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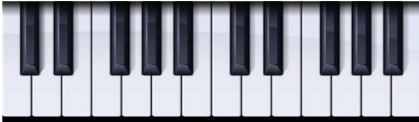


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Lent – life and death

As Lent wends its way towards Holy Week and Easter, the thoughts of many Christians turn towards the death and resurrection of Jesus, having been reminded of our own mortality at its beginning on Ash Wednesday when we hear the words, “You are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.”

Mortality is not something we tend to think too much about unless we or someone we love reaches the point when death is on the near horizon. And we can approach it in differing ways.

Reflecting on our mortality can lead us to celebrate life or fear death. We have only one life – so often that only reality hits when we become aware how limited our own span of days has become.

When we live with fear, we cannot properly experience love or joy or beauty, for fear limits our life and makes it nothing more than existence.

I came across a poem by Mary Oliver (Pulitzer-prize-winning poet), which highlights a way of living life to the full:

When death comes

When death comes
like the hungry bear in autumn;
when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse
to buy me, and snaps the purse shut;
when death comes
like the measles-pox,
when death comes
like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,
I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering:
what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?
And therefore I look upon everything
as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,
and I look upon time as no more than an idea,
and I consider eternity as another possibility,
and I think of each life as a flower, as common
as a field daisy, and as singular,
and each name a comfortable music in the mouth,
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When it's over, I want to say all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.
When it's over, I don't want to wonder
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.
I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,
or full of argument.
I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

Lent is not all about doom and gloom; its discipline and self-sacrificial side is about enabling us to live more fully the life we have been gifted from God. And what better way can there be of that than embracing the life we have been given?

With best wishes
Sarah

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Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee mornings in the church room on Thursday 9th March. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look. Through the sale of her cards Rose-

mary is helping to support the Church Room.

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

Craft Group This is a new venture in the Church Room, it will be held once a month over a Thursday lunchtime from 12.30pm, the next date will be 9th March. Contact Margaret Rickard for more information at margaretmary227@gmail.com or by phone 01305 849332

Lent begins at the end of February and runs through March. There will be 2 courses running. The first – 'Women of Holy Week' will be from 2.00pm – 3.15pm on a Monday at the Royal Oak in Milborne St Andrew. The second, in the Church Room Puddletown, will be based on 'West Side Story'. Using scenes from the film the course authors provide reflections and questions for discussion.

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 13th March 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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The cattle yards are continually being cleared out to stop the heat and bugs increasing, with the muck being hauled and tipped in the fields in big piles to be pushed up and left to rot down to make some good fertilizer to spread on the land before we drill the crops.

At the beginning of February we have been able to drill the last of the winter wheat behind the mustard and turnip fields that the cattle had grazed off



in December. It was a case of being patient, first all the rain and then the frost took a while for the fields to dry out enough for the machinery to travel over them without creating too much compaction and damaging the soil structure.



The spring barley seed has all been cleaned with the mobile seed cleaning lorry which has augers, elevators, sieves and fans to move the grain around taking out the very large and very small grains, hopefully any weed seeds and lighter pieces of straw to leave us a ton bag of regular sized seed ready to drill.



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Wakely Cox

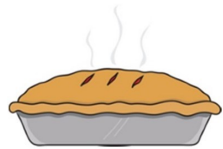
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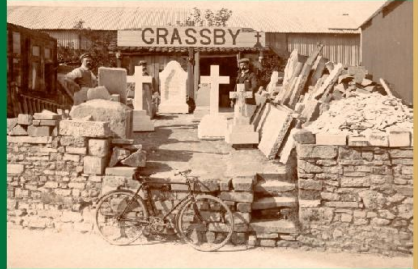
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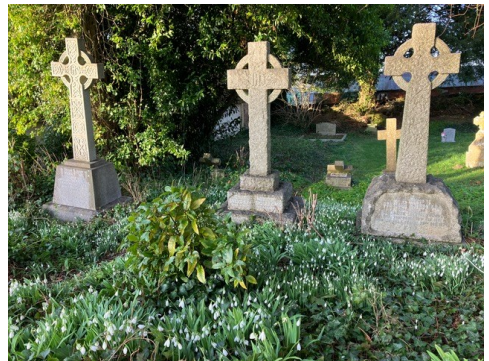


St John's Church Tolpuddle March 2023

I write this at the beginning of February - the sun is shining, the churchyard is full of snowdrops, the floods have receded and we are very much hoping that spring is not too far away. Our team of helpers have already started the churchyard spring clean -

although sadly without the help of Phil who has been such a stalwart over the last few years. I am sure they will always welcome more help. Other unsung heroes of St John's are Marion who is our florist, Jane who keeps the mice and spiders at bay and Adrian who does everything else - holder of the key, mender of cupboards, trundler of the bins etc etc.

What has been happening in the church since Christmas? We have held regular services and also held the Benefice Service here with a Bring and Share lunch afterwards - this was a good opportunity to swap ideas and find out how other churches are faring with the increased energy cost etc. We will hear



more about our church finances at the Annual Church Parish Meeting on **Sunday April 16th** which will be in the church at 10.45am - do join us there.

We are well aware that despite many regular donations we still need to raise enough money not only to fund the church but also to be in a position to give at least 5% of our income to charity, as suggested by the Church Council. Last year we managed to donate 7% of our turnover to various charities including Dorset Historic Churches Trust, Ukraine Appeal Fund and the Childrens Society - this is always specified before any event as it needs to be kept separate from church accounts. Julie Bonner has already approached Tom de Witt at the TUC to arrange another Car Boot Sale in aid of the church and Cancer Relief.

Our Church Camping Team are already advertising and will soon be open for business- there have been several articles in the national press this week including Robert Crampton who spent a rather uncomfortable night on a rickety camp bed in Essex. They do say that any publicity is good publicity but we will invite him to come to a "luxury" facility here in Tolpuddle!

The village are making plans to celebrate the Coronation and planning other events. TEC have their own entry in this magazine so you can keep up to date, as I believe there will also be an update on the Pub. I would like to take this opportunity to say what a worthwhile resource is the Parish Magazine - that is where we look for plumbers etc as well as church news!



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We are looking towards Lent which begins on February 22nd and wondering how we can address this – should we give something up or even take on a new worthwhile challenge. Perhaps even thinking you might try one of our church services!

Hilly/Jayne

An open letter of thanks from Sasha , Luda and Tetiana Goiman/Kalynovski to Tolpuddle residents

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Friends, we thank you all for the help and support you have given to our family. It is impossible to describe in words, from the first day we felt that we were in a family that we have known for many years. Thank you for helping us set up our new home.

From the first days of the war, I constantly asked myself why this is happening, why God does not help to quickly defeat this evil - Russia, which attacked our country and deprived us of our usual life. Why do Ukrainians and children die every day, and to be honest, there was a period when it seemed to me that there was no God. But now I know for sure that God exists, and if he takes something, he gives much more. Now I am sure that God has chosen the Ukrainians as those who have the power to defeat - this is evil - Russia. And for those who are forced to leave their home, God gave the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with such kind people as you. I won't stop saying that we learn kindness from you every day.

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On 4th March there will be a Bingo night in the Village Hall. Doors open at 18.30 with 'eyes down' at 19.15. Entry will be £5 per person to include 3 books, and tickets can be obtained by emailing tolpuddleevents@gmail.com. All details are on the village website events page.

The Coronation weekend (May 5th-8th) will be an exciting time in the village, with several events planned to take place in Orchard Meadow. We will start the celebrations on the Friday night with a ceilidh, and there will be a community gathering for all the family on the Sunday with food, music and merrymaking all day. Again, further details will be available on the website (tolpuddlevillage.co.uk) in due course, but make a note in your diary!



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Milborne St Andrew's Church News



At the beginning of February, we said “Goodbye” to the Christmas Season, and by the end of the month, we had entered Lent, those “Forty days and forty nights” when we prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week and Easter. We welcomed the Archdeacon of Sherborne as our Celebrant at the Eucharist on 12th February, when Margaret, the Benefice “Lay Reader”, preached a challenging sermon.

A gentle reminder that Christmas wreaths etc., should now be removed from graves before they grow in and become a hazard when Paul begins cutting the grass for the new season.

“For one Night Only” used to be an advertising slogan for special events when I was in London; in this case, it is “For one Service only”. On the first Sunday in March at 9.30, the Celebrate Service will be an act of Morning Prayer/Morning Worship led by the Churchwarden, as members of the Celebrate team are away. On Wednesdays during Lent, the Office of Compline (Night Prayer) will be said in Milborne Church at 6 p.m. This is a short devotional service with a hymn or two. We hear a lot about “giving up” things for Lent, but we need time to draw closer to God and recharge our batteries. As one prayer expresses it, “As the days lengthen and the earth spends longer in the light of day, grant that we may spend longer in the light of Your presence, O Lord.” Attending the short service of Compline, or one of the Lent courses (see elsewhere in the Reporter) can be a way of doing just that.

Some of you will remember Fr. John Spruyt and his wife, Paddi, who did so much for the Church here in Milborne and Dewlish in the 1970s. Paddi celebrated her 97th birthday at the beginning of February. She lives near her daughter, Katie, in Gloucestershire. Greetings were sent from Milborne.

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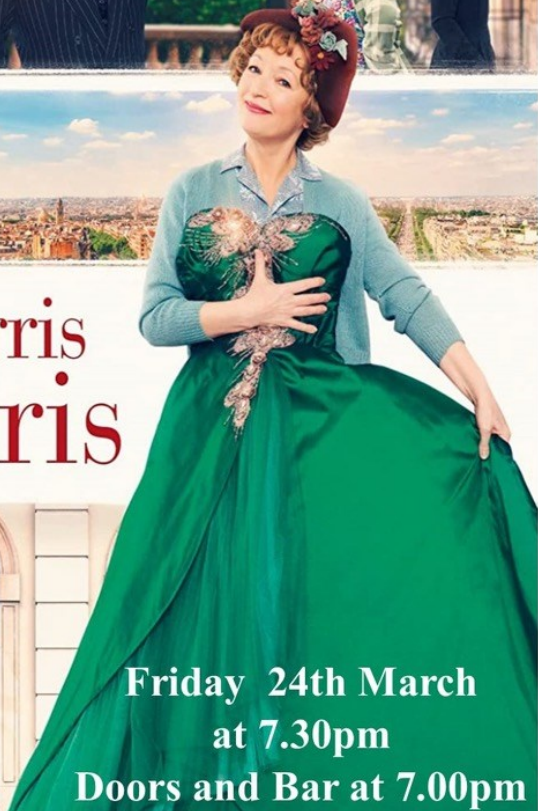
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Our topic in February was Chinese New Year. We talked about the animals and read a story of the competition they had to cross a river. The crafty Rat won but did he cheat by riding on the Ox's back? We made lucky red envelopes and included a chocolate coin for good fortune. Then we tried making fortune cookies which proved to be a little tricky but tasted good. Role play was a Chinese restaurant with wool noodles and chopsticks. At snack time we ate real noodles having investigated some dried noodles before adding hot water.

We had a wonderful day looking after an orphan lamb. 'Happy', a one-day old lamb, spent the day at Ladybirds. The children learnt about lambs and how to look after her. Some helped to feed her a bottle and tried not to make loud noises and frighten her. Happy was as her name says and contentedly moved around the room, following children, frolicking, and bleating. Like any baby she was fed, had her nappy changed and lay on a towel under a table for naps.



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To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, our school hosted its first Milborne Breakfast. A chance for our families to come together, eat croissants, drink coffee and have a good old natter! It was a really special morning enjoyed by all and a lovely way to start the day. We're hoping to make this a regular thing, so watch this space!!!



Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club - More sun or more rain?

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It is with great sadness that the Abbey Swimming Club has had to permanently close after over 30 years as a Community Swimming Club.

The Abbey Swimming Club, located at the Milton Abbey School Pool, had its first swimming session on Tuesday 14th June 1988. The club was run solely by volunteers – including volunteer lifeguards, volunteer swimming teachers and all committee members. For almost 32 years (until we were forced to close in March 2020 due to Covid-19) we held around 4 swimming sessions per week for our members – all from the local community. Our members ages ranged from a few months to the over 80s.

For over 30 years we also ran children's and adult's swimming lessons, and for many years diving lessons, toddler swimming lessons, and aquafit. We had 'adult only' swimming sessions and monthly 'fun and floats' swimming sessions, to cater for all ages. We held regular galas at the pool – both fun galas and competitive galas – to cater for all abilities. We had close links with Milton Abbas surgery and offered 'back to fitness' sessions for surgery referrals. The club was also a valued social club for all members. Throughout the years the club held regular social events to raise funds, such as New Year's Eve barn dances, summer barbecues, skittles evenings and quiz nights. Since 2001 we were actively involved with the Milton Abbas Street Fair and ran the cream tea stall. The whole swimming community came together at these events. After COVID the club was hoping to re-open at the Milton Abbey School Pool as before. Unfortunately, under new safeguarding rules, Milton Abbey School would only allow the club to access the pool during some school holidays. After much searching we were unable to find an alternate pool that offered us the 'community club' that we previously had. So, sadly, the members voted to wind up the club in September 2022.

On the evening of Wednesday 18th January 2023, a farewell reception was held at the Milton Abbas Reading Rooms. The club assets have been distributed to local charities chosen by club members and the following cheques were presented during the evening:

£7000 to Wimborne Wagtails – A Dorset based Swimming Club for the Disabled. The cheque was received by the Club Chairman, Julian Vernon.

£7000 to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The cheque was received by Becky Heath.

£7000 to Weldmar Hospicecare – A Dorset based charity providing specialist end of life care. The cheque was received by Marie Notley.

£2000 to Milton Abbas Street Fair. The cheque was received by the Chairman, Freddie Robinson.

Representations from each organisation were present and said a few words of Thanks and described how much the donation would mean for their organisation.

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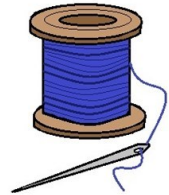
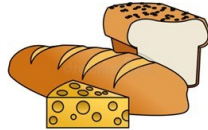


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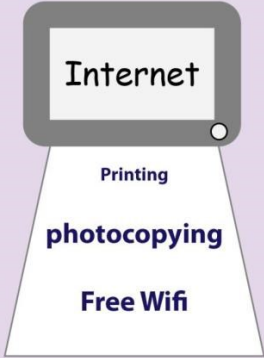


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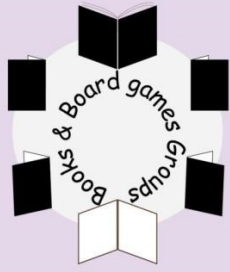
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Dewlish Church Notes

AFTER a very quiet – and cold and wet! – January we are now looking forward to Spring! We have things planned for Lent which, by the time you read this, will have already begun.

Each Thursday, beginning on 2nd March, Jim will be leading **Evening Prayer** in the church, at 6.30pm.

We are holding three **Lent Lunches**, which will consist of soup, bread, cheese, grapes and a hot drink. The money raised (minimum of £5, please) will be donated to WaterAid. The dates and venues are as follow:

7 th March	Parsonage Farm	at 12.30pm
14 th March	Uptop	at 12.30pm
4 th April	Dewlish Village Hall	at 12.30pm

Please come and support a really good cause, enjoy good food and meet up with other people in a friendly atmosphere.

There are also two **Lent Courses** available. The first one, “**Women of Holy Week**”, based on a book by Paula Gooder, will be held in the Royal Oak at Milborne St. Andrew on Mondays, 2.00pm – 3.15pm. These sessions will be led by Maggie, our curate. The second, “**A Place for Us**”, based on the film, *West Side Story*, will be held in the Church Room, Puddletown, at 7.30pm. This commences on Tuesday 28th February so I hope interested people will get their Parish Magazine in time to attend and see the film.

Our **Spring Sale** (for church funds) has been planned for Saturday 25th March, in Dewlish Village Hall, 10.30am – 12noon. Our stalls will include New Items, cakes and produce, toys, Easter goods and a raffle. Coffees, teas, and hot cross buns will be available so please come and join us. Donations to stalls etc. would be most welcome.

Daphne Burg



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To find out more please telephone Helen on 01305 265072 or email office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk. You can see more about the work we do on our website www.homestartwestdorset.co.uk.

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Services in the Benefice

5th March - Lent 2

Psalm 121; Genesis 12.1-4a; John 3.1-7

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Morning Worship	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer	Dewlish

12th March - Lent 3

Psalm 95; Exodus 17.1-7; John 4.5-42

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

19th March - Mothering Sunday/Lent 4

Psalm 34.11-20; Exodus 2.1-10; John 25b-27

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

26th March - Passion Sunday

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37.1-14; John 11.1-45

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

Monday 27th March

1.45pm	Milborne First School Easter Service	Milborne
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Tuesday 28th March

2.00pm	Puddletown First School Easter Service	Puddletown
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Wednesday 29th March

9.30am	St Mary's CE Middle School Easter Service	Puddletown
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