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<u>Lent – a time for refreshment</u>

Lent for the past two years has been overshadowed by lockdowns and other restrictions because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. This year, most of those are gone, to the great relief of many.

Lent recalls the time Jesus spent in the desert being tempted. Wilderness times are often periods of reflection and development. Though we may not always enjoy them

while we are deep in their midst, they help us to recognise what is really important in life and what we need to make time and space for in order to ensure a high level of wellbeing.

One of the things that faith holds out for us is hope. However much we may feel there isn't anything left to live for, it can remind us that even in the darkest times we do have a future. Sometimes others have to hold that future for us -I know during my times of deepest depression I was certainly not able to see anything beyond the darkness that enveloped me - but hope is always there even when we can't find it on our own.

Fortunately, most of us are not at rock bottom most of the time, though I'm sure we all have good days and less good ones: days when we feel on top of the world and that life is going well and others when we'd rather just curl up and stay in bed all day.

We can help to build our resilience when things are good for those times when we are struggling. Lent is a time when we can make our lives simpler by stripping away some of what is not necessary and paying more attention to what is.

We can make more time for prayer which will help to root us more deeply in our faith and trust in God. We can practise generosity which provides for those in need and helps us to be more grateful for what we have. We can consciously take time to add in rest and a bit of self-care to our days. We can set time aside each day for those things which are life-giving – even ten minutes a day can make a difference. That might be ten minutes in the garden, conversation with a friend, a brisk walk, a relaxing cup of tea or a bit of crafting.

Lent might be seen as a depressing time because it has a connection with giving up things we enjoy, but we relinquish them only to allow more space for the restorative gifts that God longs for us to have.

What will be your Lenten aspirations this year? Whatever you choose, I hope they will bring you closer to God and provide strength for whatever life throws at you in the coming days, months and years.

With best wishes, Sarah



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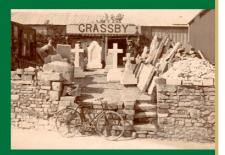
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A Way Through the Wilderness: Experiencing God's Help in Times of Crisis

Tuesdays 7.30 p.m. Church Room, Puddletown starting 8th March

Where do we turn in times of challenge? How do we find strength and support? Bookshops are full of self-help guides, but how does our faith enable us to cope and come through? What can God provide to aid us when we are weak?

This course is written by Paula Gooder, now Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral. She is a Church of England Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader) and an inspiring theologian for people at all stages of their Christian life.

Week 1 - What kind of comfort does God offer?

Week 2 - How can the wilderness be a place of comfort as well as unhappiness?

Week 3 – How can we bring comfort to others, even when we need it ourselves?

Week 4 - How can simply encountering God give us hope?

Week 5 – What might having God's strength in our lives feel like?

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Each week we'll start the session with prayers then move onto discussion before being creative ourselves. We'll formally end at 2.15 p.m. but do carry on your creativity between sessions. It would be great to share each week how the artwork and Bible story has inspired each of us to respond.

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Tony Fox from Milborne St Andrew has chosen this month's prayer.

He writes: "I have many favourite prayers, but this one seems appropriate as we enter Lent, and look ahead to Easter and spring with the promises they bring of deepening our faith, new beginnings and stepping into the future.

I first heard it at a Quiet Day I was attending at St Saviour's Priory, Hackney, back in the 1980s; it has remained a favourite since then."

"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. May those seeds of Your Word, which have long been buried within us, grow, like everything around us, into love for You, and love for our sisters and brothers, to become a visible declaration of Your presence in our life. Grant, Father, that there may be a springtime in our life for Christ."

To contribute to this column in future editions of the magazine, please send details of your prayer with a few sentences about why it's important to you, to Sarah Hillman (<u>sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com</u>). If you're not on-line, we'd still love you to participate so snail mail is also great!



Cover Story

On 14th February, Katie Priestley of Dorset Flower Co posted the following on Facebook:

"I have two lovely bouquets left today that haven't sold for Valentine's Day and I'd love to give them away tomorrow to people in our community who need a lovely treat.

Please comment below with the name of someone you think deserves some gorgeous British Flowers. The two with the most nominations will get a bouquet tomorrow morning. I'll turn off the commenting at 10pm."

Sarah Hillman was one of the lucky winners and replied:

"I didn't know about the flower vote until I received a message from Katie Priestley this morning to ask if she could deliver them this morning. Just wanted to say I'm humbled to have been nominated and very grateful. Thank you."

Sarah said this goes to prove that rural ministry is not just about the numbers of people in church on a Sunday morning, but the village community as a whole.

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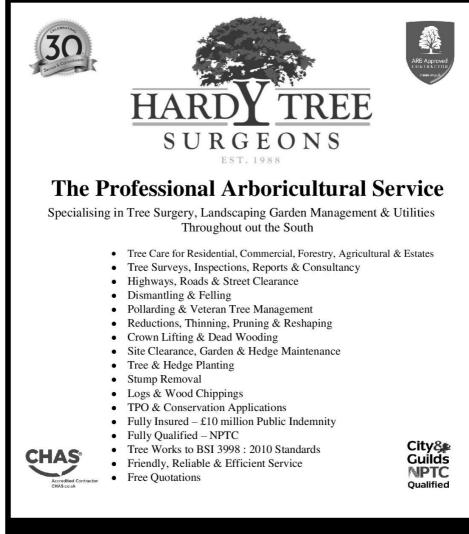
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St. Mary's Church Events -March

We are now well into 2022 and our regular events continue each month.

Pop-in coffee mornings These take place every Thursday from 10.00am to 12 noon. Everyone (of any age) is welcome. If any of you would like to be involved in our friendly team providing teas/coffees and cake on a Thursday morning, please do get in touch. It is not hard work, but is very sociable and we usually have fun. Phone Judy 01305 849146 if you would like to join us.

Cards Rosemary will bring her cards to the pop-in on Thursday 17th March.

Messy Church This will take place in Tolpuddle on Sunday 6th March. There will be activities, crafts, songs, games, a bible story and prayers followed by tea. An adult must accompany children.

The Monthly Village Lunch will be held on Monday 14th March We shall be serving roast pork followed by a selection of delicious puds from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Puddletown Village Hall. Please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 if you haven't already booked or if you have to cancel. April's lunch will be cottage pie with vegetables.

New Burial Area Many of you will have noticed that a band of merry volunteers have been beavering away on our new burial area for many months. The work is almost completed now and Bishop Karen will be coming to consecrate it on 7th March at 2.00pm. She will also bless the new headstocks on the 5th and Tenor bells which were replaced in 2020.

Flower Tower Following everyone's great effort at creating the poppies for the church tower in November, we are now planning a red, white, and blue flower tower to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Flowers can be of any design, and any shade of red & blue (as well as white!), knitted, crocheted, or made of felt, but please attach some wool/string to enable us to attach the flowers to the netting. A box will be placed in the church for completed flowers.

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The sheep have had their booster jab for the clostridial diseases before lambing starts in a few weeks and have been crutched out by a shearer around their rear end which makes lambing easier for the ewe and the shepherd! One of the rams has just come home from working with a friend's small flock of sheep and he joined the others in a paddock where they will rest until September. Although lambing of the main flock does not start until the end of February, four ewes who had been with some fattening lambs did in fact produce between them six good lambs recently, the product of what we thought was a castrated wether!

Grain sales continue from the two grain stores, both the barley and wheat going for animal feed, some in Dorset and some to neighbouring counties. The 29 tonne lorries are loaded using our JCB handler. When the load gets to its destination, the load is weighed, then the grain is tested for moisture content and bushel weights and we usually receive payment 28 days after movement. As we mill our own cattle feed, the grain store will always have some grain in it through the year and, of course, our sales of grain are done on the futures so we sell ahead. Sadly a real gamble sometimes as no one can tell what might happen in the global market.

Out in the fields the winter sown crops are growing well and are walked regularly by us and with our agronomist. We have done our planning on fertilizer inputs of the phosphate, potash and sulphur which the crops require in relation to the soil analysis and past cropping history.



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The last few hedges need to be trimmed now the berries have gone and before the birds start nesting. In the next few days, we will also join in with thousands of other farmers in "The Big Farmland Bird Count" hoping we might see the great variety of birds we did last year which included red wing and fieldfare.

Wakely Cox 4th February 2022

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 12.00 noon.

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:

Sue Turner - 01305 849030 or

Janet Voke - 01258 837550









Puddletown Village Lunch



Monday 14th March Lunch served at 12.00noon Puddletown Village Hall



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Sheila: 849193; Jean: 848211

Puddletown Weather - January 2022

Site location (GPS): N 50° 44.937' W 2° 20.862' altitude 88.39 metres (somewhat sheltered from easterly winds)

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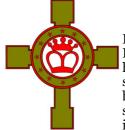
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St Mary's Middle School



It has certainly been a unique and challenging few years and I was pleased to hear from our Head of Year 8, Mrs Clark, how well the Year 8's have adapted to new situations and shown great strength within these unusual times. They have been buddy reading with our Year 5's and it is wonderful to see them helping to sound out words and encourage reading in our younger students.

At the start of the year, Year 8's were elected by their house for both House Captain and Sport Captain roles. Our House Captains assisted with the Harvest Festival and distributing Christmas cards to their houses and have also been brilliant by monitoring busy areas within the school building at break and lunch. Their presence has helped the smooth, calm running of the school. Our Year 8 Sports Captains have also shone. They have organised and run lunchtime and after-school clubs. An important part of their role is to choose a sport, based on popular demand and deliver it to their peers. They have shown great teamwork and dedication, making sport enjoyable for all ages.



In January, Miss Osborne took the Year 8 netball team for an area tournament in Weymouth where the girls put on a thrilling performance. From the very first whistle St Mary's grew in confidence and put all their efforts in training and lessons to work. They showed great commitment to each other which was demonstrated with an impressive 10 - 2 victory against All Saints, a 9-2 win against Woodroffe and a 4-4 draw against Ossies. Miss Osborne said she could not be more proud of all the girls and their continued efforts towards netball. We are also proud of the students who took part in

the recent cross-country event at Bryanston School.

To see some of the excellent work made by students at St Mary's, follow us on Instagram at @stmpudd.

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Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So, on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove* Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between $3^{\rm rd}$ February and $9^{\rm th}$ March.





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Remembering mothers

The honouring of mothers goes back to Roman times. Each Spring, a pagan festival honoured Cybele, supreme Goddess of Fertility and Mother of all the Gods. Other celebrations paid tribute to Mother Earth. From the Middle Ages, in England, it became traditional for outdoor labourers and craftsmen to have a day off in Lent. Later, domestic servants were also given short leave to visit their mother and family.

These brief holidays became opportunities to go to church. This might have been their home church or their nearest cathedral. The Services at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. The term 'Mothering Sunday' dates from the 16th century. This year it falls on the 27th March.

'Mother's Day' is a secular festival. It originated in 1908 after a woman called Anna Jarvis held a church memorial service for her mother in West Virginia, USA. She was a peace activist and a nurse. She founded Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna wanted people to honour the mother of the family, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Before she died, Anna regretted the commercialism that followed and expressed that this was never her intention.

Many mothers are mentioned in the Bible along with interesting stories about them. These include Eve, Hagar, Leah, Ruth and Bathsheba, to mention only a few. A few times God enabled childless women to have a baby: Rachel, Rebekah, Manoah's wife (unnamed) and Hannah who eventually gave birth to Joseph, Jacob, Samson and Samuel respectively. There was also Sarah, wife of Abraham, who aged 90 became the mother of Isaac.

It is possible that these miraculous births were remembered by the Virgin Mary. She was certainly aware that her elderly relative was pregnant. These events foreshadowed angel Gabriel's announcement that Mary was going to have a baby, then added "For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

On our Mothering Sunday, what else can we remember about mothers and give thanks to God for them?

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St John's Church Tolpuddle-March 2022

Oh how lovely to see the snowdrops in the churchyard and even a few daffodils- and the church is getting spruced up ready for the new season of happy campers. The team are very excited to offer the facilities through AirBnb or indeed to any of our friends and family as an overflow! We are

delighted that Julie Bonner has now joined the team. The most exciting aspect though is that the church is being used and offering a genuine welcome to all, with shelter and comfort. Churches have so often been a haven over the years to those in need.

Yes- we do need to prove that our church is important to the community in all ways, so that it is available for weddings, funerals and christenings as well as regular worship, this particularly at a time when regular churchgoers have decreased in number and the basic number of those who identify as Christians is dramatically reduced.

Here at St John's we are really trying to offer a variety of services to suit one and all but we are always open to other ideas. Let us remind you that every month we offer -



two regular <u>**Communion services**</u> at 9.30am (on the first and third Sunday of the month)

Go Fourth, followed by coffee and chat at 10.00am (on the fourth Sunday of the month)

and the new innovation of **Sunday Reflection** at 5.30pm (on the second <u>Sunday of the month</u>). The latter was such a good opportunity to listen to some glorious music and learn a little bit about the composer and just sit and think and reflect on the space away from phones, television and the hustle of living in the 21st century.

We do have lots to think about and plan for the months ahead, with plans for the **Queens Platinum Jubilee** well advanced. Our main village event, as advertised elsewhere, will be held on Sunday June 5th when we are holding a Street Party with games, races and a Tug of War. We will be relying on volunteers so please do offer your help to Marion Regan on <u>66mregan@gmail.com</u> or Jonathan Van Baars jonathan@vanbaars.co.uk



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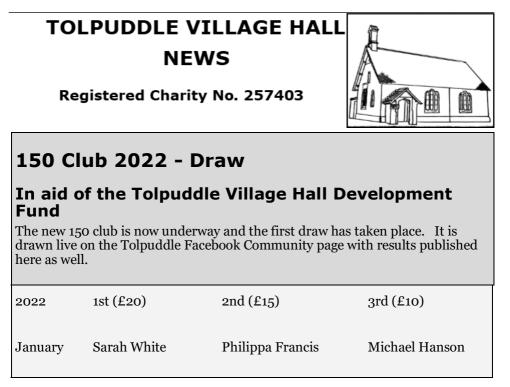
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We need to raise some money to pay for the commemorative mugs we are giving to all the children in the village under 14 so Marion (01305 849353) and Mandy (01305 849580) are organising **a Village Bake Off in the Village Hall on Saturday March 5th**- do contact them for more details and even if you can't cook, do come and enjoy the skills of others with a cup of tea.

We would like to thank all of YOU who do so much for our church, working in the churchyard, cleaning the church, doing the lovely flowers, keeping the church secure and many of you donating regular sums for the upkeep through the Parish Giving Scheme. The Treasurer is only too well aware that it is these regular donations that have kept the church financially secure through these past two years. Do contact him if you feel you could spare a a pound or two every month (taylorjs113@gmail.com), though we do understand that many of us are feeling the pinch as inflation hits one and all.

Good wishes to everyone Hilly and Jayne



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Tragedy – double tragedy in Tolpuddle: just within living memory.

Reports in the Tolpuddle news section of the local newspaper reported both in 1939 and in 1950 when Mrs Gertrude Gilbert and her husband the Reverend Henry K Gilbert, the vicar of Tolpuddle, were involved in separate fatal road accidents in the village. This was long before the by-pass was built and this main road between Exeter and Southampton was, we are told, always busy. In 1939 Mrs Gilbert had just completed a bike ride to Affpuddle with her daughter when she was hit by a lorry as she pushed her bicycle across the road, having dismounted at the t-junction by the Martyrs tree. The lorry was being driven home from Dorchester to Lyndhurst. Mr and Mrs Gilbert had lived in Tolpuddle for five years at that stage, having removed from Broadwindsor. Mrs Gilbert was said in the report to be very popular in the village, having acted as secretary of the local Women's Institute.

Almost unbelievably eleven, years later in 1950 the Reverend Gilbert the widower of Mrs Gilbert, was knocked down and killed whilst hastening to catch a bus to Dorchester, although the bus had not actually arrived. The inquest was told that Mr Gilbert, who was seventy-seven years old, had poor eyesight but that he was healthy enough to "get about". By 1950 Mr Gilbert had been the vicar for seventeen years. The inquest recorded that Mr Gilbert had been preoccupied and did not appear to hear when the driver sounded his horn. It was said that the vicar took no notice of the warning and "walked into the car". The driver who was travelling from Paignton to Bournemouth was held "not responsible". Addressing the inquest jury, the Coroner Lieutenant-Colonel G Symes said it was easy to criticise a driver for not avoiding the accident and in this case, if the driver had kept on his original course he would not have hit Mr Gilbert, but if he had done this and then met with an accident, he would have been criticised for failing to take evasive action. When a pedestrian did not heed a signal, it put the driver in a very awkward position. The jury recorded a verdict of accidental death. The cause was a fractured skull.

You could equally say that the driver should have stopped when he saw a person in the road and that the car drove into Mr Gilbert but that is my "take" on events!

The notice board which was originally erected outside 22 Main Road was put up as a tribute to Gertrude and Henry Gilbert. It has recently been re-vamped and restored by Jonathan van Baars and put in place by Jonathan and Nigel Holtom. I write these few lines not just as a tribute to the Reverend and Mrs Gilbert but also in tribute to the memory of Brian Miller who died in December 2021. He is buried in the cemetery here in Tolpuddle. Brian kept local news reports on matters of interest and we are most grateful to him for doing so. He let me have copies of the source material about the tragic deaths of both the Reverend & Mrs Gilbert in 1939 and 1950. Brian was something of an historian and his loss is of great sadness to Vera and his family as well as to all those who value the events of "yesterday".

Tony Gould – Tolpuddle resident.

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Do you have holiday accommodation in Tolpuddle?

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It is hoped that this will bring more business to the local area and enable more holidaymakers to enjoy our beautiful countryside.

Please email <u>Tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com</u> if you have any comments or suggestions.

Julía Johnstone



Tolpuddle Village Bake Off Saturday 5th March, Village Hall

Enter one, two or all of the categories:

Signature:	Shortbread	
Technical:	Swiss roll	
Show Stopper:	Two layer sponge, any flavour,	
	Jubilee theme	
£3 per person for up to 3 categories		

Children's competition – free entry:

Use the following recipe to make Uncooked Jewel Chocolate Bar:

- 1. 50g butter or margarine
- 2. 200g plain chocolate
- 3. 3 tablespoons golden syrup
- 4. 250 g digestive biscuits (crushed)

Melt 1, 2 & 3 in saucepan. Take off heat, add 4 & mix thoroughly. Pour into baking tin to set & cut into fingers. Decorate with anything!

All entries to Village Hall by II.30am for judging

2 pm Open for tea & coffee and to sample the entries – $\pounds 5$ per person Raising money to give every Tolpuddle child (under 14) a Jubilee souvenir



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Tolpuddle Events Committee (TEC) 2021 Review

Hilly and Jonathan want to thank all the TEC committee and helpers for their hard work and enthusiasm during our first year in 2021. From a standing start, we have managed to raise £8,705.31 for the Church, Village Hall, and other charities such as Mencap, Air Ambulance, and Children's Society, either by direct donations or through their participation in the events we have run. We have also been very grateful to some very generous sponsors you have been able to encourage to support us.

The Summer Sizzle was an outstanding success that not only raised considerable money but brought the Village together and provided an excellent opportunity to cast aside the COVID blues for a time.

The Harvest Supper was a great event, which sold out quickly and all enjoyed wonderful food and entertainment. Again, this raised a considerable amount of money thanks to the excellent organiser and the volunteers.

The Fireworks exceeded all our expectations with the combination of great weather on the night, excellent food, entertaining music, a bar that just about managed to keep up with the demand, and of course the wonderful firework display. A true team effort with every aspect working so well together. The numbers attending reaching about 600 was either a result of everyone wanting to celebrate something outside with the family, great advertising, or just luck. It all led to an amazing atmosphere.

The Christmas Hampers were a great success, despite not being able to hold the Party. We were able to have the Carol singing which was enjoyed by all those participating. A very big thank you to those putting the hampers together and those organising the ticket and sales and prize draw, again raising considerable revenue for distribution to the Church and Village Hall.

We wish everyone a great 2022 where we can do it all again and hopefully be able to enjoy similar and new events raising money for deserving organisations.

Hilly & Jonathan Co-Chairs TEC

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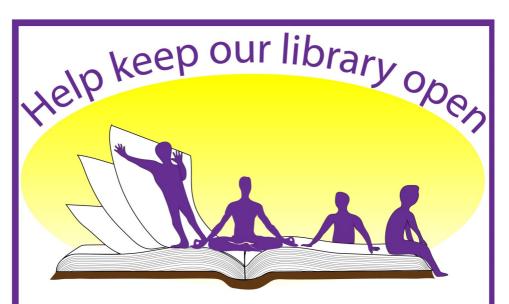
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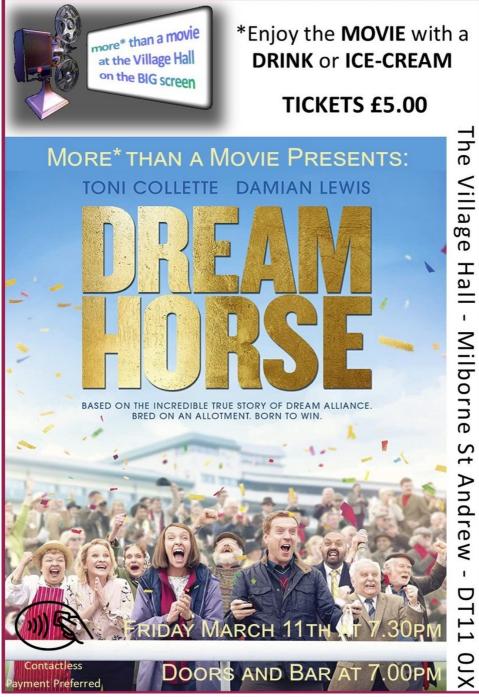
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Future Dates: Sunday 3rd April - Milborne Sports Pavilion Sunday 1st May - Puddletown Church



Milborne St Andrew's Church News

From St Andrew's Church

At the beginning of January, I was away on a cruise which should have been a 5 week experience, but 'due to circumstances' after 8 days away the ship returned to the UK. Although there were services held on the cruise liner, it was difficult to concentrate and become absorbed when the ship was rolling in a force 10 gale and all were having trouble keeping their balance!

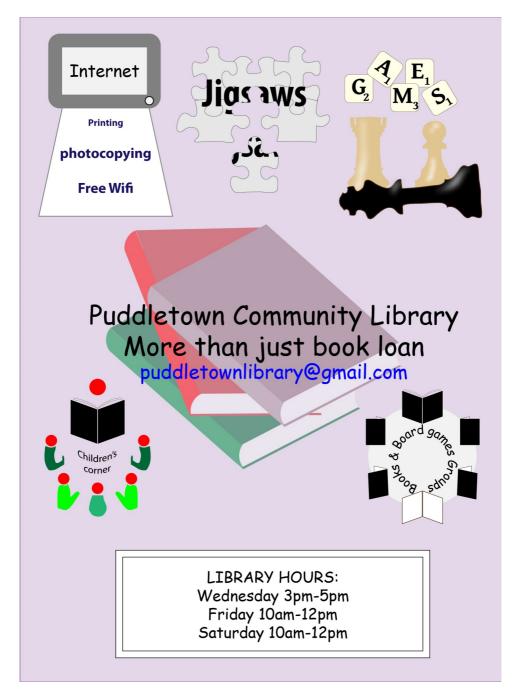
However, returning home early meant that I could enjoy the services in my parish church. I especially enjoyed the Candlemas service when Sarah blessed our candles in the traditional manner. Our two lay led services remain popular. The Celebrate services are run on the first Sunday of the month and the Worship in Stillness services are on the third Sunday of the month. 'Celebrate' is designed to be an 'all-age', informal service whilst the Worship in Stillness is a service where the when the congregation are able to contemplate and meditate around a different theme each time when Christian values explored.

As I write this article, I am preparing for Ash Wednesday, which is to be held in St Andrews, to Lent when Sarah usually leads study groups, to our traditional Good Friday children's event and of course to Easter. Lots of preparation with good things to look forward to. Hope to see lots of familiar and not so familiar faces in church and at these events over the next coming months.

Pam Shults Churchwarden

The Church of St Andrew's Jubilee Celebrations

St Andrew's with All Saints, Dewlish will be holding a special service on Sunday 5th June in our village to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. Check the service rotas nearer the time. We hope to have displays throughout the church showing the changes over the last 70 years.



Milborne First School

Our Robins class brought in their teddies to help them with their Maths lesson on 'weights and measures'. The children weighed their teddies and also measured how long, tall, wide certain items in the playground were.



Milborne First School took part in the 'Big School Bird Watch' run by the RSPB. The children loved preparing for it. They also learnt about taking care of our world, whilst taking part in activities which help develop fine motor control.







Keep safe, register your appliance

The UK trade association for the Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances (AMDEA) is asking people to register their household appliances to keep homes safe. Both new and already in use appliances can be registered through the scheme. Product Registration allows people to be contacted more quickly in the event of their appliance being subject to a safety recall.



Consumers are being encouraged to register new and in-use household appliances with the manufacturer, or through the website registermyappliance.org.uk

Consumer research into product safety found that 83% percent of people who registered a product were primarily motivated by getting or extending a warranty. The survey also found the reasons respondents did not register appliances was because they did not want to or did not believe it was necessary (46%), or because they did not know they could register it (17%).

The Office for Product Safety and Standards is working with AMDEA to increase the registration of household appliances by advising consumers it will help make their homes safer. They recommend:

Register all your appliances. Check that all your household appliances are registered so you will know if they have been recalled. Many manufacturers will allow you to register household appliances that are up to twelve years old. Most household products can also be registered through registermyappliance.org.uk

Check whether small appliances are registered. Faulty toasters and kettles can cause fires. Register with the manufacturer to get recall notices before it is too late. Landlords make sure your products are covered in properties you own. Check that all the household appliances are registered so that you are contacted quickly if they are recalled. Check that products are registered in rented accommodation. Check that the owner has registered the household appliances. If they have not you should register the products yourself.

If you are concerned about a product's safety contact Dorset Council Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

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Robin's Class also had a visit from Adrienne who brought in her spinning wheel to show us. She brought in different types of fleece and some flax and gave us a demonstration with the spinning wheel.

This was in preparation for our talk for writing unit based on the story of Rumpelstiltskin. We wondered if Adrienne could spin straw into gold with her spinning wheel!







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Churches prepare Platinum Jubilee plans



Churches, Christian charities and youth organisations are working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June. A new website has been created –

<u>www.theplatinumjubilee.com</u> – to provide ideas and resources for communities to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

The UK and Commonwealth will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a four-day Bank Holiday from 2^{nd} to 5^{th} June 2022.

HOPE Together is working with a wide range of partners to help churches around the Commonwealth to mark this special occasion and, in particular, to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service. As with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, HOPE Together and partners will provide a range of ideas and resources for communities, schools, churches and youth organisations.

Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director, says, "Churches are in an ideal place to bring communities together for these national celebrations."

HOPE's Platinum Jubilee Highlights will include:

Our Faithful Queen – a gift book using rarely-seen prayers the Queen prayed as she prepared for the Coronation will be published by HOPE Together and Biblica in January 2022 to buy and give away.

A Happylands animation and book 'The Girl Who Grew Up To Be Queen', for under-5s is to be published by HOPE Together in partnership with The Entertainer and Hope for Every Home.

A new anthem 'Rise Up and Serve' has been commissioned by HOPE Together and written by contemporary hymn writers Grahm Kendrick, Mal Pope and Rend Collective for choirs to sing as part of the celebrations.

70 Acts of Service – an invitation to communities to celebrate by serving others with 70 community service ideas drawing on Stewardship's 40 Acts.

On Her Majesty's Service for 11-14s – youth organisations, schools and uniformed organisations are involved (Pais, CofE, Youth For Christ, YouthScape, The Message, Prayer Spaces In Schools, Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade). Resources include ideas for action and videos to use.

Also – the following websites may be of use to you!

<u>www.theplatinumjubilee.com</u> – a dedicated website with all the ideas and resources you'll need to bring your community together to celebrate. Banners, posters and other Platinum Jubilee branded resources will be available from CPO – <u>www.cpo.org.uk/queen-platinum-jubilee</u>

The Platinum Jubilee – Celebration of Faith & Service logos can be downloaded from <u>www.theplatinumjubilee.com</u>

As the four-day Bank Holiday ends at Pentecost, our partners <u>Thy Kingdom</u> <u>Come</u> are also providing a Cheeky Pandas film, song and book for primary school children – with resource packs for home/church/school and community events.



...I haven't the heart to tell her the bishop went home 20minutes ago!

DORSET POVERTY ACTION (DPA) The need to `level the playing field'



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The requests for funding always come via a professional who knows the person and their circumstances. The needs for funds are varied, and might include requests for furniture, help with energy debt, school uniform, transport costs for hospital visiting - the scope is wide.

We get an average of 3 grant requests each week and we rarely say 'no'. The maximum grant is currently \pounds 250 for one family or individual in any one financial year.

Prices are rising all the time and sometimes there is an urgent need for help where the cost is more than £250. In these cases, if the individual or family live in the DT1 area, we can approach the Dorchester Anglican Parish Trust Charity. This charity will often agree to match the amount the DPA is granting which makes an enormous difference to the help that it is possible to provide. Unfortunately, those living in the DT2 area are unable to access this additional funding.

We feel that it is important to be able to offer the same provision to all our applicants. So we are setting up a DT2 fund that can be ring-fenced to help 'level the playing field'.

We are now looking to everyone living in the DT2 area and village organisations and groups to help get this DT2 fund up and running. If any groups would like more information, or would like someone to come and talk about our work, we are very happy to see you and support any fund raising activities you think about having.

Individual donations are always very welcome as well.

Please donate either through the website <u>www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk</u> or, alternatively cheques can be made out to Dorchester Poverty Action and sent to DPA c/o United Church Dorchester, 49-51 Charles Street, and state if the money is for the DT2 fund.

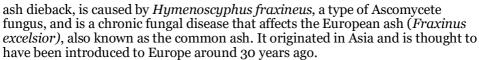
Thank you.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY MAGAZINE



WHAT IS ASH DIEBACK?

Ash dieback, also known as 'Chalara ash dieback' to differentiate it from other forms of



It has devastated European ash populations ever since because our native ash trees have not evolved with the disease, like their Asian counterparts, and so have no natural defence against it.

Chalara ash dieback has spread to, and been recorded in, most of the UK.

IS ASH DIEBACK PREVENTABLE?

The Woodland Trust have said "Ash dieback will kill around 80% of ash trees across the UK. At a cost of billions, the effects will be staggering. It will change the landscape forever and threaten many species which rely on ash."

It is very difficult to control or limit the spread of the fungus, as it produces its fruiting bodies between July and October and releases spores into the air. The wind then carries these spores for up to tens of miles before they stick to, and then penetrate, the leaves of a tree.

It is very difficult to control the natural spread of an airborne fungus like Hymenoscyphus fraxineus, but we can slow it and do our best to minimise the impact it has on our native ash species.

After you have visited, but before leaving, any forests, parks, woods or gardens you can brush off any mud, leaves, twigs, soil or other debris and plant matter from your footwear and from the wheels of any cars, bikes, buggies and wheelchairs that you may have brought with you. It would be beneficial if you washed these when you got home also, before visiting any other areas.

When visiting any sites that may be affected by Chalara ash dieback, you can try to ensure your vehicle is parked on concrete, gravel, tarmac or any other hard-standing surface as opposed to grassland or dirt, if possible.

Many bike trails in forests have wash-down facilities that visitors can use to wash their bikes before and after using the trails to reduce the risk of spreading diseases.

If you manage any grounds, or have ash trees growing on your own grounds, you can help prevent the spread of Chalara by deep composting, burying or, if permitted, burning any fallen ash leaves. This will help to disrupt the life cycle of the fungus, which overwinters in foliage and leaf litter on the ground, particularly on ash leaf stalks.

HOW DO YOU SPOT CHALARA ASH DIEBACK?

Ash dieback is easiest to spot in the summer months, July to September, before the leaves start to naturally change colour, ready to fall off the tree in autumn.

Autumn colour changes in the leaves can sometimes be easily confused with the effects of Chalara ash dieback if you aren't familiar with the effects of the disease.

The first signs of an ash tree developing an infection of Hymenoscyphus fraxineus that you may spot are the blackening and wilting of the trees leaves and some shoots.

When the ash tree becomes infected, it will shed its leaves prematurely and in some ash trees the fungus can spread to its branches and trunk. When the disease spreads from the leaves further into the tree it can develop dark lesions at the junction of a branch with the trunk and the inner bark of the tree can look brownish-grey underneath these lesions.

Young trees are the most susceptible to ash dieback and less likely to survive. Older ash trees can withstand exposure to the fungus for longer but consistent attacks, year on year, will eventually claim its life or cause it to become vulnerable to the effects of other pests and diseases.

Ash is one of Britain's most important native, and one of our most abundant, tree species. The common ash (Fraxinus excelsior) makes up around 12% of Great Britain's broadleaved woodland and grows in a large variety of soil types and different climates.

If you suspect that any ash trees on your property may be suffering from Chalara ash dieback or if you have any questions relating to the disease, feel free to reach out to Treeology – one of our friendly team members will be more than happy to help.

If you need any assistance in





managing any ash trees on your grounds or have any other tree related enquiries, we will also be happy to help - just give us a call on 01202 910150 / 07493 745884

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Further Information and Guidance on Ash DieBack can be found on the Dorset Council website.

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Advice from the Dorchester office of Central Dorset Citizens Advice

With the growing pressure on household finances due to the cost of living increases and the surge in energy bills, what can be done to prepare for this and be in control of your money?

Firstly, find out exactly what money you have coming in and going out each month. Be realistic about what you need for essentials like food and travel. Then set yourself a budget that you can stick to - the Citizens Advice (CA) website has a budgeting tool that can help do this.

Should your bills increase, you can go back to our budgeting tool at any time to create a new plan and stay in control. Our website tips - how to reduce living costs - may be helpful if you find you have more money going out than coming at times.

Also make sure you're getting all the income you're entitled to. Use the income checker on the CA website to see if you could be getting more support, such as benefits or government grants. You can also use this to make sure you're being paid the right wage.

If you've been using credit cards, your overdraft or store cards for your spending, it's understandable if these debts are causing you worry, but it's most important to prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these has serious consequences. The CA website has advice on which bills you need to prioritise and the support available for paying these and other bills.

Once you have planned how to pay your priority bills, the budgeting tool can help you plan how to repay credit cards, overdraft charges and store cards.

Everyone's circumstances are different, particularly when it comes to managing personal finances. If you need more specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, call our debt helpline: 0800 240 4420 or visit our website www.citizensadvice.co.uk. **You're not on your own.**

Services in the Benefice			
2nd March - Ash Wednesday			
Psalm 51.1-18, 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21			
6.00pm	United Benefice Holy Communion wiith imposition of ashes	Milborne	
6th March - Lent 1			
Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16, Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13			
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle	
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne	
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown	
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish	
13th March - Lent 2			
Psalm 27, Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-35			
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne	
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown	
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish	
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections NEW	Tolpuddle	
20th March - Lent 3			
Psalm 63.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9			
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle	
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne	
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown	
11.00a.	Family Service	Dewlish	
27th March—Mothering Sunday Lent 4			
Psalm 127.1-4, Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25b-27			
9.30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Milborne	
10.00am	Mothering Sunday Go Fourth	Tolpuddle	
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown	
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Dewlish	

MORNING PRAYERS (Mon. – Thurs. 8.30 a.m.; Sat. 9.00 a.m.) On Zoom, please contact Sarah Hillman (<u>sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com</u>) for the link (Please note that the calendar of services may be subject to change)



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