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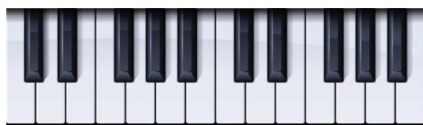


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War and peace

On 24th February 2022, Russia began its “special military operation”, otherwise known as invasion into Ukraine. There had been tension between the two countries for a number of years, heightened in 2014, when Russia annexed Crimea. Last year it moved onto a completely different level.

The response from Ukraine has been fierce and resolute, with military support from a number of countries. The United Nations has condemned Russia’s incursion into another nation. People the world over have rallied around the Ukrainians offering help and refuge. There are a number of Ukrainian people living in the villages of the benefice who have been welcomed into our homes, schools and communities.

There are other conflicts too going on around our world; one estimate is 110 places are involved in some kind of violence between people and places.

How should Christians respond? It is a complex question and one with no easy answers. While I am firmly on the side of Ukraine, I also find myself deeply troubled by the violence and destruction that is being meted out by both aggressor and defender.

One of the problems is that war and conflict dehumanise the enemy. This is perhaps clearly seen in this quotation from Prince Harry: “When I found myself plunged in the heat and confusion of combat, I didn’t think of those 25 as people. They were chess pieces removed from the board. Bad people eliminated before they could kill good people.”

A sentiment almost as far as possible from the words of Jesus, who told his followers to love their enemies. In taking on that attitude, we learn to see the value of every human being, even those with whom we may be at odds.

There is always the temptation to declare that “God is on my side”, which sometimes becomes the justification for religious conflict. We humans are all too good at trying to make God in our own image rather than aligning ourselves with the compassionate, peace-loving, healing, forgiving, justice-seeking values of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lent begins this month. It is a season in which we can commit ourselves to a deeper commitment to God through prayer and self-sacrifice. It is a time when we are encouraged to strip back the luxuries of life to help us become more aware of our dependence on God. It is a time for penetrating honesty with ourselves about those areas of our lives which we would rather hide.

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In Jesus, God shows a different way – a way where true strength is found in a desire for love not hate, hope not despair, mercy not injustice, light not darkness and freedom for each of us to be ourselves without diminishing the value of others. May Lent be a time when we pray for peace to triumph over discord in and between nations, individuals and within ourselves.

With best wishes
Sarah

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Funerals

d. 1st Dec	Dorothy Agnes Freemantle - Aged 91	Puddletown
d. 14th Dec	Sally Murray - Aged 76	Poole Crematorium

St Mary's Puddletown		
Intercessors		Scripture Readers
5th Feb	Cynthia Metcalfe	Rosie Hallett
12th Feb	Puddletown Praise Team	
19th Feb	Bob Todd	Paul Fleetwood
26th Feb	Dawn Loveless	TBA & Pat Bishop
Charitable Giving 2022		
Lent		Bishop's Fund for Sudan
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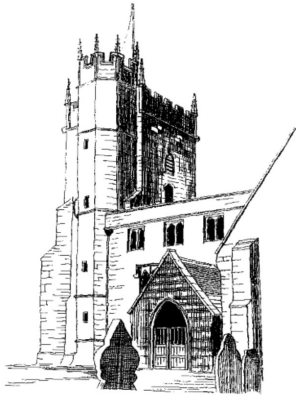
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Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee mornings in the church Room on Thursday 9th February. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look. Through the sale of her cards Rosemary

is helping to support the church room.

Prayer Group The Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church, 10.30 until 12noon. Coffee and conversation from 10.30 followed by prayers at 11.00am. All are welcome.

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 13th February from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving beef or vegetarian lasagne 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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4 Angie Jasper (C)

5 Ashley FE Monck

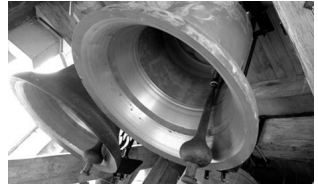
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There will be coffee and conversation from 10.30 and prayers will begin at 11.00.

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This month sees the annual records filled out for the amount of nitrogen that the farm produces and used last year and the plan for this year. We have to do this calculation as the farm is in a Nitrogen Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) and also the Poole Harbour Catchment. So we are required by the Environment Agency to work out our nitrogen applied to the fields, the yield taken from each field and the number of livestock that have grazed over the field. It is a time consuming office job going through the records of each field, writing down the dates and amounts of different types of fertilizer and farmyard manure applied and then relating this to the yield of grain or grass taken from the field.

Then we start on the livestock: each animal is regarded as a livestock unit or part of, depending on its age, and we have to check back through the diary to see how many of what age and for how long they were grazing on that field, then work out the nitrogen produced by those animals on each field. When all the fields have been done and all the animals accounted for, we are able to see what the nitrogen loading has been for the year and we can work out the plan for the coming year.

Back out in the yard we have just done our latest short interval TB Test and gone clear, no bovine bumps on the cattle, so we will be able to start buying calves back in to rear on through ready for turnout. Before we can sell cattle easily we have to have another clear test so the cattle that are heavy enough to be sold, can only go to an approved TB Market.





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Wakely Cox

8th January 2023



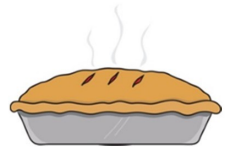
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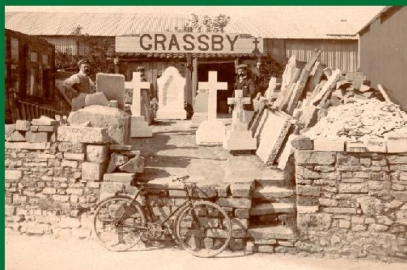


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	Cumulative for the year	807.50 mm
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	2021 Cumulative for the year	771.20mm
	Temperatures	ax 1.40° C Min -5.50° C
	2021	Max 12.50 C Min 6.50° C
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	2021	19.70 mph



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St John's Church Tolpuddle February 2023

What a lot of water around - some creeping inside as well as in the water meadows and across the roads - in



fact we have been very interested that the damp and puddles in the church have come up through the floor and from condensation rather than through leaks in the roof!

Christmas is now well behind us and all the decorations stowed away for another year. We are left with many happy memories- the Carols under the tree, the Crib Service and well attended Christmas Day Service - all of which reminded us that Tolpuddle has a really strong community spirit which Covid has not destroyed. TEC is already planning several events, including plans for the Coronation and Martyrs Weekend. Many of the villagers have been avidly watching the proposed plans for a Consortium buyout of the Martyr's Pub which will enhance the community further. We now have a fabulous Village Website, which is such a useful tool with its links to the church, hall and other groups.



January is often a rather dull month as regards church services - we can't offer 50% Sales or two for the price of one! - but this month we have been very fortunate to welcome Richard Hall's Barn Choir to join us at the Sunday Reflection – what a treat for us all as they sang a variety of Epiphany carols and other sacred music. This was interspersed with readings from Sarah and Maggie - some biblical, some contemporary and periods of silence and then we all joined in for a rousing rendition of We Three Kings from Orient Are!

On **January 29th** we are hosting the Benefice at St John's with a Bring and Share lunch afterwards.

Looking towards February we will have our regular **Parish Communion at 9.30am on 5th and 19th** - with **Sunday Reflection on February 12th at 5.30 pm** and **Go Fourth on February 26th at 10.00am**. We are sure that one of these services would suit you but if not please do tell us how we could improve things.

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The PCC held a regular meeting on Monday 12th, at which the Treasurer was able to reassure us that the church finances are holding up although costs have also risen dramatically. We would welcome more regular donors through the Church Giving Scheme - do contact John Taylor at taylorjs113@gmail.com if you want to know more about this. Archdeacon Penny gave a presentation and Benefice matters were discussed before the individual parishes discussed their own individual problems. We would welcome another member on the Council - please contact Hilly or Jayne for more information.

Tolpuddle Events Committee (TEC) are organising a Bingo Evening in the Village Hall on Saturday February 4th- for more information ask Hilly (hlcobban@gmail.com) or look at the Village Web Site. We are currently asking for help with planning the Coronation Celebrations on May 6th - do you have any ideas or do you want to join the team?

Let us look towards the spring as we see the snowdrops popping up in the churchyard and even the occasional daffodil.

Hilly/Jayne

TOLPUDDLE TIDY AND LITTER PICK

Please join us for the Tolpuddle tidy and litter pick on Sunday 5th March 10.00 – 12.00. We will meet outside Orchard Meadow.

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Tolpuddle Martyrs Inn hopes to reopen under village purchase plan

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News came through the grapevine that the pub had been sold and, to their collective delight, villagers were told it would soon open. The new purchasers, full of good intentions, became the victim of circumstance and have been unable to open.

Given the number of pubs in and around the area that have closed, the likelihood of someone rescuing The Martyrs Inn looked remote. A sense of foreboding descended on the village and fears grew that one day they might be challenging the prospect of residential development on the site which once in ancient times housed the Crown Inn and, since 1926, the Martyrs Inn.

A representative of The Plunkett foundation, a charitable organisation involved in supporting community ventures, gave a heart-warming presentation to the village residents on what they could provisionally offer and what would be required of a community to make it all work under their scheme. Whilst very encouraging, the timescale was too restrictive and to arrange a sizeable steering committee from among the residents to take on the unpaid responsibility was unlikely to be sustainable.

Barrie Lovelock, a long-time resident of Tolpuddle, came up with a new plan to rescue the pub and it's been very popular. The plan gained huge support on its first airing at a village hall meeting in December 2022. The villagers would become shareholders in a limited company that made an offer to purchase the pub and, by virtue of the vested interest, offered the pub regular patronage from those determined to see it succeed.

It was hoped that 500 shares at £500 each could be sold in addition to a mortgage which had provisionally been arranged for a further £200,000, thereby providing the funds to at least get the plan off the ground. An excellent landlord and his wife have also been provisionally lined up who themselves would invest a significant sum into the business.

Interest paid on shares plus a percentage of the net profits gives investors another reason to invest beyond the desire to see the pub re-open, but no-one expected the surge of interest in share take-up which, as of 11th January, has already exceeded £450,000 meaning the village no longer require a mortgage and can plan their next move with greater certainty.

At the time of writing, the village have yet to agree terms with the current owner, but an initial meeting has shown there is an appetite from both sides to reach a mutually beneficial result.

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Editors' Notes

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Milborne St Andrew's Church News



St Andrew's updates

Christmas was, as usual, a busy time for our church. We had a well-attended Carols by Candlelight service, a Christmas Eve communion service and the Christmas morning service. As I write this, we are still in the church's Christmas season of Epiphany which is when the wise men/kings/magi arrive to see Jesus.

Thanks to Richard Ferguson, a lovely Christmas tree was provided; the school had it until term their broke up after which it was transported to the church. Becky managed to organise the tree's transportation from school to the church and as a bonus for us, she decorated it as well. Thank you, Becky.

We are very lucky to have such dedicated flower arrangers who provided lovely displays in the church, many thanks to them. Our cleaning team have been challenged a lot this winter with leaves being blown in and muddy footprints on the carpets, thanks ladies for all you do.

It has been lovely to hear our bells being rung more frequently thanks to Robin and his team. We hope that they will continue to ring regularly and will welcome new ringers. See posters for more information.

Pam & Tony
Churchwardens

Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club

Heaven Scent this month!

Unfortunately, due to flooding and icy conditions, we took the difficult decision to cancel last month's meeting and our 'Companion Planting' talk. Apologies to anyone who didn't get our message.

This month (Thurs. 16 Feb), we are looking forward to a talk by Jenny Short on 'Fragrance in the Garden'. She says: 'Memories of garden fragrances can stay with us for many years, so choose aromatic plants for yourself and the generations to come.' Jenny is providing lists of the best plants so that we don't have to make notes!

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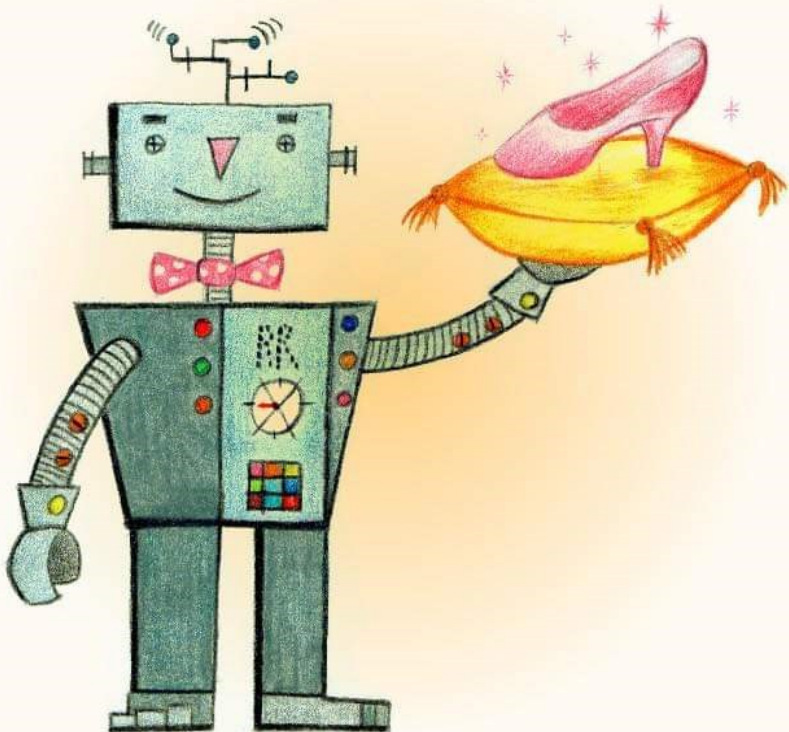


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We talked about different surfaces and created an area using tarpaulin and water to slide like a penguin. This is called tobogganing! As we were investigating (which was a lot of fun) we discovered not only different techniques for travelling but also that some materials are better than others, which led us to think about a penguins feathers. We found out that penguins make an oil that waterproofs their feathers and those children who had similar material were far more slippery than those that had winter coats.



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To raise the issue with your letting agency is a good move. Unfortunately, it isn’t always easy to work out the cause of mould or damp and this can make it difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible, unless there’s an obvious cause, like a leaking roof.

There are many causes of damp in properties with rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp as the most common. On our website there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do.

A common cause of damp is condensation. To prevent this, it’s important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated, but this will be trickier to do given the colder weather and higher heating costs. You may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home and should visit our website that has advice on such schemes, as well as things that can make damp worse and may impact the landlord taking responsibility for repairs, such as drying clothes on heaters or blocking air vents.

Check your tenancy agreement too for references to repairs and damp. A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in such as if it is making the tenant or a member of their family ill. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if heaters are broken. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they’ll likely have to pay the cost of repairs.

Steps you can take include reporting your landlord to the local authority if he/she is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn’t act,

Use the landlord’s formal complaints procedure If you’re in social housing. There is more information about this on our website.

Contact your local Citizens Advice on anything you’re unsure about. It is important to speak to an adviser first if it reaches the point where you want to get out of a fixed term tenancy agreement early as there might be better ways to approach the issue. Call our Adviceline on 0800 144 8848 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday or check our local office opening times on www.centraldorsetca.org.uk. You may also find helpful info on: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/renting-privately/during-your-tenancy/dealing-with-repairs/>

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Toys and other electrical items which are operated by lithium-ion button or coin-cell batteries are also a particular concern; by law they must have lockable battery compartments, because if a button battery is swallowed by a child it can cause serious internal injuries.

Products such as electronic scooters that use lithium batteries also pose a risk to safety, and there have been several recent cases of these devices catching fire while charging. Poor-quality chargers have also been known to cause electrical shorts, which can lead to house fires.

Consumers are urged to:

Only shop at reputable retailers, as not only does this increase the likelihood that the product will be safe, but it also means that you will be entitled to a refund if there is a fault.

Don't always trust online reviews, these can easily be faked.

Look for the UKCA mark on products such as toys, electrical goods and cosmetics. This ensures that the product has been tested to comply with safety standards.

Make sure toys and other goods are suitable for children by checking the age range of the item, and never leave a child unattended with a toy that contains small parts.

Ensure that any item that uses button batteries has a lockable battery compartment.

Do not buy fakes or counterfeits, it funds criminality, can be poor value for money and is a serious potential safety risk.

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Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Carol Service was very well-attended and was a most joyous occasion. Jim had struggled to get young children for the Nativity Story but, amazingly, on the day we had nearly a full cast, all thanks to some parents who contacted friends to bring their children. Thank you everyone!

A host of thanks must also go to Aiden and his superb musicians, the older children for their beautiful story-telling and, of course the young people. Jim, who created the service, and Mandy, who typed up the scripts, are also deserving of the warmest thanks. Additionally, we are immensely grateful to David of Western Marquees, who lent us the staging and microphones.

The collection, which amounted to £217.17, has been donated to the Children's Society. After the service we all enjoyed refreshments at the Village Hall.

On Christmas Day the church was beautifully decorated, so many thanks to all those people who provided flowers and foliage and decorations. A big thank-you to Jim for decorating the Christmas tree so well, and for the crib scenes. The very well-attended service was led by the Rev. Rosemary Bassett.

The final total for our Christmas Bazaar was £592.79. Again, many thanks to everyone who supported the event in so many ways. We have so much in Dewlish to be thankful for.

The church does not have anything planned at present but Spring will be upon us soon, and there will be plenty going on then!

Daphne Burg

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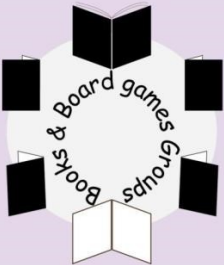
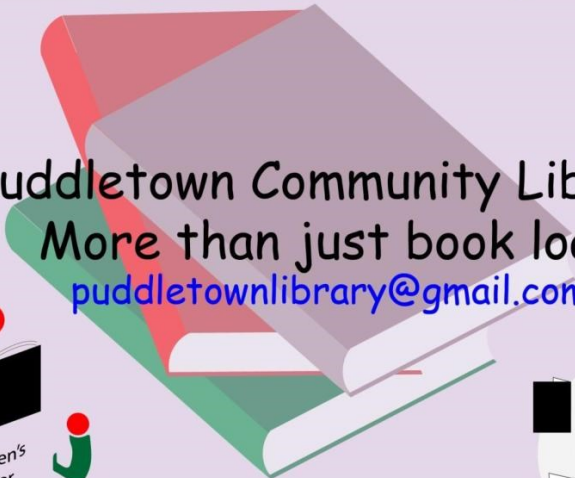
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Services in the Benefice

4th February - Saturday

2.00pm Marriage of Luke Prescott & Bethany Woodington Puddletown

5th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

Psalm 112; Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 5.13-20

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle

9.30am Celebrate Milborne

11.00am Parish Communion Puddletown

11.00am BCP Morning Prayer Dewlish

12th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

Psalm 136; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-34

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne

11.00am Puddletown Praise Puddletown

11.00am Parish Communion Dewlish

5.30pm Sunday Reflections Tolpuddle

19th February - Sunday Next Before Lent

Psalm 99; Exodus 24.12-18; Matthew 17.1-9

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle

9.30am Worship in Stillness Milborne

11.00am Parish Communion Puddletown

11.00am Family Service Dewlish

22nd February - Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51.1-18; Isaiah 58.1-12; John 8.1-1

6.00pm United Benefice Holy Communion with imposition of ashes Puddletown

26th February - Lent 1

Psalm 32; Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Matthew 4.1-11

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne

10.00am Go Fourth Tolpuddle

11.00am BCP Matins (traditional language) Puddletown

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