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Decluttering your Life for Lent

Anyone visiting my house will realise straight away that I have trouble with the practice of decluttering. I have many excuses: not enough time to sort things out, holding on to things because they might come in handy at some point, sentimentality, not wanting to give away something that someone has given to me, and so on.

A recent book by decluttering guru Marie Kondo, *Spark Joy*, caused an outcry when it was suggested that people should limit the number of books in their house to 30. Easy for some, but for book addicts like me, completely impossible.

Kondo's theory is that we should let go of anything that doesn't make us joyful. I'm ashamed to say that I have far too much "stuff". And not all of it brings me joy. But some of things that don't necessarily spark joy in me are not things I'd want to dispose of: for instance, the toilet, knives and forks, pots and pans, washing-machine, even my car. All useful things but not ones I look at and immediately feel joyful about.

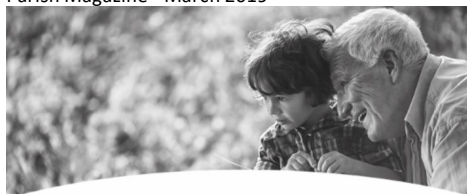
But it's not only *things* that we hold on to that don't lead to joy. It's also easy to get into bad habits and wrong thoughts and deeds, to be less caring of others than we ought to be and to behave in ways that are not positive or helpful. The standards for Christians are high: anything that causes a breach in our relationship with God or with others is what is known as sin. It can be thoughts, words, deeds, attitudes, things we have or haven't done; essentially anything that reveals a lack of love for God, people or creation.

Lent starts on March 6th this year. Traditionally it has been a time when people have looked at their lives and asked God to help them let go of things in life that are not as they should be.

We could call it a spiritual decluttering. Lent is a time when we can focus on ridding our lives of what harms and replacing them, with God's help, with what brings joy. It's a time to let go of selfishness, greed, treating others without respect, hard-heartedness, injustice, dishonesty, resentment, uncaring attitudes, reliance on self not God, and replace them with more positive characteristics: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, humility, self-control, compassion, generosity, prayerfulness, trust and faith.

Giving up chocolate is one thing; but what God really desires to see in us is a change of heart not diet. How will you use Lent this year?

With best wishes, Sarah



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Baptism

20th January	Rory Maxwell Joslin	Puddletown
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Funeral

14th January	Susan Jane Edwards	Weymouth Crematorium
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Memorial Services

29th January	Wendy Ann Sykes	Puddletown
2nd February	Sybil Esme Palmer	Milborne St Andrew

Evening Prayer in Lent

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

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

Both are on Thursday evenings

Compline in Milborne Church at 6 p.m.

Evening Prayer in Dewlish Church at 6.30 p.m.

Dewlish Lent Lunches – open to all

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14th March: Dewlish Village Hall

21st March: Up-Top, Dewlish

28th March: Elm View, Dewlish

4th April: Parsonage Farm, Dewlish

11th April: Dewlish Village Hall



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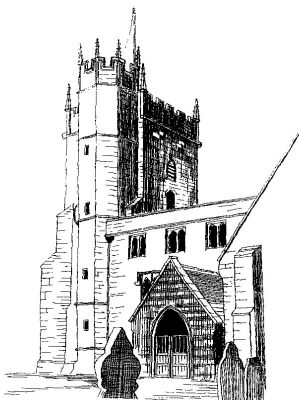
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Messy Church takes place on Sunday 3rd March, starting at 4pm in Dewlish Village Hall. There will be activities, crafts, songs,

games, bible story and prayers followed by tea. For more details contact sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com.

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 11th March from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Puddletown Village Hall. The “special” will be roast beef followed by lots of lovely puds. Please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 if you haven't already booked your lunch.

Our next **Events Committee Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 12th March in the Church Room, starting at 2.30pm. Don't forget that we'd like to have your ideas (phone Diana on 848510).

The **ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS** and **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will take place on Sunday 17th March, the former is open to anyone resident in the village, the latter restricted to electoral roll members. This will be held in the Church Room at approximately 12 noon, following Parish Communion. We need two people to be elected as Church Wardens and more PCC members. Please send apologies to Emma Hughes, PCC Secretary, if you are unable to attend. The meetings will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch for those able to stay.

St Mary's Church, with its good acoustics, is proving to be a popular place to hold concerts.

The Briantspuddle Singers have booked the Church for Saturday 6th April for their concert which will start at 7.30pm. It will be a very special treat so please come and support them. Their committee are making all the arrangements and you will see more details on their “poster” on page 50. Tickets are £10 available from Maureen Bayliss 01929 554055 and from Glad 848646, Bob 849048, and Diana 848510 in Puddletown.

The Dorset Rock Choir and Clapper Chaos have agreed to come and entertain us on Saturday 18th May in St Mary's Church and it promises to be an amazing evening!

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Heather Mears is a member of the Dorset Rock Choir and it's likely that 49 other members will turn up to sing. Clapper Chaos are a Poole based handbell group of 4 musicians who play a multiple number of handbells on each hand. They have been very helpful to the Puddletown Handbell Ringers, renovating the handbells and coaching the ringers in the early stages. They have an enthusiastic number of fans. Not to be missed – bring your friends. More details in the April magazine.

A Flower Festival in St Mary's Church on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June. More details will emerge after the Flower Team's AGM when plans will be "hatched".

The Purbeck Village Choir will be coming to sing in the Church, wearing period costume, at 11.30am on Saturday 28th September for about 40 minutes. This is part of their 30th birthday celebrations and the Choir will be going on to other churches afterwards. Coffee will be served in Church Room that morning.

Lent Course 2019

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12th March Poverty and morality; children and sin

Luke 6. 20-31

19th March Suicide and gambling; being there for others

Luke 10. 25-37

26th March Courage and truth; body and soul

John 8.31-36

2nd April Theft, lying; guilt and shame; keeping confidences

2 Corinthians 4.1-6

9th April Reconciliation; righteous anger; religion, good or bad

Matthew 5.43-48


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	Rainfall for the month	52.50 mm
	Cumulative for the year	52.50 mm
	2018 Rainfall for the month	56.40 mm
	2018 Cumulative for the year	56.40 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 14.20 ° C Min. -5.90 ° C
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The Puddletown Countrywomen's Club is now meeting on the third Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm. A full programme of talks has been planned for the coming year, so look out for our posters in the village. Annual membership costs only £12, which entitles you to free entry to the monthly meeting. If you would prefer, you can pay £2 as a non-member.

All ladies from Puddletown and neighbouring villages are cordially invited to join us for our March meeting on **Wednesday 20th March at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Carol Parks, a volunteer at Hardy's Cottage, who will be talking about 'Hardy's Life'**. Join us for a cup of tea and cake and take part in the raffle.

Chris Worpole

Publicity Secretary

Wendy Sykes

Thank you to all who attended Wendy's Memorial Service on 29th January at Puddletown Church. Sarah conducted a lovely, happy service that was very reflective of the kind person that Wendy was. It was lovely to see the Church well attended and looking so beautiful. We think Wendy would have enjoyed it!

Over £200 has been collected for Dementia UK with a donation per head also for the poppies we all wore in pride and recognition of Wendy's hard work over the years with the British Legion.

Incidentally, if anyone picked up a fabric poppy on a clip and pin, could you pass it to Sarah the Vicar please? Ironically I lost it on the day and it's extremely sentimental to me!

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Obituary of Benny Hazelhurst

From the *Church Times*.

The Revd Jonathan Sedgwick (Church Times, 25/01/19) writes:

THE death of David John Benedict (always Benny) Hazlehurst on Boxing Day, just before his 56th birthday, robs the Church of England of one of its most generously (and perhaps unusually) talented priests, and Mel, Isaac, and Iona of a much-loved husband and father. As the Dean of St Albans, the Very Revd Dr Jeffrey John, said in his funeral address: “Benny was different. From the start, he knew the length and breadth and height and depth of love, and that gives you an exceptional ability to love others as well.”

Maybe something of the pattern of his life could be foreseen in those of his parents. As Benny delighted to tell friends, his father was a priest and his mother had been a nun. When they met, Irene was on extended leave from St Mary’s Convent in Wantage caring for her mother before making her final vows. They, and Benny, firmly believed that years of trying in vain to have children came to an end only after prayer together at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Benny’s faith and vocation were forged and tested in the challenging parishes in which his father ministered and the struggles that often went with them. But the love of God was always a present reality and especially in this faithful family’s encounters with Charismatic renewal. Benny made faith his own including through the ministry of David Watson, and, aged 16, said “yes” to God’s call to be ordained. So Benny found himself with the faith that never left him: Evangelical, Charismatic, and Catholic.

At Bolton School, in Lancashire, Benny grew in assurance and academic ability, while honing life-time characteristics of independent-mindedness, questioning established views, integrity, a wide taste in rock music, and a wicked sense of humour. After a year as a member of the Scargill Community in North Yorkshire, Benny went up to Brasenose College, Oxford, in 1982 to read maths because, as he said, at interview: “I don’t want to be one of those vicars who only knows about theology.” At Brasenose, Benny encountered the college chaplain, Fr Jeffrey John, as well as Pusey House and the Christian Union (OICCU), on whose executive committee he later served.

He may have put off ordination until 1991, but a flourishing ministry began years before that at school, in parish youth-groups, with Anglican Renewal Ministries, in Hong Kong with Jackie Pullinger, and among the bikers alongside whom he worked as a dispatch rider.

His curacy in Plumstead provided the perfect springboard into the post of Southwark archdeaconry’s estates outreach worker and then Vicar of Christ Church, Brixton. His ministry benefited from his ability to get alongside people in whatever their circumstances, combined with the practical and political intelligence to get things done.

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Marriage to Mel in 1991 brought them both enormous happiness, especially in the birth of their children Isaac and Iona. It also brought a good deal of suffering in the aftermath of Mel's terrible bicycle accident in a Brixton street. His exemplary care for Mel, and hers for him, continued until the day he died.

Benny's Evangelical conviction meant that he always wanted to spread Christ's love and forgiveness, especially with those on the fringes of society, with whom he always felt a close affinity. This led him into a significant new direction when, after a good deal of soul-searching, Benny came to the conviction that God was as present in the love of same-gender couples as in their heterosexual counterparts. Once that conviction had formed, his integrity demanded that he act on it.

He founded Accepting Evangelicals, whose membership runs into the thousands. He supported, counselled, and blessed many LGBT Christians. Benny saw Christ's love and presence in our loves and Christ's pain in our rejection by his Church. Though he stepped back from leadership in 2015, the part that he has played in opening up debate and awareness on these issues among Evangelicals is enormous.

Benny and Mel left London for Dorset in 2005 for parish ministry in Puddletown and then prison chaplaincy. In 2015, he began a new and fulfilling post as Vocations Adviser in the Salisbury diocese.

A gracious, kind, and wonderful husband, father, priest, and friend, Benny touched the lives of hundreds of people, many of whom were present at his funeral in Dorchester on 15th January. He also had the most extensive whisky collection of any priest I know.

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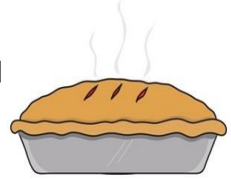
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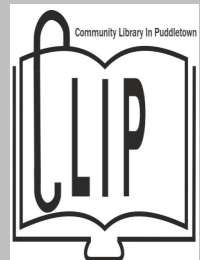
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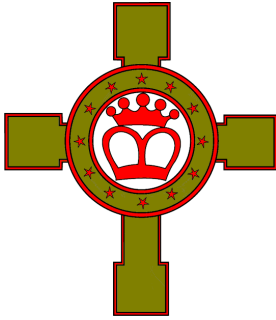
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taste-testing a variety of scone recipes. This activity gives our pupils the confidence to explore and develop ideas and to try adapting basic recipes. They are often surprised at how tasty the scones are, despite being a bit dubious about some of the added ingredients. Years 7 and 8 have been making bread and the alchemy of flour, salt, yeast, water and oil never ceases to surprise and delight the pupils - they especially enjoyed making their own bread roll designs!



Delicious rolls as part of 'Bread Week'

In January Year 5 pupils were off timetable to take part in an exciting day about Growth



Fun at a STEM day for Year 5

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in teams. We were very impressed with the process as well as the end results as the catapults were very creative.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that St Mary's has had much success in sport over the winter. We've been particularly proud of the success of our netball, basketball and rugby teams and were impressed with the spirit shown by the pupils who took part in the Ken Baily races at Bryanston School in January.

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

Here we are in the depths of winter- and so fortunate that we live in such a pretty village with so many friendly faces, comfortable in the knowledge that we can always call on each other for help.

Hopefully we will all be pulling together through the next few months as we have a lot of events planned – raising funds for regular church upkeep and now for our “**Sparks Campaign**” as we need a total rewire of St John's. This work is essential as without a certificate we cannot insure the premises. We are also installing a new heating system and changing the lighting so it is fit for purpose. This may cost around £35,000 as the DAC (the Church Planning Authority) insist – quite rightly - that we use very expensive industrial cabling. And in answer to various queries we do NOT receive any money for this from the Diocese but have to raise it ourselves on top of the £18,000 annual running costs. Phew - this is some challenge, which I'm sure we will meet thanks to all your generosity. Our accounts are of course public and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting at 10.45am on Sunday March 3rd in the Church, at which everybody is welcome and on which those on the Church Electoral Roll are invited to comment.

So what is going on.....

Coffee and Chat Thursday 14th March 10.30am - 12 noon. Several of our regulars are now unable to join us so we will be looking at whether to change the format for this. What do YOU think?

Saturday March 2nd- Skittles for Sparks - at 7pm at The Frampton Arms. Thanks to our sponsors there - Mark and Kerry. There are a few tickets still available from Julie (848027)- £10 to include a hot meal.

Sunday March 24th- Go Fourth - 9.30am in the Church. This is a slightly more informal service with a band at which all are welcome - why not come and give it a try?

Sunday May 26th- Street Fayre. The church will have a special floral display and stall and the church events team are working with the Hall Committee to do refreshments in the hall and a Tombola Stall.

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Finally, we could all make our voices heard and share what we are doing with friends, family and community. Ask our MP what they are doing to tackle single use plastics. Perhaps join the *UN's Clean Seas campaign and Greenpeace's Plastic Pledge*. Find out our own plastic footprint. Perhaps after Lent we may all become more aware of our plastic use and feel able to create some lasting changes.

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Oliver Trevett

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Oliver was a member from his earliest days and a widely respected Branch Secretary of the National Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers (NAAW). He eventually became Chair of the Dorset County Committee of the NAAW and in that capacity welcomed people from all over Britain and from other countries to Tolpuddle from the rostrum at the annual Tolpuddle Rally and Festival. He gave up this role a few years ago. He will be remembered as a trusted friend and wise counsellor.

Tony Gould.



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Joanna will also be running Easy Steps training courses on “How to get funding for your great idea” on 28th March at The Little Keep in Dorchester from 6pm-8pm; “How to make social media work for you” on 1st April at the SafeWise Centre in Weymouth from 6pm-8pm. We are trialling running training in the evening to try and cater for all of you who have paid work commitments work during the day. For more information or to book onto either of these events please visit our website and click on the relevant event. <https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/Pages/Events/>

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Thank you to all the residents who attended our consultation in the Village Hall in January. Comments were overwhelmingly positive and were extremely helpful for our bid for funding from the National Lottery Awards for All Fund. We have now submitted our application and we hope to



be installing the new equipment in the summer, though some of the more urgent repairs will be done this spring.

Spring Tidy Up

We had a busy and enjoyable morning in February trimming the willow tunnel, cutting back the dogwood and pruning the apple trees. It was great to have the energy and strength of three teenagers to help the more experienced volunteer and we all stopped for a friendly chat and homemade cake. We will next be meeting in June to make sure the park is in pristine condition for events in the summer. We'll always welcome new volunteers, no experience is needed!

For further information please contact Martin Cooke 01305 848156 martycooke@aol.com or Rob Brunt 01305 848383.



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Public Houses, Inns and Beer Houses

At the last Milborne Village History Group meeting we heard about how public houses (pubs), Inns and Beer Houses evolved and were subject to all types of legislation from early Roman days in England. A pub is an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic drinks; it is a relaxed and social place. Samuel Pepys described the pub as "the heart of England". An Inn is a building where travellers can seek lodgings and usually food and drink. A Beer House was licensed to sell only beer or cider where the licensed landlord or landlady commonly brewed their own beer or cider and served it out of jugs or straight from the barrel. Often Beer Houses didn't have a bar.

We heard how Milborne St Andrew had 4 establishments where alcohol was served. The Royal Oak has been in the village for a very long time; we believe that the Pure Drop, which is now a home in Milton Road, was a beer house. Another pub was the Cardinal's Cap which was closed down, demolished and turned into a temperance library which was originally in the small building on the corner of Chapel Street. Lastly there was the Crown Inn which was the original building where Crown Court is now. This inn had a blacksmith, a wagon/coach repair facility and stabling for horses; the field opposite (now the village hall land) was used to graze the coach horses.

It was interesting to hear about legislation related to selling of beer and alcohol premises. In 1393, King Richard II of England introduced legislation that pubs had to display a sign outdoors to make them easily visible for passing ale tasters, who would assess the quality of ale sold. These signs would have been pictorial, wording followed many decades later. There was regulation of public drinking spaces in England from at least the 15th century. In 1496, under, Henry VII, an act was passed, "against vagabonds and beggars" and stricter controls were brought in with the Wine and Beer Act of 1869. Since then there have been several different acts in relation to licensed properties.

Linda was able to find out who in Milborne St Andrew held the licences in several of the establishments and it was interesting to hear how widowed women often became the licensee after their husbands had died.

Our next meeting is in March when we may hear more about the history of the development of Milborne village as it is today.

Pam Shults—Milborne St Andrew

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St Andrew's Church News

March heralds another busy time in the church's year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March with the Imposition of Ashes benefice service which will be held in St Mary's, Puddletown. All are welcome.

During Lent, St Andrew's will be holding Thursday evening Compline at 6p.m. in church; anyone is welcome to attend these short but comforting services. There will be also be another Lent course run by Sarah on Tuesday evenings throughout these special weeks.

This year the Parochial Church Council have arranged for a speaker from WaterAid to expand on their Lent initiative during our Parish Communion service on the 10th March. They hope that when people 'give up for Lent', the money that they would have spent on those items, will be gifted to WaterAid. You don't have to be a church-goer to join this scheme and do contact me if you want to know more about it and how to donate. My contact details are on page 29.

At the end of March, the team will be leading the Mothering Sunday service starting at 9.30a.m. Mothering Sunday was originally a time when people returned to the church, in which they were baptized or where they attended services when they were children. This meant that families were reunited as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. In time, it became customary for young people who were working as servants in large houses, to be given a holiday on Mothering Sunday. They could use this day to visit their own mother and often took a gift of food or hand-me-down clothing from their employers to her. In turn, this moved towards the modern holiday, on which people still visit and take gifts to their mothers. We hope to see many people at this service in church to remember and thank God for mothers, mothers-in-law, grandmothers, step-mothers and our 'mother church'.

Previously I wrote about how St Andrew's hopes to take up the Church of England's challenge to become an Eco Church; I invited anyone from Milborne St Andrew who thought they could help by becoming an 'eco-warrior'. One person has come forward and has started looking at areas where we can be more socially and environmentally aware and will make recommendations. Watch this space for updates.

Our Events Committee have organised a presentation in church on the 23rd March. Helier Exon will talk about the history of Milton Abbey. Do contact me if you are interested or want to buy tickets.

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Ninebarrow are a Dorset folk duo, who have won many awards and impressed audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition. Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath-taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles. As well as crafting unique and engaging original material, Ninebarrow also take a wide-range of traditional folk songs and rework them in their own, distinctive way.

Most recently, the duo were nominated in the 2017 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in the category for Best Emerging Artist. Their third album 'The Waters and the Wild' highlights how their inspired song writing is ever evolving. Awarded 5-stars in both *The Morning Star* and the English Folk Dance & Song Society's *EDS Magazine*, the album has received airplay on BBC Radios 2, 3, 6 Music, Wales and Scotland. Folk luminary, Mike Harding, has hailed it as 'absolutely monumental' and in June 2018, the album reached Number 2 in Amazon's Folk best-seller chart. They are touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's touring arts charity.

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SUNDAY 3rd March - 2 pm

Tarrant Crawford

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

Grid reference: ST 923035 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4 miles)

WEDNESDAY 20th March - 11 am

Droop and Stoke Common

Meet outside St Mary & St James Church, Droop, Hazelbury Bryan.

Grid reference: ST 754084 on Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6.5 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

SUNDAY 7th April - 2 pm

Tolpuddle

Meet near the Martyrs Inn, Tolpuddle.

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

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Future Dates:

Sunday 7th April - Tolpuddle Village Hall

Sunday 5th May - Milborne Village Hall

Sunday 2nd June - St Mary's Church, Puddletown

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Dewlish Church Notes

After a quiet January we now look forward to our plans for Lent and Easter.

The **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held at Puddletown Church on 6th March at 6.30pm.

Mothering Sunday this year is on 31st March and our service in Dewlish Church will be at 11.00am when we hope to give out posies to our Mums and Grannies. Please join us; we would love to see you and your family.

Jim will be taking **Evening Prayer** each Thursday, beginning on 21st March until Maundy Thursday when we will hold our **Agape Supper** in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Sarah is holding **Lent Group meetings** on Tuesdays, beginning on 12th March at 7.30pm in Puddletown Church Room. These meetings will be based on the TV series *Broken*, and each episode will be followed by discussion.

We are also holding our **Lent Lunches** in Dewlish with donations being given to Water Aid. We suggest a donation of £5. The dates and venues are as follows:

- 14th March Dewlish Village Hall at 12.30pm
- 21st March "Uptop" at 12.30pm
- 28th March Elm View at 12.30pm
- 4th April Parsonage Farmhouse at 12.30pm
- 11th April Dewlish Village Hall at 12.30pm

Finally, an advance notice of our **Spring Sale** which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 13th April, 10.30am – 12noon. Further details next month.

National Trust People's Landscapes: Meet the artist preview event

Tolpuddle Village Hall 19th March 7pm

Come along to a preview event to meet the acclaimed artists Bob and Roberta Smith who are working with the National Trust this year to celebrate the Tolpuddle Tree. Find out more about the events going on around the Tree this summer and how you can be involved. This event is free and is aimed at those living in and around Tolpuddle.



Rebecca Pavely

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Death Café

Death is the last taboo and many people feel uncomfortable talking to their family about this subject. However death will come to us all. For the fourth year, United Church Dorchester are holding a Death Café. Here you will be able to talk to funeral directors, a solicitor about wills, probate and lasting powers of attorney and find out about a woodland burial. Age UK Dorchester, the Weldmar Hospice and Cruse bereavement counselling will also be there to answer questions. Revd Brenda Stephenson will be available, as well as Director of Music Heather Reed. This is an opportunity to ask those questions that have been worrying you, talk to organisations about what you should do to prepare, how to help others before death and through the grieving process.

The event is on Saturday March 16th from 10am to 12 noon in the United Church hall, South Street, Dorchester. Refreshments will be available, as well as lots of chocolate cake.

Everyone is very welcome.

A Poem by W. A. Ward

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing the sentimental.

To reach for another is to risk involvement.

To expose your ideas, your dreams, before a crowd, is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk despair.

To try is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

The people who risk nothing, do nothing, have nothing, are nothing.

They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, live.

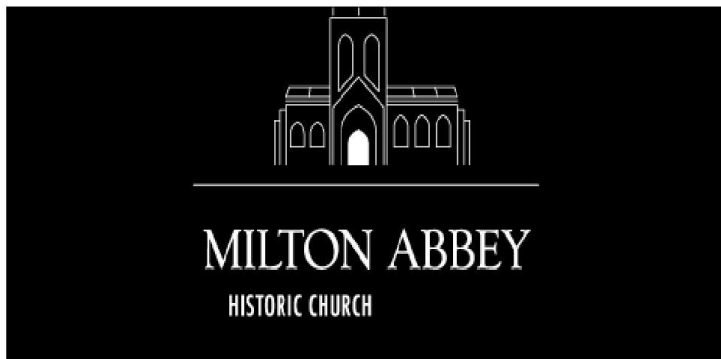
Chained by their attitudes they are slaves; they have forfeited their freedom.

Only a person who risks is free.

Submitted by Ken Mills, found in Ben Fogle's autobiography.

St Mary's, Puddletown—March 2019

Intercessors		Scripture Readers
3rd	Bob Todd	Shirley Parker
10th	Family Service Team	
17th	Cynthia Metcalfe	Paul Fleetwood
24th	Sandra Drake	TBA & Dawn Loveless
Flowers		
3rd	Heather Mears	Sunday Next before Lent
10th	No Flowers	Lent 1
17th	No Flowers	Lent 2
24th	No Flowers	Lent 3
Coffee		
2nd Sunday of every month—Family Service Team		
March: Bob Todd		
(Please let Jean know of any problems over dates.)		
Brasses		
Jackie Burden		
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Lent	Bishop's Fund for Sudan	
Mothering Sunday	Mosaic	
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Services in the Benefice— March 2019

3rd March – Sunday Next before Lent

Psalm 99, Exodus 34.29-35, Luke 9.28b-43

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

6th March – Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51.1-18, Joel 2.1-2, 12-17, John 8.1-11

6.30pm	United Benefice Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	Puddletown
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10th March – Lent 1

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16, Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Luke 4.1-13

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30am	Methodist United Service	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

17th March – Lent 2

Psalm 27, Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18, Luke 13.31-35

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	1662 Morning Prayer (Said)	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion + APCM	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

Thursday 21st March

12.00noon	Lunchtime Communion	Puddletown
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24th March – Lent 3

Psalm 63.1-9, Isaiah 55.1-9, Luke 13.1-9

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Parish Communion + APCM	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

31st March – Mothering Sunday/Lent 4

Psalm 34.11-20, Exodus 2.1-10, Luke 2.33-35

9.30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Milborne
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Dewlish

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