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God's own field

Harvest, in the agricultural sense, is well past. All is safely (or soggly) gathered in and the appealing blocks of barley and hay baling our landscape into a pop-up sculpture park have all but disappeared. The Church's Harvest celebrations – extended as a 'Creationtide' season into October – are in one sense, then, a delayed thanksgiving for the yield of former months. That needn't trouble us, however, for they are just as much focused on a rather less specific future point: the anticipated end of the world believers know as the Last Judgement. For many, this is merely one of the vestiges of a Christian worldview with little bearing on present times, a sickle blade blunted by unbelief.

Nevertheless, the idea of a harvest that separates the righteous from the unrighteous often crops up in Jesus' teaching and has gained a new edge as we witness the ecological ends of our actions, more fearfully evident with each passing, and slightly warmer, year. The once-familiar Parable of the Wheat and the Tares tells us that good and evil inevitably grow together in this life: one is easy to mistake for the other and this fact should caution us away from prejudice or self-righteousness. But it is also a warning that the real myth is the one that imagines our actions have no lasting or eternal consequences. They do, they will - and to ignore this is simply to hasten the day.

Bishop Andrew

Prayer of Praise – Thanksgiving

Yours, Lord is the Glory
in everything I see,
a country scene
mountain stream
sunrise, sunset, rain & snow
Yours Lord is the Glory
wherever I may go.

Yours, Lord is the Glory
in everything I see
a roaring sea,
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The Friends held their Annual General Meeting in the Church on 13th July, 2023. We were glad to welcome several new members, especially since we had lost a few who had moved away from Puddletown or, sadly, had died. There will be one major change in the committee this coming year as Ursula Pomeroy is stepping down as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Happily, Bob Todd has agreed to take on this role and has been co-opted as Treasurer. Otherwise the committee remains the same, with Colin Allder as Chair, Janet Nassim as Secretary and Jill Temple continuing with Communications and Membership.

Did you know that the fragments of coloured glass in the North windows may be medieval? This was assessed by an expert from Salisbury Cathedral, and a second assessment is due shortly. There is much work to do to all the windows but these two are the most important. The Friends are grant-aiding the initial assessment to kickstart the whole project.

Another grant agreed last year contributed to the electrification of the Church clock – meaning that Robin Mears, Tower Captain, no longer has to make the arduous weekly climb to wind the clock by hand. Robin very kindly sent the Friends a warm note of thanks. The clock keeps time to the minute! Last year too, a new “surround sound” system was installed, also working very well and leaving no “deaf” spots in the church. At this year’s AGM members approved a grant to help defray the cost of this system. A third grant was made to cover the cost of the iron worker – a rare trade these days – who repaired an iron hinge on the North door, and the door has been re-hung.

If you have appreciated any of these improvements, please join us to ensure that St Mary’s continues to serve Puddletown well. It has been at the centre of our village’s life and heritage for 8 centuries. There are application forms in the church and in the library, or contact Jill Temple at friendsofpuddletown-church@gmail.com



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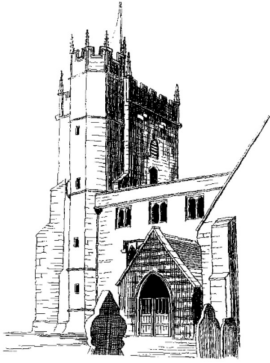
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Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee morning in the church Room on Thursday 7th September. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look.

Through the sale of her cards Rosemary is helping to support the church room.

Prayer Group There has been a slight change to the time that the Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church Room. It will now be from 10.30 until 11.30am. All are welcome.

Craft Group Following a break for the summer we are restarting on Thursday 7th September 12.30. Please bring your own scissors. If you would like to book your place then please contact Margaret margaretmary227@gmail.com or 01305 849332.

The Village Lunch will be on Monday 11th September from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving chicken and vegetable traybake 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.



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It will be in the Church Room, Puddletown on Tuesdays from 10.30 until 11.30am.

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

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The Harvest is progressing slowly, with the winter oil seed rape cut and sent off the farm for processing, the winter barley is in the grain store for the cattle's winter feed ration, most of the spring barley has been cut and we await the test results to see if the quality is acceptable for malting and we are slowly cutting the wheat when the weather is favourable.

The other issue in a damp harvest is the straw which if baled soon behind the combine is fine, but where it has been rained on the straw will need turning until dry, otherwise it dries in the bales and sticks together and goes mouldy, not good as a feed or for bedding.

Getting the combine around this year has had its problems as it has been a tight squeeze a couple of times getting through Puddletown with cars on both sides of the road in the High Street. Each year before the start of harvest we have to apply to the Police for a license which permits us to move the slightly wider harvesting vehicles



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Wakely Cox

10th August 2023



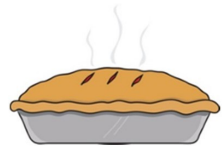
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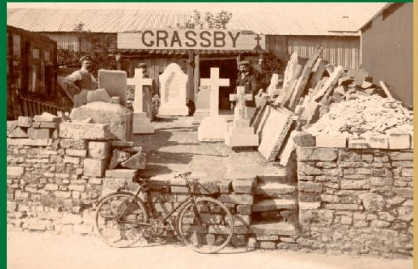
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	Cumulative for the year	500.40 mm
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	2022 Cumulative for the year	282.20 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 28.70° C Min. 7.00° C
	2022	Max. 36.30° C Min. 6.90° C
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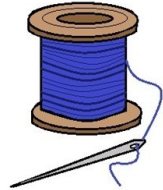
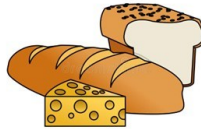


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St John's Church Tolpuddle September 2023

Oh dear, oh dear- we were really caught out by the dreadful weather last month.

So disappointing that the Martyrs festival had to be cancelled before it had even got started.... and we were accurate in saying that it went with a

“Bang”.... However we are pleased to say that Songs of Praise was indeed held with Bishop Karen, as was the service in the Methodist Chapel and the wreaths were laid in respect of the memory of the Martyrs.

None of the food was wasted although I believe that the freezers are still bursting with cakes and quiches and the injuries sustained at the breakfasts are now healed. Huge thanks to all those who had put in so much work – particularly Jonathan and Andy and the Hall Team and Marion for her beautiful floral displays. This is such an example of the village all pulling together.

The Martyrs Inn had an official opening on Saturday 15th July and is going from strength to strength- do give it a try. We would like to add our congratulations to the pub where Mark and his staff are giving us all a very warm welcome, and of course some delicious food despite some initial hitches. I would definitely recommend the Hogget Pie and Oleana's chocolate cake!

The Old Chapel was finally open to the public for the weekend- there is a degree of disappointment among the people of Tolpuddle that this very expensive project is not being put to good use. Indeed it has been suggested that it could be used to house some of the homeless who sadly sit it out on the streets of Dorchester and who could then use a postcode which they need so that they can enter the system and get a formal National Insurance number. Churches and chapels have historically been a place of refuge.

This is one of the motives for the Church offering camping facilities- how wonderful that the church is thus a haven of peace and stillness and time for reflection. All thanks to the camping team. This initiative is also raising some much needed funds for the church- the income will have been severely reduced without Martyrs weekend, and we are hoping the permanent contactless sum up in the church will generate more income. We are very grateful to those who pay a regular direct debit to the church- perhaps you feel you might be able to spare a pound or two every month.

However we are aware that many of our villagers are suffering with the effects of high inflation- and please do remember the Food Bank in the church is there for YOU.

What of the services which will be held through September- as usual there will be the Parish Communion on the first and third Sunday at 9.30am

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We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Geoff and Di as they head to the north to start a new life there.

They were given a Village Photo as a farewell gift at his last appearance with the Go Fourth Band. We are delighted to see that Adrian is recovering from his recent accident and thank him for holding the “Church Key” and thank Jane Keenor for taking up this role.

TEC (Tolpudde Events Committee) held a meeting recently and plans are now well advanced for the Music in the Meadow on Orchard Meadow on September 9th - this will be another great musical evening with live music and some Line Dancing for those who wish to kick up their heels! Look out for posters and further announcements. That will be a busy day as Dorset Historic Churches Trust is running its annual Ride and Stride. If you would like to join in do contact Jayne on jayne.brayshaw9@yahoo.com for more information or help with some sponsoring or manning the church. Another date for your diary is Saturday October 7th when the Harvest Supper will be held in the Village Hall. Contact Hilly—hlcobban@gmail.com to reserve a ticket - as you know this usually sells out very quickly. TEC will be coordinating some of their events with those planned by the Martyrs Inn.



Then it will be back to school and routine - after a fun, though slightly damp summer break.

Good luck to one and all

Hilly and Jayne



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Tolpuddle Events Committee (TEC)

At our recent meeting we discussed the unfortunate cancellation of the Martyrs Festival in July. Sadly the weather was dreadful and it had to be abandoned for safety reasons. We normally expect this event to be a big fundraiser for the Church and Village Hall, but this year we have had to be content with at least not making a loss. Our thanks to all who helped by buying the surplus produce etc. Looking ahead, we discussed many possible future events, including film nights, quiz and chips, animal first aid talk and curry night. Definite dates for your autumn diary are:

9th September - Music in the Meadow with line dancing, music and food

7th October - Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

3rd, 4th or 5th November (weather dependent)- Fireworks Display and food in the TUC field

2nd December - Children's Christmas Party

9th December - Christmas Light Up and market

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What joy it has been to have a pub open in Tolpuddle once more. The Martyrs Inn has re-opened after being closed in early 2020. The driving force behind this event has been Barrie Lovelock and a fantastically devoted team of helpers. The picture on the front of last month's magazine (August 2023) depicted the opening ceremony when Ray Kerslake and Ted Clayton cut a ribbon on the Saturday of what would have been the Martyrs Festival, which was sadly cancelled because of very rough weather. This has never happened before. Ray and Ted were chosen because each of them put in a huge amount of work in re-decorating and re-organising the building, although a great number of other people helped including Bev Clayton who is the Company Secretary.

Barrie paid particular tribute to the enormous amount of help given by the people of Tolpuddle who willingly volunteered to fill holes in walls, re-decorate and generally re-furbish the pub which, frankly, had not had loving care and attention provided to it for some years. The number of people is too great to start mentioning names but we know who they are and I will try and put a little schedule of names together.

The Martyrs Inn is in several senses a community pub. It is actually a limited company and people were invited to buy shares at £500 a share. Some have bought one only but others bought more. It was over-subscribed and so we were able to run without a mortgage. There is a management committee of five and there will be an Annual General Meeting. The Pub is actually run by Mark and Leslene Fulton who have previously been involved in the hospitality industry in Dorset. Nobody would claim that there has not been the odd "teething" issue but these are being sorted out.

We would say therefore that initially the pub is "feeling its way", and so, for example, it is open from Wednesday lunch time to Sunday evening with interesting menus but it is envisaged that the menu will become more comprehensive. Mark has organised some very successful hog roasts already this summer. So, these are early days but it is such a great joy to go over and have a pint with friends and neighbours as well as to welcome other people to the village. I spoke to a young couple and their two children at the weekend. They were from Holland and found the pub on the internet – we do need visitors to come in and spend their money and they are very welcome.

In fact, everyone is welcome to come in on this great initiative.

Tony Gould - Tolpuddle resident.



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I am writing this on a beautiful warm evening in mid-August. But on my evening walk, there are many signs of the approaching Autumn; Blackberries, Sloes, Haws and fields are now harvested. There is an almost imperceptible hint of the changing seasons in the air. As a fan of the Autumn, I'm not complaining. But the summer weather has been rather changeable this year. More than one wedding for which I've played the organ has been accompanied by the sound of rain drumming on the church roof.

It was good that we could host the Marriage of Martin McLaren and Emma Matthews recently. Martin's parents were heavily involved in the life of St Andrew's until the family moved to Dorchester. Martin recalled helping his parents polish pews and clean brass as a child. Sadly, Martin's father died in 2016, but his Mum read during the Ceremony. Some members of the Choir of St George's Church, Fordington (Emma's Church) attended, and it was lovely to have robed choristers in the Stalls again. The Reverend Heidi Merrett, Curate of the Dorchester Group, sang a solo during the Registration of the Marriage.

One wet and windy Saturday, we held our Village Fete and Dog Show in the Village Hall and Playing Field. Although numbers were down, a useful sum was raised, including a generous donation. (Thank you, you know who you are!). This Autumn, we hope to tackle some of the outstanding work highlighted in the most recent Quinquennial Report, "Ere the winter storms begin"!

I close with some words from a hymn I used to sing at St Stephen's, Bournemouth, at Harvest-time, written by Wiliam Walsham How, author of the more familiar "For All the Saints":

The ever-changing seasons
In silence come and go;
But Thou, eternal Father,
No time or change canst know.

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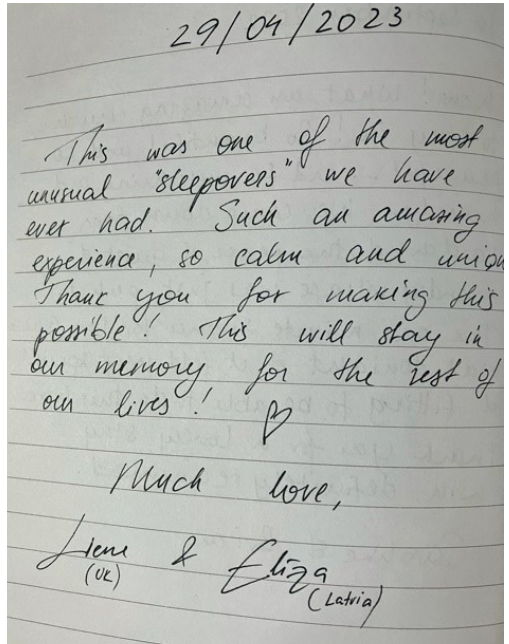
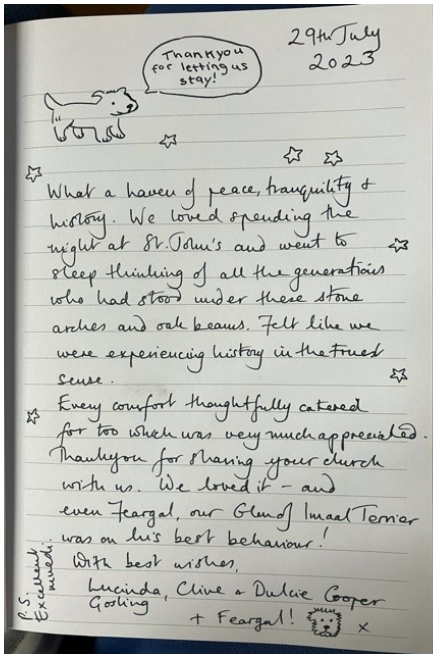
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Or just come for a chat!

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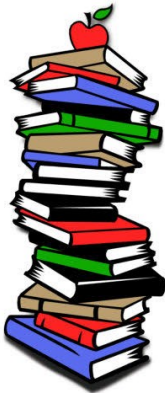
We are looking to recruit singers of all voice ranges, especially sopranos.

We sing a wide variety of music in all styles and from all centuries.

No worry if you haven't ever sung 'seriously' before- you'll find experienced choralsists in the ranks to help you along.

Our first rehearsal is on the 26th September. No audition necessary.
For further information contact Jenny on 01305 262575 or Andrea on 01929 471412.

Check out our website or our Facebook page for more information.



FRIENDS OF PUDDLETOWN LIBRARY

(Registered Charity 1154773)

AGM

Wednesday 4th October 2023

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Puddletown Library will be held in the Church Room on the 4th October at 7.30pm.

The business meeting will be followed by a social evening with refreshments. All are welcome.

The Friends of Puddletown Library became established in 2012 for the benefit of the residents of Puddletown and neighbourhood, running Puddletown Community Library, facilitating activities and events .

We are a Registered Charity (1154773) and the Library is entirely run by our volunteers who also raise funds to cover running costs. If you would like any more information or are interested in supporting us in any way, for example as a volunteer librarian, fundraising or helping with publicity, please do contact us at the email address below. We would love to hear from you!

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Dorchester Poverty Action Annual Open meeting

“Citizens Advice Supporting Residents through Crisis”

Speaker - Daniel Cadisch Citizens Advice Central Dorset, Chief Officer

on Tuesday 10th October at 7pm

in the Dorford Centre

Everyone welcome

This year’s annual Dorchester Poverty Action Open meeting is an opportunity to find out more about how Citizens Advice is providing support to local people in our current difficult financial climate. A significant number of people are struggling to afford their mortgage, while others are frightened of getting in arrears with their rent and being made homeless, some are finding difficulty affording car repairs to get to work, while others can no longer afford the weekly shop. There are so many different issues affecting people locally, but Dorchester Citizens Advice can provide expert advice on benefits that might be available, can negotiate with companies if you are in debt or refer to Dorchester Poverty Action to provide financial help. Come and find out more.

Dorchester Poverty Action through referrals from local professionals and charitable organisations are helping people in DT1 and DT2 with some of their financial problems. In the last financial year over £63,000 was distributed locally through grants and Co-op vouchers, a 47% increase in the number of grants distributed in the previous year.

However none of this would have been possible without the amazing support of local individuals, churches, community groups, grant making trusts and local business. Last year we raised £63,000 locally and spent £63,000 locally. However this year is proving to be even busier, so Dorchester Poverty Action continues to need your support to assist those in DT1 or DT2. Thank you

For more information about the work of Dorchester Poverty Action go to www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk

ALL-AGE CHAT CLUBS



Every **THURSDAY** 9.15 to 11am
Nautico Lounge
66 St Thomas Street, Weymouth. DT4 8EL

Every **FRIDAY** 11 to 12.30
Vivo Lounge
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Every **MONDAY** 11 TO 12.30
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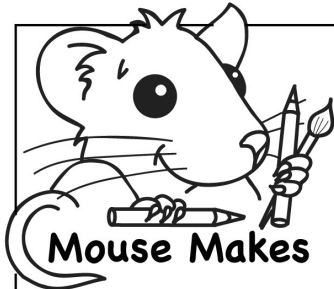
Every **WEDNESDAY** 11 to 12.30
Delfino Lounge, Poole. BH15 1ER.

Collect your FREE happy to chat pin-badge at any of the below cafes.

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Look up and around for pin badges of hope



THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?

Matthew 13:25



READ

the parable in

Matthew 13 v24-30, and v36-43



Matthew 13:30

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then

but the wheat is stored in the

Who sows the good seed?

Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?

the _____ and who is the good seed?

The people of the

Matthew 13:38

Who sows the weeds?

The _____

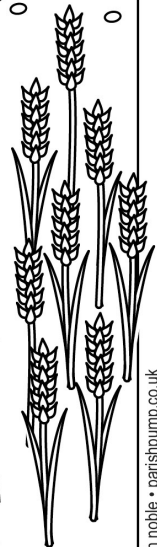
Who are the harvesters?

The _____

Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him

Matthew 13:43



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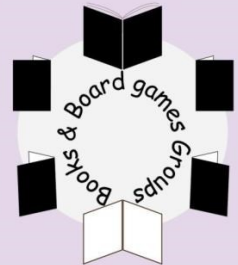
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LIBRARY HOURS:
Wednesday 3pm-5pm
Friday 10am-12pm
Saturday 10am-12pm



Dewlish Church Notes

WE WERE really sorry that we were unable to hold a jams and produce stall at Milborne Fete and Dog Show. Unfortunately, at the time our gardens were rather unproductive; the gardening season had started rather cold, then we had a heatwave, and, at the time of writing, plenty of rain!

Everything seems to have caught up now so we have decided (weather permitting!) to have a **Pop-up Produce Stall** outside Dewlish Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August between 2.30pm – 4.00pm. We also hope to serve tea, coffee, etc., and biscuits and cake.

It was a great pity, too, that we had more of the same rainy weather for our Farm Service held at Sue's farm, and led by Maggie. This was followed by coffee, tea, etc., and a bring-and share lunch. Many thanks to Sue and her family for providing refreshments, and for all the hard work in preparation for the service. The collection, which totalled £70, has been sent to the Farm Africa charity.

Jim is hoping to take part once more in the **Ride 'n' Stride Cycle Ride** on Saturday 9th September. As usual, half the money raised comes back to our church, while the other half goes to Dorset Historic Churches Trust who use the money for grants to help churches with their building costs. Jim would be most grateful for any donations, and you will, no doubt, be seeing him soon!

Our **Harvest Festival** will be held on Sunday 1st October at 6.00pm. We would be so grateful for donations of produce. This will be followed on Monday 2nd October by the **Harvest Supper** in the Village Hall at 7.00pm, and the **Harvest Produce Auction** afterwards. The proceeds from this will be donated to WaterAid. Please come along and have an enjoyable evening with fellow villagers, while supporting a very worthy cause.

Daphne Burg

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

DOWN: 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO.



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Wordsearch

For some reason, the Church gives thanks for angels in September. The 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels. Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the Garden of Eden, they led Lot away from Gomorrah, they helped Gideon, they stopped Balaam, they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel, and, most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah. Angels sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection. Revelation is teeming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.

Thanks Angels Church Feast Michael All Genesis Messengers
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Services in the Benefice

3rd September - Trinity 13

Psalm 105.1-6,23-26,45b; Exodus 3.1-15; Matthew 16.21-28

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	1662 Matins	Dewlish

10th September - Trinity 14

Psalm 149; Exodus 12.1-14; Matthew 18.15-20

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

Saturday 16th September

3.00pm	Marriage of Jack Hoyland and Tatiana Pole-Carew	Puddletown
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17th September - Trinity 15

Psalm 114; Exodus 14.19-31; Matthew 18.21-35

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

24th September - Trinity 16

Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16.2-15; Matthew 20.1-16

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

Saturday 30th September

2.00pm	Marriage of Ben Cox and Sophie Zealand	Puddletown
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MORNING PRAYERS (Mon. – Thurs. 8.30 a.m.; Sat. 9.00 a.m.)

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



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