of season.

I've been reflecting on what this means for us and going back to the roots of the word "holiday". We are so fortunate to live in this beautiful county that others want to share; but I wonder whether sometimes we take it for granted. How often do we stop and take in its beauty, the variety of its wildlife and wonderful coastline? And having done that, how often do we wonder at creation, and if we are people of faith, give thanks to God for all of that?

The word "holiday" has its roots in the phrase "holy day". The concept of time off originated in the idea that certain days were days to refrain from work. Those days away from the daily grind had a two-fold aim: to provide space for worshipping God and celebrating church festivals (which often provided a high level of feasting) and for rest and re-creation.

Our 24/7 world is a very different time from that when the idea of having a holiday break originated. But taking space to stop and rest and for worship and community is just as important. Constant busy-ness leads to a broken world: a world where people no longer know how to enjoy what is around them; a world where they become too consumed with 'me and mine' and less concerned about community and those who fall behind; a world where finding time just to "be", without any demands has become virtually impossible for many; a world where mental health is poor for so many and where contentment has become a much rarer experience. Music is important but many people today have become unable to live with silence and the respite it brings, and the depths of experience it can give both to our spiritual and to our emotional development.

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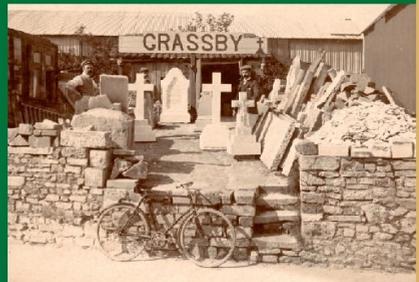


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Space for rest and attention to the world around and to God are important for all of us, whether we holiday abroad, here or not at all. Perhaps over the coming month, you might like to think about how 'holiday' can be something not restricted to going away to an exotic place for a couple of weeks a year but a more every day part of life in our homes and our villages, as we make space to stop, renew ourselves and allow God to minister to our souls.

With best wishes,

Sarah

BENEFACTORS

Baptism

24th July Arietty (Hattie) Florence Rita Burlend Milborne

Wedding

2nd July Matthew Carter & Stephanie King Tolpuddle

Funeral

D. 3rd June David Alan Alder Puddletown

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St Mary's Puddletown

Intercessors		Scripture Readers
7th August	TBA	Paul Fleetwood
14th August	Puddletown Praise Team	
21st August	Bob Todd	Dawn Loveless
28th August	Cynthia Metcalfe	Peter Bishop & Geoff Hawkins

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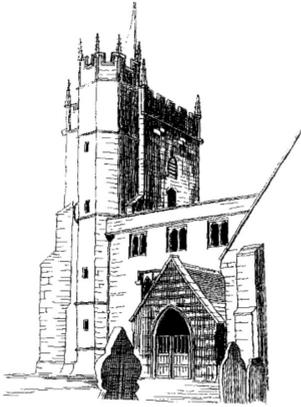




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Cards Rosemary will bring her cards to the pop-in coffee morning on 11th August.

Prayer Group The Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church

Room, 10.30 until 12.00noon. Coffee and conversation from 10.30 followed by prayers at 11.00am. All are welcome.

The Monthly Village Lunch is transforming itself into Afternoon Tea at 3.00pm on Monday 8th August in the Village Hall. We shall be serving a selection of sandwiches, cakes and pastries accompanied by Prosecco. Please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 if you haven't already booked or if you have to cancel.



I wanted to say a big thank you for the lovely welcome I have received since I arrived in the team.

It was a wonderful surprise to find Sarah & Emma on my doorstep on the day I moved in with two boxes of lovely goodies for me. Thank you so much.

And the welcome service followed by the bring & share supper on the day of my ordination was also just so lovely as well.

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I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

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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.

Prayer Requests

If anyone has any prayer requests for the Benefice Prayer Group, please contact:

Sue Turner - 01305 849030 or

Janet Voke - 01258 837550



The Children's Corner

Those of you who visit St. Mary's Church Puddletown regularly, will know of the Children's Corner at the back of the Church. Established many years ago, relatively recently it was given a make-over by one of our Parishioners, and now has a multitude of fascinating books and toys for our little ones to enjoy.

At this point in time, we need to find a new volunteer to keep that area clean, neat and tidy so that it can retain its rightful place with the Church. It is an important and valued area, but it very much needs someone to take charge of it so that it always looks welcoming and is safe.

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Prayer for the Month

Emma Hughes, our benefice administrator, has chosen this month's prayer.

Emma writes: "I learned this prayer at Puddletown primary school, where I was a pupil, in the late seventies. Although, when I say this prayer, I always change the "us", "our" and "we" to "me", "my" and "I". It's one of the few things that I've always remembered from those days. Google tells me that it was a hymn written by John Leland, an American Baptist minister (1754-1841) from Massachusetts, and is set to various tunes which can be found on YouTube."

*Lord, keep us safe this night,
secure from all our fears;
may angels guard us while we sleep,
till morning light appears.*



To contribute to this column in future editions of the magazine, 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!

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Month on the Farm

Not much rain has fallen since last month and at times it has been quite cool; now into July and a warming wind is drying the cut hay beautifully. Over the past few weeks, grass which was cut for hay had to be baled as silage, which is pickled grass. Due to dampness or the forecast of rain, only a small amount of grass has so far has been baled in large hay bales. So now, with a few days of good weather, we should get the grass baled into large square bales and also a couple of hundred little bales which are a really useful size for using in the sheep pens at lambing. It is good to have some forage conserved ready for the winter. The new herbal leys are still growing well, but some cattle on old pastures are getting a little hay as supplement feed or milled grain due to lack of grass.



The wool packs containing the sheep fleeces have been already been delivered to the collection point, certainly a lot earlier than last year where it has been sorted and graded, and we now await payment. Half this years lambs have already gone to market, getting good prices for well finished lambs. Along with them have gone another group of store cattle which had to be pre movement TB tested before going.



A few of the Winter Barley fields are nearly fit to be harvested, though a lack of rain will probably effect the yields and quality; in fact, some of the fields on the lighter soils look as though part of the crop is actually dying off due to the lack of moisture. Looking forward to the autumn, a cropping plan is set out for the coming year, with some seed provisionally ordered, fitting in with the rotation of grass, arable crops and conservation areas required by our stewardship schemes.



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Wakely Cox

7th July 2022



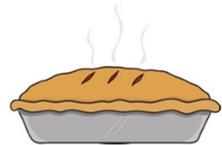
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4 Ashley Monck (C)

5 Nigel Pridmore

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St Mary the Virgin

Sunday, 3 July 2022 in 5m (16-1-18 in E)

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3 William Bishop

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Sunday, 3 July 2022 in 5m (16-1-18 in E)

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This Parish Magazine

needs to appoint a new Advertising Manager!

As most of our readers know, this magazine is produced and distributed every month by a team of volunteers. One role is paid, but all the others are covered by members from the villages in our Benefice area. As with any type of job, there will be changes from time to time because people's circumstances change.

We are at that point now with a need to find a new volunteer to cover the important role of Advertising Manager.

To explain a little, the magazine does not set out to make a profit but to provide a connection to and interaction from the church communities of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne St. Andrew and Dewlish, and has consistently done so for great number of years. Its funding comes from those who subscribe yearly or purchase a copy each month, and from those who advertise within its pages.

It needs both to survive.

If you have a little time to spare and enjoy communicating with others, you might like to give this role some consideration. It is not an onerous task and becoming part of the Magazine Working Group, you would have others with experience to seek guidance from.

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Friends of Puddletown Church

The Friends held a well-attended Annual General Meeting in the church on 23rd June, 2022. Ursula Pomeroy has stepped down from the position of Administrator after 13 years, though will continue to serve as Treasurer and Membership Officer. Her service was recognized with a long, warm, round of applause. No nominations having been received for other positions on the committee, Colin

Allder has agreed to continue as Chair, Janet Nassim as Secretary and Jill Temple was welcomed as our new Communications Officer. Posters in public places, a Facebook page, and our own email address are examples of Jill's work in increasing the Friends' visibility.

The Treasurer reminded the meeting that the FOPC's accounting year, which used to run from mid-summer to mid-summer, has been changed to a calendar year, bringing it into alignment with the PCC's accounting year. No grants were agreed by the Friends at their 2021 meeting due to Covid disruptions but considerable work on the building and churchyard has been done by volunteers, (not necessarily FOPC members). Chief among their tasks has been the completion and planting of the extension to the graveyard.

Two projects were identified as suitable for new grants from the Friends – first the electrification of the Tower Clock, for which quotes have been received, and second, hiring an expert to assess whether the coloured glass at the top of two windows on the north side of the church, which is in need of repair, is medieval. The members approved a grant towards the electrification of the clock, but though favourable to hiring an expert for the glass, advised waiting for quotes before agreeing a grant. A member asked that a record be made of our gratitude to Bob Todd for his work in the church, and in organizing volunteers. This was agreed unanimously by a show of hands, and applause.

The meeting was followed by a talk by Dr Margaret Barker, MBE, of the work done by Dorchester Poverty Action, to help local families and individuals in need. Dr Barker gave a vivid account of the kinds of difficulty facing people on low incomes in DT1 and DT2 areas, and how DPA works to provide grants and to raise funding.

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

The broad aim of the Friends is to support and protect our historic Grade 1 church building which has been an important part of Puddletown life for centuries. Membership is open to all, regardless of religious persuasion. Application forms are available in the church and in the library, or please email Janet Nassim at: janet.nassim@gmail.com

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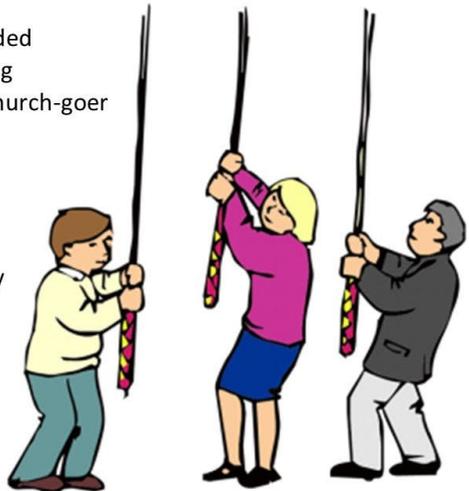
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St John's Church Tolpuddle - August 2022

How blessed we are- I am sitting in the sunshine looking out at the trees and flowers and listening to the birds and bees- but in the back of my mind are those less fortunate, in war zones and areas of deprivation abroad and here in our own United Kingdom. We are constantly

reminded of the war in Ukraine as our refugee family settle down to life in Tolpuddle. Everyone has made them so welcome- huge thanks to all the staff at Puddletown CE VC First School where Tayna made her way on day two in UK, wearing a smart uniform which has been supplemented by friends in the village. They have also been in touch with various other groups including Ukrainians in Dorset, UK and other refugees who are staying in Southover.

Meanwhile our church is holding the regular services and, in July, a beautiful wedding - that of Steph King and Matt Carter, at which 147 congregation and 2 dogs were shoe-horned into St John's. Also we have hosted some of the TUC at Songs of Praise on July 17th.

Sadly, Covid has recently raised its ugly spiky head in our village but all seem to be recovering without any lasting effects. This of course made planning for Martyrs weekend very difficult, but as usual villagers stepped up at the last minute.

The flowers are still being arranged by Marion using local and wild flowers where possible - indeed one arrangement was purely greenery which was totally beautiful. She has also been asked to make the wreaths for Hammet's Grave - which will be biodegradable in keeping with our wildered graveyard, which is now full of wild flowers with paths neatly mown. Our thoughts are with Phil and his family who are still anxious to be involved.

We have had a few happy champing guests and hoping for more last minute bookings. Do look it up on AIRBNB and I think you will be suitably impressed. We are very grateful to the team who pull it all together.

As regards the administration of the church- we were well represented at the Joint Benefice PCC at which we had the opportunity to express our views about paying the Parish Share (which we felt could be re-branded as the Church Levy as that is what it is!) These views will be sent to the Diocese who will no doubt discuss further and tell us their conclusions in due course. We were pleased to meet Maggie, the Curate, and look forward to welcoming her into our church. Do take the time to come and meet her yourself- she will be attending many of our services as she gets to know us.

Let us hope for lots more sunshine for the children and teachers as they start their summer holidays, and can we also pray for more political stability here and across the world.

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We learnt more about our lovely new curate when, throwing convention to the wind, Sarah replaced the traditional sermon with an "Interview with Maggie" question and answer session which revealed somewhat of her past, what she saw her purpose was in the Benefice and what she could bring and, more importantly in her own words, what she herself could learn. And this was to be one of her defining characteristics, the desire to learn. It has been said that the measure and nature of an individual can easily be determined by those characteristics that they demonstrate. During the course of the 'question and answer' session and later, less formally talking during the 'bring and share' lunch in the church room, it was obvious to all there what kind of person our new curate was going to be and the potential that she was already showing. She was already showing that most desirable of characteristics we can see in a person; that is, she was more willing to *listen* than to *speak*.



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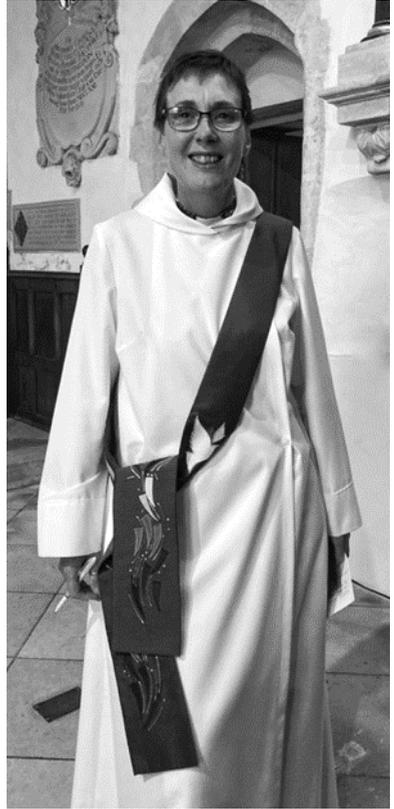
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The session proved highly successful in giving us an introductory 'snapshot' into someone who was coming to join us, who would be a very visible member of our mission team but above all else would shape her spiritual and professional life around our community; in essence grow and learn *with us and from us*. It is obvious, from her answers to Sarah's questions, that the newly ordained Maggie viewed the time ahead with a great deal of enthusiasm and passion. It was also observable that she held a great love of nature; her passion for 'wild' swimming gave her both mental and physical strength and, obviously, a regard for the natural forces. She spoke also of her deep love for her cat Stanley which sat very well with Emma and me; anyone who loves kitty cats will always be friends to us!

I personally wish her well and I am sure not only will she be a wonderful, friendly addition to our Benefice but will grow in her ministry and given time will prove to be a wonderful vicar to which ever church her 'spiritual pilgrimage' takes her.

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There are a few of our benefice who have been involved in this programme, meeting up with others across the diocese to share thoughts and ideas as to how to reach out into communities and encourage more parishioners to become involved in their church's community. The group hopes to make our churches more welcoming and easier for new people to join them. This could be as simple as making the spaces in church more welcoming and having prayer boards more accessible for the use of those who would like prayers said for them, relatives or friends. Already the group have found a poem which they hope will welcome people into our churches.

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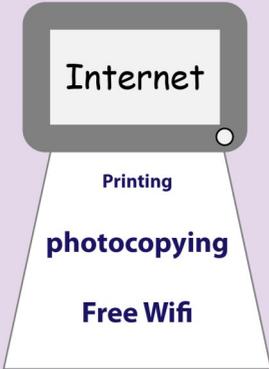
A sincere “Thank You” to those who came along to the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 10th July in order to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first time I played the organ for a Service in Milborne Church. Special thanks to Sarah for allowing me to choose the hymns, which were sung with gusto. Two of them were ones I had played on that day in 1972, the others represented various parts of my past! An Organ builder friend worked for two hours to get the Pipe Organ to a state where it could be played and there was no risk to anyone from the asbestos inside the Blower. As a result, the final voluntary was played on that Organ; the “Trumpet Voluntary”, the same piece with which I concluded my first Service – my fingers are rather more arthritic now! I have to agree with Sarah, that another 50 years is asking a bit much, but it would guarantee a place in the Guinness Book of Records. Special thanks to Robin, Robert, Emma, Nigel and Jane for ringing 120 rounds on the Bells prior to the Service, in honour of the occasion! Chocolate Cake was enjoyed with our coffee after the Service.

Two of the hymns reminded me of the days when I would go along to “Auntie Beat” (Vincent) and asked to borrow the key to the Methodist Chapel, so that I could practice on the Harmonium there.

In the Dorset County Chronicle of 1907 there is a report of the Opening of the Sunday School Room, added to the main Chapel. It records that “so many people attended, that some couldn’t get in for the Service.” Milborne Chapel, opened in 1867, was the 11th Chapel to be built in the Dorchester Circuit in 21 years. On another occasion, such a huge swarm of bees descended on those gathered, that “the people fled in all directions.”

Tony Fox



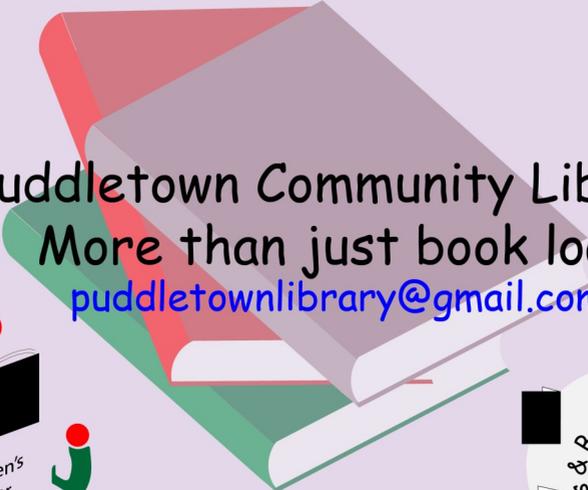


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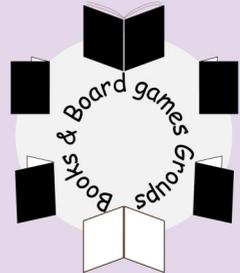
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Fun Dog Show

29 August 2022

Milborne St Andrew Church Fete

Village Hall Playing Field
Judging starts at 1.30pm

PROGRAMME

- Class 1 Best Puppy 6 - 12 months
- Class 2 Best Bitch - over 12 months
- Class 3 Best Dog - over 12 months
- Class 4 Best Golden Oldie - over 7 years
- Class 5 Best Rescue (Dog or Bitch)
- Class 6 Dog with the waggiest tail
- Class 7 Best Child Handler
- Class 8 Dog that looks most like it's owner

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Milborne First School

We did it! We are now officially an Eco-School with Merit. Well done everyone!

WE are celebrating a huge achievement as a school led by our fabulous eco-crew. We have been awarded our Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit through the hard work of everyone at school with nature and our environment at the heart of everything we do.

Our Eco-Crew have done wonderful things this year including an environmental audit of our school, litter picks, tree planting and becoming Young Tree Champions, installing crisp packet and battery recycling bins and running a preloved book stall. They set their goal to achieve the Eco-flag award and did this with merit. The Eco-Crew elected their own leaders - Esme Andrews as Chair, and Phoenix Harwood-Hodge and Gwen Pearson-Watson as Vice Chairs.

Our next year 4s are already looking forward to the opportunity to lead and build on the work that the Eco-Crew along with the whole school have achieved together. They will have the chance to create a new action plan in September and will be a vital force in our involvement in the Let's Go Zero campaign, which you will hear more about in the near future. If you have any ideas or projects you would like our Eco-Crew to support you with in the village, please do contact Mrs Cheeseman (michellec@milborne.dorset.sch.uk) who will ensure the message reaches our brilliant and dynamic children. We have already had some bright ideas from children in key stage one about what they would like to do. *"Individually we are one drop, together we are an ocean!"* (Satoro)



Finally, a HUGE thank you to our generous Parish Council who have funded the purchase of our eco-flag which was such a welcome reward for our children after all their hard work. When we told the children what you had, they gave a loud cheer. It was a wonderful moment for them to feel the strength of the supportive village community around them. So once more . . . THANK YOU!



Tolpuddle Toddlers

Every Monday
During term time

Friendly group for under 5's

10am-12pm

Tolpuddle village hall

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Our Year 2 class had a lovely morning visiting the Pavey's farm in Dewlish. We went into the milking parlour to see the cows being milked, we fed some calves, we saw the sheep, we walked round to the field to see some newly born calves and we saw some pigs and chickens. We also played cow bingo!

Thank you so much to Clare and the Pavey family for allowing us to visit.



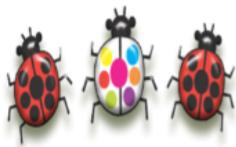
Thank you to the science team at Thomas Hardy School for sharing their expertise with our Reception and Year 1 group, in a fun filled experience where we made rockets, alien slime and explored chemical reactions and burning different materials including a jelly baby ... You wouldn't believe how much sugar is in one single sweet! This was followed by a picnic together back at school.



Fit for a Queen?

The amazing Platinum Jubilee cake from Tolpuddle that unfortunately missed the last edition of the Parish Magazine.





Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Twenty years

June 2022 saw the 20th anniversary of Ladybirds. Having been Leader for all of this time, I have been reflecting on all the progress and challenges there have been as well as the children, parents and helpers who have made us what we are today. I send a big thank you to all of you who have supported us. It's also quite strange to think that it is possible we could soon have the next generation of some families playing where their parents have.

This coming academic year will see more change. We are in the process of appointing a Deputy Leader who will be joining us in September, bringing with her much enthusiasm and new ideas. This important recruitment also means we can reinstate our Wednesday mornings sessions and return to full week preschool provision.

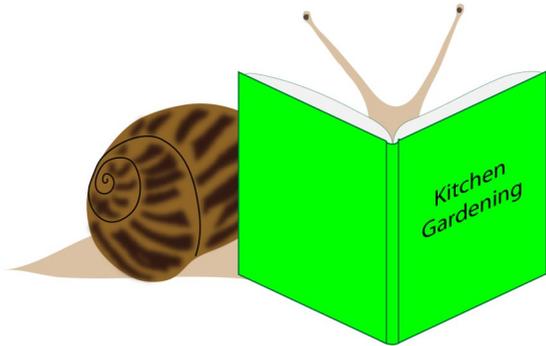
This month has been quite challenging as Chicken Pox has gone through all families, followed by a sickness bug and now Covid seems to have reared its ugly head again. Throughout, helpers have kept everything running for the children. There has been plenty of outside play including Woodland days on Thursdays – a big thank you to Chloe for allowing us to be in her Dorset Woodland school at Southover. Have a look at the sessions she is running over the Summer break.

We planned several sessions at school for the children who are leaving us which was just as well as most missed some due to Chicken Pox. But we are confident they will move into their next adventure confident and happy.



This month was national picnic month, so we held a Teddy Bears picnic which involved making pizza and icing little cakes. With a bit of ingenuity using old sheets, we made a shaded area and sat outside to enjoy our picnic. Our topics have included The Very Hungry Caterpillar which involved learning about different fruits – we even tried gooseberries (thank you Angie). None of the children knew what they were so we cut them open to look at the seeds and a few brave children tried them, with one declaring they were alright but a bit sharp.

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Can I ask anyone wanting to join us in the coming school year to let me know [07771 512427](tel:07771512427) liz@milborneladybirds.com. We won't be able to show you around now until September but it helps with planning and staffing to have an idea of numbers.

Thank you – have a lovely summer holiday whatever you're up to. Don't forget to bring in something to show us when we reopen – Monday 5th September 2022.



Liz Dyer (Leader)

01258 839117 or 07771 512427

Kelly Haggett (Secretary)

secretary@milborneladybirds.com

www.milborneladybirds.org.uk

Trading Standards News:

1 million Friends and volunteering



This June the national Friends Against Scams scheme reached an important milestone, 1 million Friends. Don't miss out, you can become a Friend too!

In Dorset we have approaching 3,300 Friends. Friends spot the signs of this type of fraud by learning about typical things that can identify that something is a scam. Friends learn to identify others who are potentially affected by scams, this helps keep people safe, whether family, friends, work colleagues; in fact anyone a Friend might come into contact with. Friends also know where to report a scam and where to get help.

According to recent Citizens Advice research, over 40 million people have been targeted by scammers during the cost-of-living crisis. More than three quarters of UK adults said they have been targeted by a scammer this year, a 14 per cent increase compared to this time last year.

In our fight against scams anyone can become a Friend by visiting www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk and taking 20-minute online training. If you don't have a computer, then ask at your local library how to access the training from a public access computer.

If you would like face to face training for a group of people, which lasts about 45 minutes, then please contact Trading Standards on the email below.

Some people ask us about opportunities to train others to become Friends, whether through attending events, 1-2-1 conversations, informal group discussions, or as a presentation. If any of these styles of training are something you would like to consider doing on a voluntary basis then you could become a Dorset SCAMchampion, joining our team as a Dorset Council Trading Standards Community Volunteer. You would be aligned with Trading Standards and would be supported with training and up to date information on scams. For more information on a volunteering opportunity, please contact us on tradingstandards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



Dewlish Church Notes

WE HAVE just spent a lovely two days providing teas and refreshments at Yarden Cottage, where Christine and Ross opened their beautiful garden for the National Gardens Scheme charities. They kindly agreed that our church should benefit from the income of the teas, and the sale of jams, marmalades, chutneys and garden produce. As a result, we raised £505.80 for church funds.

A big thank-you to all who donated cakes, scones etc., but particularly to Christine and Ross. We understand that they raised over £700 for the NGS charities. All in all, a very successful couple of days!

At our benefice service on the Sunday evening we welcomed our new curate, Maggie, who has joined Sarah to work and learn about our country parishes. The service was followed by a splendid bring-and-share supper where it was lovely to meet Maggie, and all our friends from the other parishes.

Maggie also joined us at our joint PCC meeting on the next evening. Talk about being thrown in at the deep end! The meeting lasted at least two hours! Luckily, we only have three or four of these meetings a year!

Daphne Burg

Crossword and Wordsearch solutions from July magazine

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As part of Libraries West Service, a very wide range of books can be ordered online and collected here. Or just browse the shelves for a good read - fiction, non-fiction, local history and children's books.

Can you help keep our library open? The library relies on volunteers to continue providing books, information and activities. If you are interested in joining the friendly volunteer team, contact puddletownlibrary@gmail.com



*Weeks after the Pet's Service, nobody
had claimed the monkey*

Services in the Benefice

7th August - Trinity 8

Psalm 33.12-22; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	1662 Matins (Traditional Language)	Dewlish

14th August - Trinity 9

Psalm 82; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Puddletown

Saturday 20th August - Wedding

1.00pm	Marriage of Nathan Pitman & Gemma Kerslake	Tolpuddle
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21st August - Trinity 10

Psalm 103.1-8; Isaiah 58.9-14; Luke 13.10-17

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

28th August - Trinity 11

Psalm 112; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00am	BCP Matins (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish
3.00pm	Holy Baptism	Tolpuddle

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

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