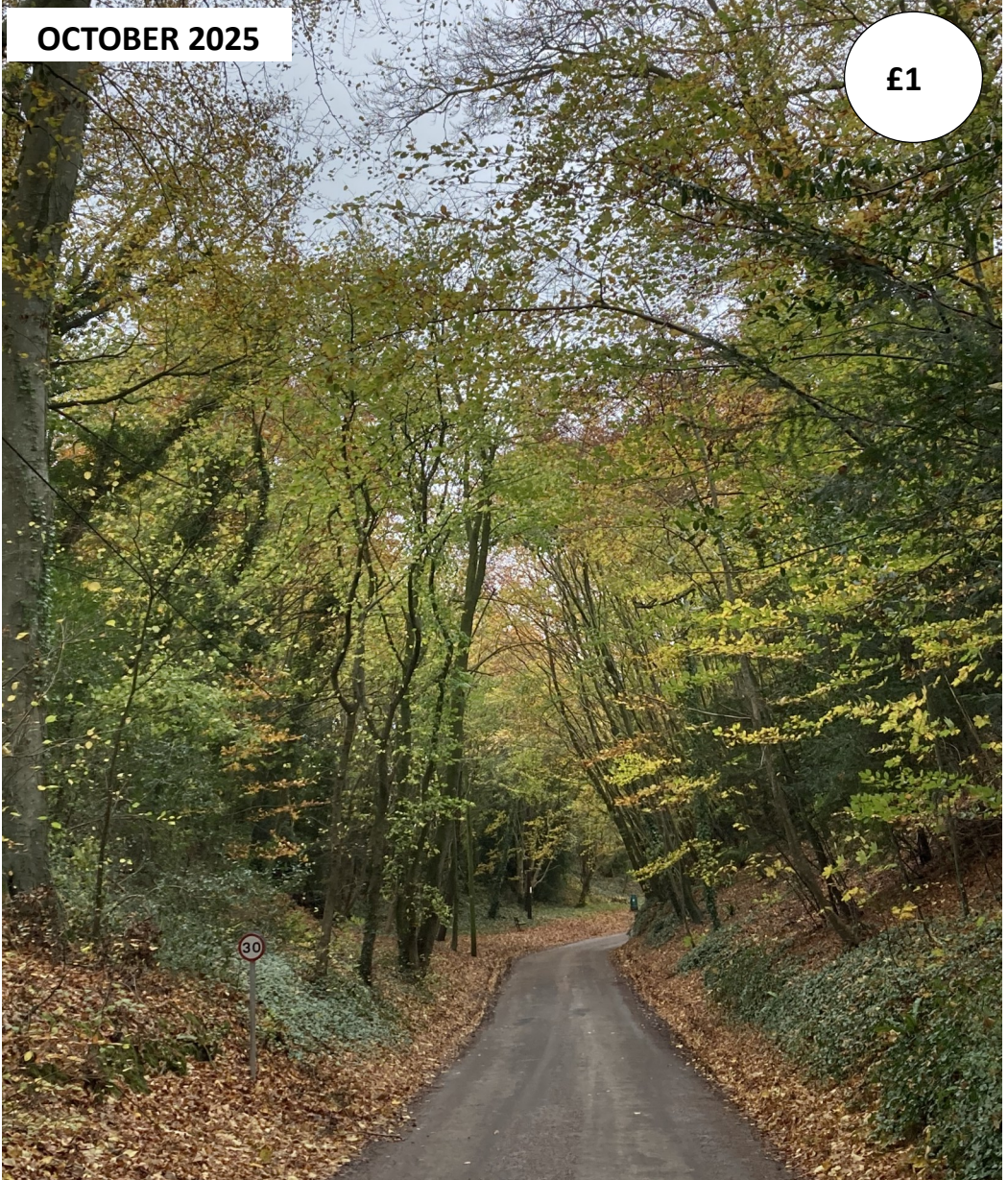


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As usual, October is the month when we hold our Harvest Festival services. Harvest is always a special time in our villages. You don't need to look far to see the signs of it: tractors and trailers on our roads, stubble fields glowing in the evening light, and barns slowly filling with this year's crops. For those who work on the land, the long hours and hard work of the past couple of months have been very real, as are the relief and satisfaction when the grain is safely in. Many farms finished harvesting earlier than normal this year; the yield and quality of crops across the country this year has varied, but many farmers have been affected badly by the lack of rain. Gardeners will have found the same with some of their fruit and veg, though blackberries, apples and some other fruits have been in abundance on trees and bushes.

For me, Harvest Festival is always about two things: gratitude and dependence. Gratitude, because a whole host of people and factors contribute to the food I eat. I don't grow it myself, so without them I would be hungry.

Farmers and gardeners sow and tend crops with great skill, but ultimately we rely on things outside our control - sun, rain and the turning of the seasons. It's good to pause and express our gratitude for the things we so easily take for granted: food on our tables, community around us, and the beauty of the countryside where we live.

Dependence can be harder to admit. We like to think we're self-sufficient, and most of us work hard to be just that. Yet Harvest Festival reminds us that we are always, in the end, dependent - on the land, on each other, and above all on God. It's not weakness to acknowledge we need each other, but something to celebrate.

When we bring our gifts into church at Harvest, whether tins for the foodbank or produce from the garden which is auctioned off to raise money for charity, it's like an act of prayer. We're saying thank you for what we've received, while recognising our dependence on others and on God for all that we have.

In our generosity, we are also enabling others to receive the gifts of creation that they may not otherwise be able to access. I am reminded of Gandhi's wise words: "the earth provides enough to satisfy everyone's needs, but not everyone's greed".

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Rosemary's cards will be available at coffee pop-in on Thursday 16th October.

Prayer Group This continues to meet in the church room on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 until 11.30am. All are welcome.

The Village Lunch will be on Monday October 13th at 12 noon in the Village Hall. We will be serving chicken pie followed by the usual yummy puddings. This must be booked in advance. If you haven't yet booked your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or 07795 066239 or phone Jean on 848211.

The Ride and Stride sponsored walk took place on Saturday 13th September. A merry band of 6 walkers and 3 cyclists set off from St Mary's church in Puddletown to visit as many historic churches as possible. To our great surprise, and in spite of the weather forecast, the sun shone and the waterproofs stayed in our rucksacks! We were made very welcome at all the churches we visited and were plied with cakes and coffee to give us strength for the next stage of our walk/cycle. Our walkers covered 5 churches and 6 miles. Our cyclists managed a rather greater distance of course. Many thanks to everyone who has taken part in any way at all. The next stage is to gather in all the money, half of which will come back to Puddletown and half will go into a central fund that will give grants to local historic churches.

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NEWS OF THE FRIENDS OF PUDDLETOWN CHURCH

The Friends of Puddletown Church (FOPC) held their annual meeting on June 19. The well attended and lively meeting welcomed Andrew Deans as the new Chair, and Bob Todd, Jill Temple and Janet Nassim remain as Treasurer, Communications Officer and Secretary.

The Friends were pleased to hear that we now have a section on the Church Website, thanks to Jill, and to Emma Hughes, PCC Secretary. The site includes information on Friends' activities, important dates, and how to join. (<https://www.puddletownbenefice.org/friends>.) The Treasurer presented our financial situation together with progress on implementing existing grants, and discussion of potential future projects. The amount 'in hand' had benefitted over the past year from a very generous, anonymous donation and from a fund-raising garden party. There was brief discussion of the rise in the minimum monthly donation from £2 to £5 and general agreement that this was necessary given rising inflation reflected in grant costs - the first such rise given the founding of the FOPC in 2008.

More generally, readers might be surprised to learn that over the years some £50,000 has been expended on FOPC grants to St Mary's. Examples of the diverse range are the printing of the Guide Booklets to the Athelhampton Monuments, improved lighting on the path to the Church Room, support for the repair of the Church tower bells and a new altar table for the North East chapel. If you would like to become a Friend of the Church, available to everyone in the community regardless of religious persuasion, you can find membership forms in the church, in the library and by email to: friendsofpuddletownchurch@gmail.com. Membership includes a twice yearly Newsletter with articles on aspects of Puddletown history and current events. The annual meeting is followed by a talk - this year by Daniel Cantrell, a church architect who has lately been responsible for the mandatory five-yearly surveys of the fabric of St Mary's. These talks are open to all members of the community. The meetings end with refreshments - a social gathering.

The next Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, June 25, 2026, either in the Church or in the Church Room if audio-visual equipment is needed.

And, please mark your calendars for an important 2026 event. Next June, on the 13th and 14th, the Friends will revive the Open Gardens biennial event which used to be a great fund raiser for the Church. If you opened your garden, helped in the past, or would like to help, please contact the Friends via the email address above.

Finally, the Friends offer their condolences to the families and friends of long-standing members Shirley Parker and Caroline Wood-Homer who died earlier this year. They will be much missed.



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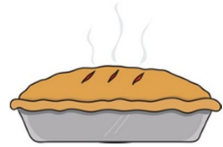
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Well, the long awaited rain came and what a difference it has made, the brown desert-looking grass fields are back to a lovely rich green with the grass growing as though it was spring. We have a few patches of brown still where I think the grass has completely died out but these are only small and it does not warrant a complete reseeding. As the soil was warm and the grass had gone dormant when the rain came, everything took

off, all the cover crops suddenly germinated and have grown rapidly, at the moment faster than the slugs can graze them. It looks promising that we may be able to cut some more grass for round bale silage if it continues to grow at the rate it is now.



With concerns of being short of winter forage we have managed to retain thirty three acres of maize for ourselves to cut and clamp which we can feed to the older cattle to eke out the winter rations and it will be a good feed when it is mixed with our rolled barley. The maize is still to be cut as the grains on the cobs are still a little moist and they really need to be hard. The rest of our maize was cut at the beginning of September and will be used to feed the Biodigester that is producing electricity for Poundbury.

On the arable side all the cover crops are drilled, some of the maize stubbles have been cultivated and some have a cover crop in readiness for the next crop. We have one field of grass seed to drill up here by the yard after the maize with a view of grazing it during the winter, and then cutting it for silage hopefully next April, with the plan for the field to be drilled back into maize straight after!

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One unfortunate problem with the lack of grass for the sheep was that the green acorns become palatable, and after digesting too many, poison the sheep and eventually kills them! This has not been a problem in the past with the sheep grazing this field for many years unaffected, but lack of grass and the oak trees producing so many acorns this year it has been a very old and forgotten about casualty of this hot summer.

We are busy now with the autumn influx of bought-in calves mostly sourced from the autumn calving dairy herds, all wanting their milk twice a day, so back to the chewed fingers whilst trying to train some of them to drink from a bucket rather than suck a teat!

Wakely Cox

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As is usually the case, the school remained very busy throughout the summer break. Once again, the fabulous Mrs Doak and her dedicated team of staff, ran our annual summer school during the first week of the holidays. Over 40 Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a wide range of activities, from swimming to planning and making the refreshments for a picnic for parents and siblings. The family picnic on the school field was a lovely way to round off the summer school. Massive thank you to all the children for being so fabulous and to the staff for giving up the first week of their holiday

to make it such a success. We are very grateful to Dorset Council for providing us with the funding to run our summer school. Over the summer holidays we also had solar panels fitted to the roof of the school hall to further reduce the school's CO2 footprint and reduce our energy bills. During the last few weeks we have enjoyed enough sunshine to generate roughly half of the school's electricity needs!



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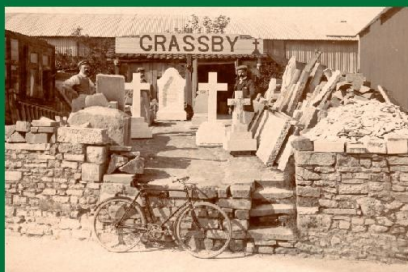
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Thank you as always for your valued support and very best wishes to all our pupils and their families for a happy and successful term.

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The RSPCA has warned pet owners to be 'extra vigilant' after a 30 per cent increase in airgun attacks against cats.

One cat was shot five times in the leg and belly. Another had her spine fractured by a bullet. As one owner demanded: "How could someone do this to a poor, defenceless animal?"

But recent data from the RSPCA reveals hundreds of such incidents against pets over the past three years, involving air guns, catapults and crossbows. Kent and Greater London has had the most, followed by Durham, Essex, Cheshire, Hampshire, West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Somerset and West Yorkshire.

A spokesman for the RSPCA said: "It is unspeakably cruel and totally unacceptable to shoot animals for fun – or to harm them for target practice."

But wood pigeons and swans have also being often targeted. As one resident in Kent said: "It's just ridiculous how bad it's getting. You'll see an average kid here wanting to throw stones at a bird for absolutely no reason whatsoever, and the thing is they seem to have no fear of anything. They're very vile individuals."

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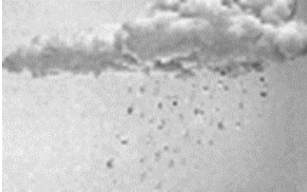


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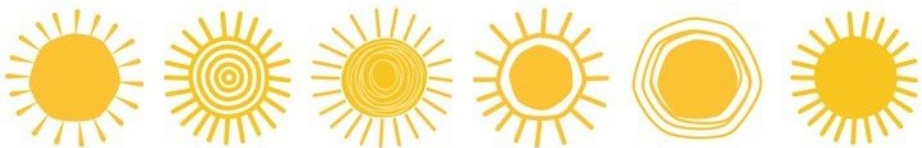


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	Cumulative for the year	439.80mm
	2024 Rainfall for the month	57.60 mm
	2024 Cumulative for the year	572.40 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 33.10° C Min. 6.10° C
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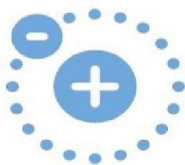
‘We appreciated feedback from those that came along and what they feel is important to feature – from dog walking maps to exercise classes and how to book the village hall’ said Sarah

If you have any queries or would like to contribute please email
puddletownvillage@gmail.com
The site will be launched very soon, so watch this space for details.

Ride & Stride 2025

On Saturday 13th September a group of us, plus 5 dogs, set off from St. John’s as part of the annual Ride & Stride event in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, from whom we have recently received a grant towards the cost of repairs to our leaking roof. The weather behaved and we all enjoyed a lovely walk, including meeting up with walkers from Puddletown at St. Edward’s church in Athelhampton. We also received visits to St. John’s from lots of other Ride & Striders throughout the day. Many thanks to all who have donated to our fundraiser for the event, all our walkers and those who provided drinks & cake in the church all day.





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St John's Church Tolpuddle October 2025

The months roll by so swiftly and here we are in October already. Last month saw a dramatic end to the heat of Summer as heavy rain storms lashed us. Luckily the storms held off until the children were back at school - and now they are already looking forward to half term.

Ride and Stride took place on a lovely warm day, despite a wet and windy forecast. A good number visited our church to enjoy a cool and pleasant rest with refreshments of biscuits, tea and squash on offer before Striding off again. To date we have raised a very good sum of £390, 50% of which goes to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and 50% comes back to us. See report and pictures elsewhere in this magazine.

The Living Churchyard continues to look beautiful with the wild flowers going to seed during the late summer and then cut back ready for a new reflowering next spring. The final autumn clearing took place at the end of last month, but Moreton will always welcome some more volunteers. If you can offer some time, please contact him on mortimusmaximus00@gmail.com

More wild flowers have been in evidence within the church itself, beautifully arranged as always by Marion. Sadly, as she will be leaving us very shortly, we will not be able to see her beautiful decorations much longer. As a finale she has created a wonderful arrangement of dried flowers on the pedestal which we can enjoy for some months to come. If there are any budding flower arrangers out there, who could spare some time to help keep the church decorated, please contact me on jayne.brayshaw9@yahoo.com.

We celebrated **Harvest festival** at the end of September; it was a wonderful family occasion with lots of input from our local children and a chance to sing all our favourite autumnal hymns. The produce we collected was taken to a local food bank.

Our **Harvest Supper** will be on Saturday 11th October. This is a great evening when the whole community gets together to celebrate village life. As usual tickets are selling quickly - as I write this we still have a few left. Anyone still wanting one, please contact me on jayne.brayshaw9@yahoo.com or Heather Saunders on heather@heathersaunders.co.uk

Our regular services at the church continue, although not always very well supported, but we continue to hope that we can attract new people. Each month on the first and third Sundays at **9:30am** is the traditional **Parish Communion** service. On the second Sunday we have an evening **Sunday Reflection** service at **5:30pm**, this is a quiet time for peace and reflection, with poetry, music and readings, a calm way to finish the weekend. On the final Sunday we have the appropriately named **Go Fourth** service at 10.00am - this

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Jayne

Joan Trevett – a reminder of a life well lived.

Pamela Joan Trevett who was always known as Joan who lived at 1, Memorial Cottages in Tolpuddle, died last month having lived in Tolpuddle with her late husband, Oliver, for many years. Joan was born in Winterborne Clenston nearly ninety-three years ago within sight of where she was buried. Her father was killed at the battle of El Alamein in the Second World War when she and her brother were young. Her mother came back to live with her parents in Dorset.

Oliver had a very prominent position in the National Union of Agricultural Workers and Joan did her utmost to help him in this work which he undertook alongside his work on the farm. In particular people will recall how she helped at the annual Rally in Tolpuddle which in those days only took place on the Sunday. She and other stalwarts ran the tea tent and served tea and cake to local families who usually came for the day.

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'Cowboy' cosmetic procedures

The Government has announced a crackdown on what it calls 'cowboy cosmetic procedures' amid growing concerns about unqualified people carrying out high-risk treatments, with little or no medical training.

Some treatments have caused serious harm. Many victims of botched procedures have been young women who have been influenced by adverts on social media, and as a result have suffered burns, infections and nerve damage.

Under the Government proposals only specialised healthcare providers that are registered with the Care Quality Commission will be able to perform procedures such as non-surgical 'Brazilian butt lifts'.

There would also be stricter oversight for lower-risk cosmetic treatments, such as Botox injections, lip fillers and facial dermal fillers, through a planned local authority licensing system. People administering these procedures would be required to meet rigorous safety, training and insurance standards before they can legally operate, with practitioners who break the rules being subject to enforcement and financial penalties.

New restrictions are likely to prevent high-risk cosmetic procedures being carried out on under-18-year-olds without the authorisation of a healthcare professional. The Chartered Trading Standards Institute has commented that age restricted sales could be taken further, such as making a clear UK-wide minimum age for all high-risk aesthetic treatments. This would mirror existing protections for tattoos and sunbeds, and help prevent young people from being exposed to dangerous beauty trends promoted online.

Better regulation of the products used in these treatments might also be included in any new law. Many injectable substances such as fat-dissolving agents and intravenous drip skin lighteners are sold online with no checks on safety, legality, or medical suitability. Regulation could allow removal of unlicensed, untested, and unsafe products from online marketplaces and social media platforms.

The new law will be subject to public consultation and parliamentary review before being introduced. It's likely that Dorset Council Trading Standards will be given a role to help protect people further under any new law.



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Notes from St Andrew's

Autumn has arrived with a vengeance. No sooner than we were wondering how long the heat would last, before someone flipped the switch, and the rain and winds arrived.

We celebrate harvest thanksgiving on Sunday, 5th October, with a Service at 9:30, led by Tony. All are most welcome to attend. Gifts of produce and goods suitable for "Nourish" (the Blandford Foodbank) can be taken to the Church on Saturday, the 4th, or brought along to the Service.

We say a huge "Thank you" to those who responded with such generosity to our appeal for funds to repair the floors in the toilet cubicles. We are incredibly grateful and will be organising a thank you in due course.

On Saturday, September 13th, the first Wedding in two years took place at St Andrew's when Richard Pye married Molly Ryan. Richard has long associations with the village, as he is a Grandson of Betty and Jim Miller, who farmed Goulds Farm for many years. Sarah was on holiday, so the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Keith Magee, Rector of St Peter's, Dorchester. The Church had been decorated in Autumn colours, complete with Oats from the family farm, under the direction of Chris Garside of Briantspuddle. Chris's mum, the late Joan Herridge, was one of the decorators for the 'Meditation in Flowers' Festival which took place in 1967! The Altar frontal used was one which came from a redundant church in North London. It is attributed to G.F. Bodley, a famous Victorian architect and designer. Tony played the organ, and a group of singers from the village sang "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" during the signing of the Marriage Document. They received a round of applause and received encouraging reviews at the Reception. The bells pealed forth before and after the Service. Thank you to Robin Mears for organising a team of ringers. We wish Richard and Molly every happiness in their life together. Keith Magee returned to celebrate the Parish Eucharist the following day as we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Cross.

We are grateful to Nicola Pye, Richard's mother, for paying for damp treatment and painting in the Church, and to Richard Andrews for conserving and repainting the east wall of the Chancel. It has made the church a much lighter and more welcoming place. We are grateful to all our benefactors and supporters who enable the life of St. Andrew's to continue.

We welcomed Isaac Arthur Roper into the Church by Baptism. We pray for him, his parents, Godparents, his brother, family and friends. Sarah conducted the Service and gave the Baptismal Candle, whilst Tony played the organ and presented the Bible on behalf of the Church Community.

We offer our sincere condolences to Peter and the family of Carole Fornachon, who died recently. Carole was very active in the village, and her presence and wisdom will be missed.

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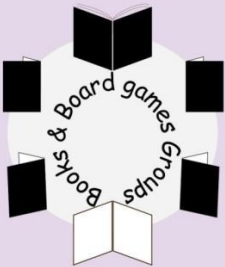
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But thou eternal Father
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Tony (Churchwarden)

Milborne Pétanque – ça va!

Throughout the summer a merry band of ‘boules buddies’ has been playing rain or shine (fortunately, mainly shine – sometimes flipping hot). The giant cat litter tray is being well and truly used for its intended purpose!

It’s a game that keeps us all guessing – will the next throw be a disaster or bang on? The unpredictability of our efforts produces squeals, shouts, suspect muttered exclamations, spats between spouses, fist pumps and tactical directives from team members from ‘don’t aim for the jack – knock their nearest boule out of the way’ to ‘the next throw could jeopardise our win – throw wide’. Most importantly, it produces a great deal of fun.

One player (for the purpose of this article, let’s call her ‘Anna’) managed to ping the jack right out of play. “It’s not giant tiddlywinks, Anna!” This called for general discussion and a re-visit to the rules.

Thank goodness the VH had the foresight to build a double court. Interest is expanding to the extent that most weeks both courts are being used simultaneously. Our happy band continues at 2pm on Thursdays (other days and times available). Do come to watch or have a go. Remember, all equipment is provided by the VH. Email: milborne.petanque@gmail.com for arrangements to borrow equipment.

Penny Pearce p.p. Boules Buddies



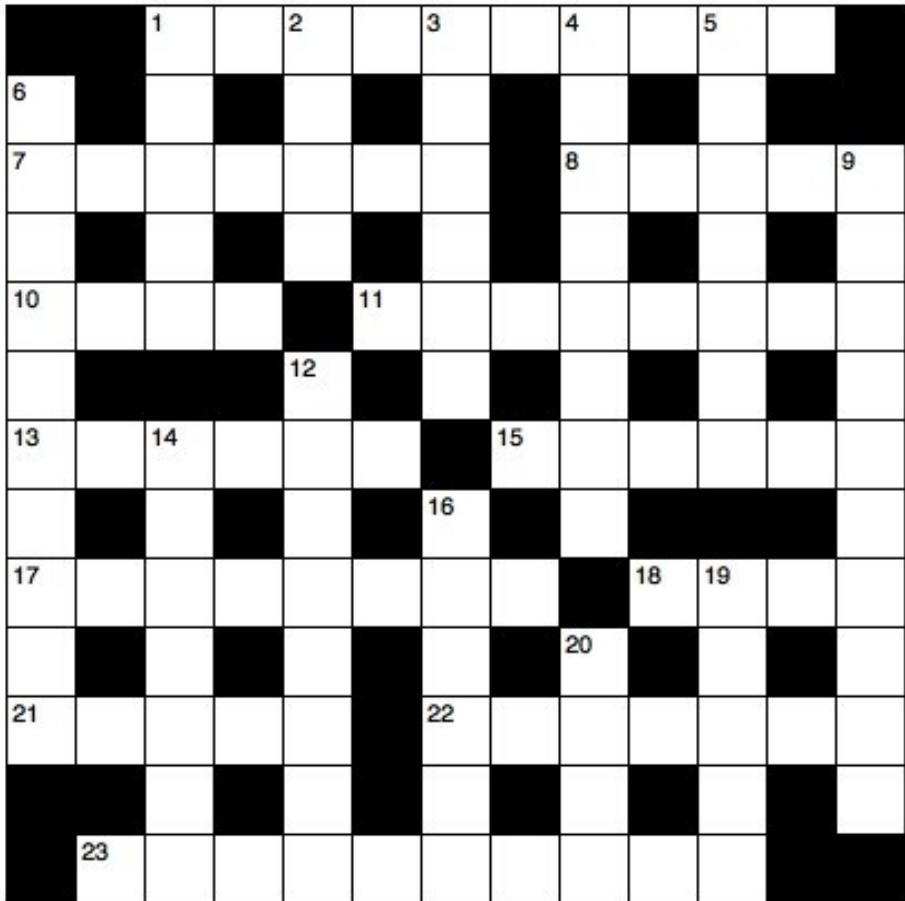
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across



Answers to last month's crossword puzzle.

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.



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The Nicene Creed: The Person of the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

This month we are considering what the Nicene Creed says about the Holy Spirit.

'We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life': The original version of the Nicene Creed ended simply *'We believe in the Holy Spirit.'* However, the phrase *'the Lord, the giver of life'* was added to counter the teachings of Macedonius (Bishop of Constantinople), who viewed the Holy Spirit as a creation of the Son. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity who shapes us, according to Christ's image, through His fruit and gifts: *'the Spirit gives life...we are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.'* (2 Corinthians 3:6,18).

'who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified': In the late 6th century the Latin churches added the phrase *'and the Son'* (the Filioque Clause), which was rejected by the Orthodox Churches. Augustine described the Spirit as *'love proceeding'* from the Father and the Son, so we can know God: *'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.'* (John 15:26).

The Creed is clear that the Holy Spirit is due equal status and worship with the Father and the Son, as a distinct divine person: *'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'* (2 Corinthians 13:14).

'He has spoken through the Prophets': Why does the Creed include this activity of the Spirit? It is not just referring to the OT prophets, but the whole of Scripture. He has inspired Scripture, so that we have God's word communicated by human writers: *'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness'* (2 Timothy 3:16). When we read the Bible, the Spirit enables us to hear what God is saying to us.

In what areas of life have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in you?



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Dewlish Church Notes

AUGUST has been a busy month in the church: we had the glorious wedding of Elsa and Michael – many congratulations! –and then there was the Pop-up Market stall which was a great success, raising £300 for church funds. Thank you so much for the many donations of cakes, produce, jams, etc. and also many thanks to our wonderful helpers on the day.

At the end of the month we held our Benefice Farm Service, led by Sarah and hosted by Sue at Parsonage Farm. This was followed by a bring-and-share lunch – delicious, as always! A huge thank-you to Sue and her family for all their hard work, and for supplying hot drinks for us all. Although the weather was windy, the rain, thankfully, held off! The collection has been donated to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I.).

And now to October. Please don't forget our **Harvest Festival Service** which will be held in the church at 6.opm on Sunday 5th October. Donations of produce will be most welcome. This will be followed the next evening by our **Harvest Supper and Auction** in the Village Hall, starting at 7.opm. The supper costs £9 (£5 for children), and we invite you to bring your own drinks. Andrew will once again be conducting the auction, and the money generated will be donated to WaterAid so please give generously! Hope to see you there!

Daphne Burg

Animal Welfare Sunday

This year, Animal Welfare Sunday falls on Sunday 5th October, which is the nearest Sunday to St Francis' feast day on Saturday 4th. It is a good opportunity to thank God for the animals, and to consider how we might help them.

Christians have been involved in animal welfare reform throughout history. For example, even the RSPCA – the first animal protection society, was founded by an Anglican priest – the Revd Arthur Broome. But many well-known Christians such as C S Lewis, John Wesley and William Wilberforce also spoke out against animal cruelty.

As the Psalmist says in Psalm 148, animals in their amazing variety of species were all created for the glory of God and to praise His name. They were not created for our exploitation and domination.

But sadly, Creation has been abused, and it continues to be abused today. The economics of providing us with low-cost chicken, pork, beef and milk can too often result in cruelty towards millions of animals.

These days, The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals works to raise awareness of animal welfare issues within the Anglican Church and the wider Christian community. If you want to help the welfare of animals in some way, please visit: www.aswa.org.uk



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In 2024, we asked for your ideas on what should be included in the plan. Thousands of people took part, and your feedback helped shape this draft. Now we want to know—have we got it right?

Your views are really important. They will help us make sure the final plan reflects what matters most to local people, businesses and communities. We want [your thoughts on the plans](#),

(www.consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/transport-planning1/dorset-bcp-local-transport-plan-survey/)

but we want your stories too so we can bring the consultation to life!

Public consultation on the draft strategy and implementation plan will run from 18 August to 13 October 2025.

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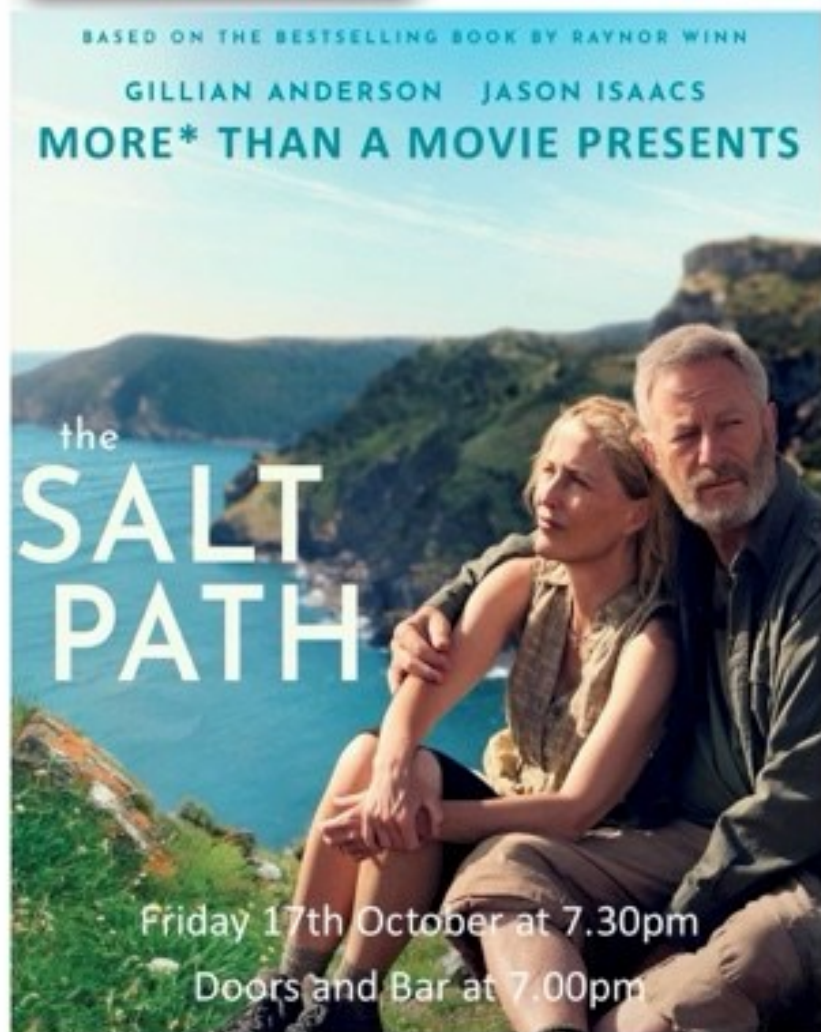


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A Warm Invitation to Milborne St Andrew Friday 17th October

Friends from nearby villages are warmly invited to join us at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall for our next Milborne Movies screening: *The Salt Path*.

Based on the bestselling memoir by Raynor Winn and starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs, this moving story follows a couple who, after losing everything, take to the South West Coast Path – a journey that passes through many landscapes familiar to us here in Dorset.

Come and enjoy a night out on the big screen for just £6.50, which includes a drink or ice cream. A perfect evening of film and friendship, without the hassle of travelling far!

Friday 17th October at 7.30pm (doors and bar open at 7.00pm)

Milborne St Andrew Village Hall, DT11 0JX

We'd love to welcome our neighbours from surrounding villages – bring your friends, enjoy the bar, and settle in for an inspiring film in good company.

Spine-tingling family theatre in Dorset this October

Touring Dorset this autumn with Artsreach, Squashbox Theatre's latest show *Shivers & Shadows* is a deliciously spooky treat for families.

Monday 27th October, 2pm – Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Follow Craig as he explores a creepy old mansion inherited from his eccentric great Uncle Vladimir. What spectres stalk its corridors, what eerie figures move through the forest, and what strange creature lurks in the cellar below?

Shivers & Shadows is a fast-paced, inventive performance brimming with puppetry, tall tales, live music, comedy and just the right amount of spooky silliness. A perfect half-term outing for families with children aged 6+.

Fancy dress encouraged – with prizes for the best!

Optional post-show shadow-puppet workshop (£4 per child, booking essential).

Part of the Artsreach autumn programme bringing professional performances to rural communities across Dorset.

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Services in the Benefice		
5th October - Harvest Festival/Trinity 16		
Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35 - Harvest - Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10 - Trinity 16		
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Harvest Festival	Milborne
6.00pm	Harvest Festival Parish Communion	Puddletown
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Dewlish
Monday 6th October		
2.30pm	Milborne First School Harvest Festival	Milborne
Thursday 9th October		
2.00pm	Puddletown First School Harvest Festival	Puddletown
12th October - Trinity 17		
Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19		
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle
19th October - Trinity 18		
Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8		
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish
26th October - Bible Sunday		
Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 15.1-6; Luke 4.16-24		
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00am	Go Fourth Harvest	Tolpuddle
11.00am	BCP Matins	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

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