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Autumn Days & St Mary's Warm Space

Autumn is my favourite time of year. I love the changing colours of the trees - the deep red, yellow and orange of the leaves; the crunchiness of leaves underfoot; looking for conkers; spotting the red and orange berries in hedgerows; the evocative smell of bonfires; crisp mornings; and low mist hanging over the hills and valleys. What's not to love?!

For some people though, as the summer comes to an end, the leaves fall from the trees, the days become colder, shorter and darker, autumn serves as a reminder of the coming winter months, and a sense of dread sets in. Many people find the winter months very difficult. With the cost of living crisis still ongoing, people are continuing to struggle with paying their bills and buying food, and now there will be the added worry of being able to keep warm as well. People go out less and become more isolated and lonely.

Due to the success of St Mary's Warm Space, which started at the end of January this year and ran through to the end of May, we will be opening up again on Wednesday 4th October. If you haven't been before, do come along and join us in the church room, in St Mary's churchyard. We will be open from 10am - 3pm for warmth, good company, laughter, tea, coffee, biscuits, soup, fun, games and crafts. There is no charge, and any donations that are received are put back into the running of it.

Our lovely team of volunteers look forward to seeing you there - old friends and new.

With all good wishes, Maggie

BENEFICE PRAYER GROUP

Janet Voke and Sue Turner warmly invite you to join them for a time of friendship and prayer for all of us in the benefice.

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

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

Do come and join us.

Prayer Requests

If anyone has any prayer requests for the Benefice Prayer Group, please contact:

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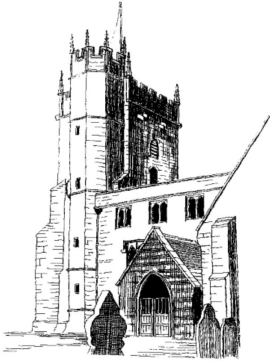
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Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee morning in the church Room on Thursday 12th October. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look.

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

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

Craft Group continues on Thursday 5th October 12.30. Please bring your own scissors. If you would like to book your place then please contact Margaret margaretmary227@gmail.com or 01305 849332.

The Village Lunch will be on Monday 9th October from 12noon to 1.30pm We shall be serving beef casserole 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.

Warm Space returns every Wednesday from 4th October from 10am to 3pm in the Church Room.

SECONDHAND BOOKS - CESSATION OF DONATIONS

Thank you to all those who have contributed to church funds by bringing their no longer wanted books to be sold in St. Mary's Church.

That initiative has now ceased as we have been inundated with offerings and have run out of space to store them! So, please do not donate any more books.

If you are unaware, there is a bookshelf at the back of the church under the balcony with various titles for sale at 50 pence each, and you can pay by using the card reader or by placing your donation [in](#) the wall safe by the main door.

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| 22nd Oct | Margaret Rickard | Judy Bumby & Geoff Hawkins |
| 29th Oct | Benefice Service at Milborne St Andrew | |
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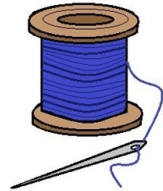


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The grain quality and quantity has been surprisingly good off the combines considering the weather conditions, and we have sold a few of lorry loads of the spring sown barley for malting, which is always satisfying. For malting, the grain has to have the right grain nitrogen quantity and be of high germination and only a few small grains in the sample. We take samples from each trailer load that



comes in from the field and then send it off in a sample bag to the grain buyer who then tests it and comes back to us with the results; then we discuss the price they will pay and the preferred movement month. When the grain leaves the farm and arrives at its destination, another sample is then taken from the lorry and tested. We then get paid the agreed price less any deductions for moisture and quality around 28 days after the grain is collected.

With all the rain the crop becomes very dusty, so the combines need a good clean off of all the chaff and straw to try to stop the vermin from making a nest over winter and chewing their way through the electrics!! The straw is rather dark and brittle and so not partially good for church harvest festival arrangements!





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Wakely Cox

8th September 2023



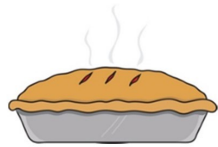
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May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in the world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

Amen

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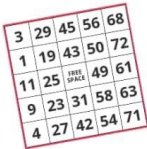
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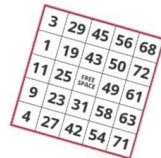
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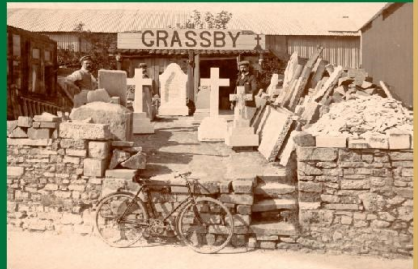
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|  | Rainfall for the month | 70.50 mm |
| | Cumulative for the year | 570.90 mm |
| | 2022 Rainfall for the month | 9.90 mm |
| | 2022 Cumulative for the year | 292.10 mm |
|  | Temperatures | Max. 26.90° C Min. 7.80° C |
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St John's Church Tolpuddle October 2023

We, the churchwardens of St Johns, regret our previous comments about The Old Chapel Trust. These were not meant to offend any individual. They were born of uncertainty regarding TOCT's aims and aspirations.

We were delighted to be invited to TOCT's meeting on September 25th and to hear about their plans. We very much look forward to working together with the trustees over the coming months for the benefit of our whole community.

What of St John's? We have had a busy month with Jayne and Hilly participating in Ride and Stride - their husbands joining them for a glorious walk which they carried out early in the morning of Monday 11th September. Saturday itself was rather hot and humid, which we thought might put off a lot of the Riders and Striders. However, we still had a good number visiting and they enjoyed a cool and pleasant rest in the church with refreshments of biscuits, tea and squash on offer before Striding off again. We hope to have raised a good sum for Dorset Historic Churches Trust- indeed our Just Giving website is still open for donations- www.justgiving.com . We will be delighted to receive 50% of this sum back for OUR church to supplement that raised through the Church Camping Team- who have again seen a good year and have had so many splendid reviews from the guests. They are winding down now as the church is a bit too chilly during the winter for all but the hardest of campers..

Meanwhile I would like to remind you that the sum up machine is now in a permanent place in the church to receive card donations to help with the upkeep of our church.



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Another fundraising initiative was organised by the TEC Team – **Music in the Meadow**- finally the sun shone upon us and a good time was had by all, and what a pleasure to be outside in the cool of the evening after the hot day beforehand. The line dancing was a particular success, with the cowboy hat trophy for the most enthusiastic dancer being won by Alice Saunders. As ever we are grateful to the team from TEC and everyone else who put in so much work to make the event a success. Any event relies on volunteers and we are always looking to welcome others into our group- please contact Ian Cray ian.cray@maidenvideo.co.uk or Sue Van Baars susanvanbaars@hotmail.com. We will need lots of help at **our Bonfire Party** to be held on November 3rd- weather permitting.

However, before then we will be celebrating the Harvest- with the **Harvest Supper** to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday October 7th. This is always a very popular occasion- there might or might not be any tickets available by the time you read this- but always worth contacting Hilly hilcobban@gmail.com or Julie julie.bonneroo@gmail.com to see if there are any cancellations.

The very next day we will be holding our **Harvest Festival at 5.30pm on Sunday October 8th** – although this evening service is usually a quiet time for peace and reflection, with poetry, music and readings, we will be making an exception for this important festival so that we will still be able to sing all the favourite autumnal hymns. There will be a collection for Water Aid, which of course becomes more and more relevant as our world heats up and droughts become more frequent. Any goods brought into the church will be given to the Local Food Bank- and do remember that we have our very own food bank in the church for anyone in need.

What of the friends of St John's? It is with great sorrow that we report the sudden death of Pam Figueireiro, so soon after Phil, and offer our prayers for Maria and her brother. We were all very concerned to hear of Adrian's accident and are delighted that he is now making a good recovery.

A final reminder to you all of our services through October- we do hope that one of these services will suit you- we are so fortunate that we can offer such variety-

October 1st- Communion- 9.30am

October 8th- Reflection on the Harvest- 5.30pm

October 15th- Communion -9.30am

October 22nd- Go Fourth and Coffee- 10.00am - a cheerful, friendly time with live music by the band and singers

October 29th- joint service for the benefice held at Milborne St Andrew

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Hilly and Jayne

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As I sit writing this on the hottest day of the year, it seems odd to be saying we are busy planning autumn and winter events - Christmas seems far off but we are well underway with arrangements for December! But before then there are several events to look forward to - Harvest Supper with delicious home made food and quiz will be on Saturday 7th October and tickets are selling fast so hope you've got yours. Firework night will be in the TUC field on the 3rd/4th or 5th November, depending on the weather. On December 9th the Village is running a Christmas Fair with stalls in the Village Hall, and the annual Christmas 'Light Up' - so we hope everyone will join in by decorating their houses for this. More information will follow nearer the date. Other new dates for the diary are St John's Christmas church carol service on Sunday 10th December at 5.30pm, and also village carol singing on Sunday 16th December with a live band.

Looking ahead to next year events include: Quiz and Chips, Bingo, Craft Fair and Pet First Aid talk. We are also looking into having Film Nights for adults, and Kids Film Club on Saturday mornings.

For further information and contact details see the Tolpuddle and Southover Website www.tolpuddlevillage.co.uk and go to the Event Listing and also Regular Activities and Classes pages. There is a wealth of information - up to date and including listings from other organisations too.

Mandy

Tolpuddle Music in the Meadow

Who would have expected the 9th September to be the hottest day of the year? It was also the date chosen for our annual Tolpuddle community get-together 'Music in the Meadow'. Live music was performed by Lisian, Ian Cray and Lisa Guglielmi, to entertain us while we sat in the sunset eating a delicious Simon Sturt Special curry with all the trimmings, or a Liz Gulliver deluxe burger. Beer, Wine and Cider was also served by Glenn at the bar. When night fell we were encouraged to join in Anna Gibson's Line Dancing which was enormous fun. Then more music followed as we sipped a nightcap under the stars. Thanks also to all the TEC committee for behind the scenes efforts to ensure a good time was had by all.

Mandy

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TOLPUDDLE TIDY AND LITTER PICK

Wondering what to do with the extra hour when the clocks go back? Why not join us for the Tolpuddle tidy and litter pick on Sunday 29 October 10.00 – 12.00. We will meet outside Orchard Meadow.

All equipment including high vis jackets will be provided but please wear appropriate footwear.

Although many villagers litter-pick as they walk it's surprising how much litter we collect as a group on these occasions. Children are very welcome accompanied by an adult.



Julia Johnstone

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Milborne St Andrew Church News

I am writing this on the first day when it feels as if Autumn has arrived after our welcome but unexpected heatwave.

The seasons come and go. In his famous hymn, Henry Lyte speaks of “change and decay”. They can be seen as two sides of the same coin. To live is to change; to stagnate is to decay. I’m reminded of the story (apocryphal?!) of a Bishop visiting a Parish where the Churchwarden had been in post for 40 years. “You must have seen many changes during your time in office?” “Ah!” said the Churchwarden, “And I’ve opposed every one of them!” What is the definition of a Pillar of the Church? Someone who holds everything up – only joking!

We celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 1st October, when Tony will lead Morning Worship. All are welcome – “Come, ye thankful people, come!”

Recently, a Skittles evening was held at The Royal Oak. And we are planning a “themed meal” at the Royal Oak in October.

We offer our condolences to the families of those who have died recently – Veronica Edwards, George Thorner, Mark Brady, and Caron Redding. We pray that they may rest in peace and that their families and friends may find strength and comfort at this time.

At the end of October, as is our custom, when the month has five Sundays, the Benefice comes together in one of our Churches. This time, it is Milborne’s turn to host. We will offer the Eucharist (our Thanksgiving) at 11:00, and then we’ll join one another in a Bring and Share Lunch. In a world that sometimes appears to be completely random and lost, we still have so much for which we can be thankful. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Tony & Pam,
Churchwardens*

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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

The start of another school year.

Well, here we are again – September – the start of a new school year. Last years older children have started school and the younger ones are now our older children. Some are missing their big friends while others announce proudly, they ‘are big’. All is relative as the new starters do seem very small. With the Governments pledge to fund all 2-year-olds it seems many parents are looking for nurseries for them. If you are, book well in advance:- our colleagues in Dorchester already have a waiting list and are offering less than the publicised 15 hours a week. Ladybirds have limited spaces for 2-year-olds but are still open for booking.



We have had a visit from Liz H’s guinea pigs with all the children having an opportunity to hold and stroke them. The children are learning about the importance of washing hands, being kind to animals and how to take care of them. I must say the guinea pigs were very well behaved and spent the rest of the morning asleep under their blankets.

The weather has been glorious so there has been much outside play involving water. We are gradually washing all our toys with the children’s help. Some have also washed the glass doors – sorry Hall! The old favourite of the playhouse was put up and repaired - some being resourceful by standing on the window ledge to reach the roof. Well done children, good work and we look forward to more busy adventures throughout the year.



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Kelly Haggett (Secretary)

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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

After a lovely autumnal visit to Knoll Gardens in September, our speaker for October is Steve Jeffries of Dobbies Garden Centre. His talk is titled 'Autumn Colour', so, if you'd like to know which plants to choose to extend the life of your garden into autumn (Steve often brings plants to demonstrate his choices), do please come along to the Milborne St. Andrew village hall on Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm.

The cost is just £2 to non-members and includes light refreshments.

Mark Johnson



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Puddletown Village Hall, High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester, DT2 8RX

every Thursday 9:30am-11:30am during term time

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Warm Space!

Every Wednesday in Puddletown Church Room.

From 10am until 3pm

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Bring your knitting or craft... Come and do a jigsaw... Read a book...

All welcome!

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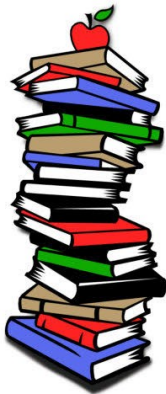
We are looking to recruit singers of all voice ranges, especially sopranos.

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

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

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

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



FRIENDS OF PUDDLETOWN LIBRARY

(Registered Charity 1154773)

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Wednesday 4th October 2023

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

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

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

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

email: puddletownlibrary@gmail.com



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Do you know your cross-wheel from your Singleton,
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Saturday 18 November 2023 10:30 – 12:30

Cross Wheel Development including colour, patterns and beads.
Follow-on workshop from Basic Dorset Cross Wheel Cost £25

Saturday 2 December 2023 10:30 – 12:30

Dorset Button Making Christmas Decoration
Suitable for all. Cost £25

All materials and equipment will be provided.


To book your place on one or more workshops, please go to Ros' Folksy site at
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Find out more about Ros and her crafts at www.rosatkinssmockingdorsetbuttons.co.uk

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Look up and around for pin badges of hope



Ring the Changes



Poetry Writing Workshops at Tolpuddle Old Chapel

One-off workshop

Saturday 14 October 2023 at 10:45am – 12:45pm Cost £25

3 sessions workshop

Thursday 19 October 2023 Each workshop at 7:00 – 9:00pm

Thursday 26 October 2023 Cost £75

Thursday 2 November 2023

If you have ever wanted to have a go at writing a poem or if you have been writing poems but fancy a little inspiration, come along to Beth Brooke's poetry workshops. You only need to bring a notebook and a pen (or laptop/tablet if you prefer. Please note there is no internet or wi-fi in the Chapel).

The broad theme will be *change*, be that the change of the seasons, the changes as we age, the changes in the world and changes in feelings.

To book your place, please email deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org

About Beth Brooke

Beth is a retired teacher and has had poetry published in a number of print and online journals as well as in several print anthologies. Her debut collection, *A Landscape With Birds* was published by Hedgehop Poetry Press in 2022 and her new collection *Transformation* is due out imminently.

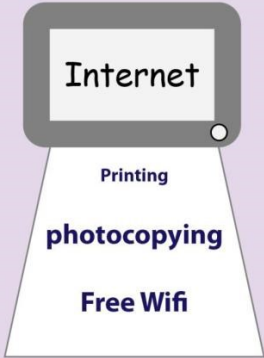
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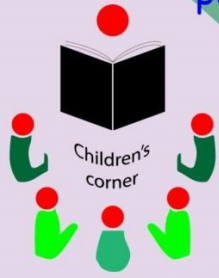
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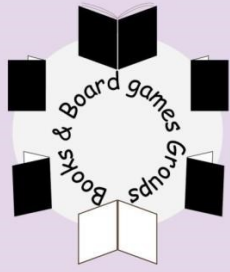
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The library welcomes
new volunteers
to help run the library



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

Dewlish Church Notes



THANK YOU so much to all those who supported our Pop-up Market Stall on Bank Holiday Monday. I am delighted to say we raised £255, and this will go towards paying the cost of insurance for the church.

The cakes were delightful – thank you, ladies! Many thanks, too, to all our helpers, to those who provided the wonderful produce and, especially, to Maisie and Bertie who donated half the takings on their bead craft stall. That was so kind.

Our **Harvest Festival** is on Sunday 1st October at 6.00pm. We would be very grateful for any gifts of produce. Please leave them in the church porch, or at the back of the church. We look forward to seeing you at our thanksgiving. After a tough start, the gardens have been full of wonderful vegetables and flowers. We hope that the farmers have had a bountiful harvest too!

We are holding our **Harvest Supper** and **Harvest Auction** on Monday 2nd October in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Please could you let Marg or Daphne (Tel: 01258 – 837466) know if you would like to come so that we have a rough idea of numbers to be catered for. The proceeds from the auction after the supper will be donated to WaterAid.

Daphne Burg



The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows



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Services in the Benefice

1st October - Trinity 17/Harvest

Trinity 17: Psalm 78.1-4,12-16; Exodus 17.1-7; Matthew 21.23-32

Harvest: Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9.6-15; Luke 12.16-30

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| 9.30am | Parish Communion | Tolpuddle |
| 9.30am | Harvest Festival | Milborne |
| 3.00pm | Holy Baptism | Tolpuddle |
| 6.00pm | Harvest Festival | Dewlish |
| 6.00pm | Harvest Festival | Puddletown |

Saturday 7th October

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| 1.30pm | Marriage of Daniel Robertson and Sophy Davies | Puddletown |
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8th October - Trinity 18

Psalm 19; Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20; Matthew 21.33-46

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

15th October - Trinity 19

Psalm 106.1-6,19-23; Exodus 32.1-14; Matthew 22.1-14

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| 9.30am | Parish Communion | Tolpuddle |
| 9.30am | Worship in Stillness | Milborne |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Puddletown |
| 11.00am | Family Service | Dewlish |
| 2.30pm | Wedding Anniversary Blessing Service | Milborne |

22nd October - Trinity 20

Psalm 99; Exodus 33.12-23; Matthew 22.15-22

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

29th October - Bible Sunday

Psalm 119.9-16; Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5-6, 8-12; Matthew 24.30-35

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| 11.00am | United Benefice Holy Communion (Bring & Share Lunch) | Milborne |
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