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## All Shall be Well



Churches around the world celebrate important events and aspects of Jesus's life. They also set aside particular days for remembering Christians of the past who have made an impact with their faith or set an example that is worth following.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May, many Christians recall the life of Julian of Norwich. It may not seem that a 14<sup>th</sup>-century woman has much to teach us today. But many people still find her writings immensely helpful.

Julian lived in solitude, in a cell which you can still see if you visit Norwich. She spent time in prayer and fasting. The city experienced many hardships during Julian's time: the Black Death devastated its population, the Peasants' Revolt affected many parts of England and people often went hungry. Medicine was primitive.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May 1373, Julian appeared to be on her deathbed. She was preparing to meet her Maker, when she received some astonishing visions from God.

Julian recovered and shortly afterwards wrote her visions down in what is believed to be the earliest book written by a woman in English. She continued to ponder what she had experienced, and twenty years later wrote a second book, which as well as the visions themselves included her thoughts and meditations on them. It is these, published as *Revelations of Divine Love*, that still bring spiritual sustenance to people today.

At the heart of what Julian received from God was an overwhelming sense of God's love. She and her fellow citizens had suffered much, but in spite of that she believed that it was the love of God that was paramount. In her words: "From the time these things were first revealed I had often wanted to know what was our Lord's meaning. It was more than 15 years after that I was answered in my spirit's understanding. You would know our Lord's meaning in this thing? Know it well. Love was his meaning. Who showed it to you? Love. What did he show you? Love. Why did he show it? For love. Hold on to this and you will know and understand love more and more. But you will not know or learn anything else—ever."

There is suffering in our world – it is part of the brokenness that arises from a world of choice and allowing the possibility of evil – but Julian knew in her heart that ultimately when things are in God's hands: "All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well."

Those words, her most famous, have brought comfort and hope to many. Perhaps there is something in them that might help you too, if you are finding life hard at this time.

*With best wishes, Sarah*



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## BENEFICE REGISTERS

### Wedding

13th April	John Brayshaw & Jayne Harris	Tolpuddle
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### Funeral

D. 16th February Aged 89	William <u>John</u> (Dusty) Miller	Weymouth Crematorium
D. 20th March Aged 78	Winston <u>David</u> (Dusty) Miller	Tolpuddle

### Burial

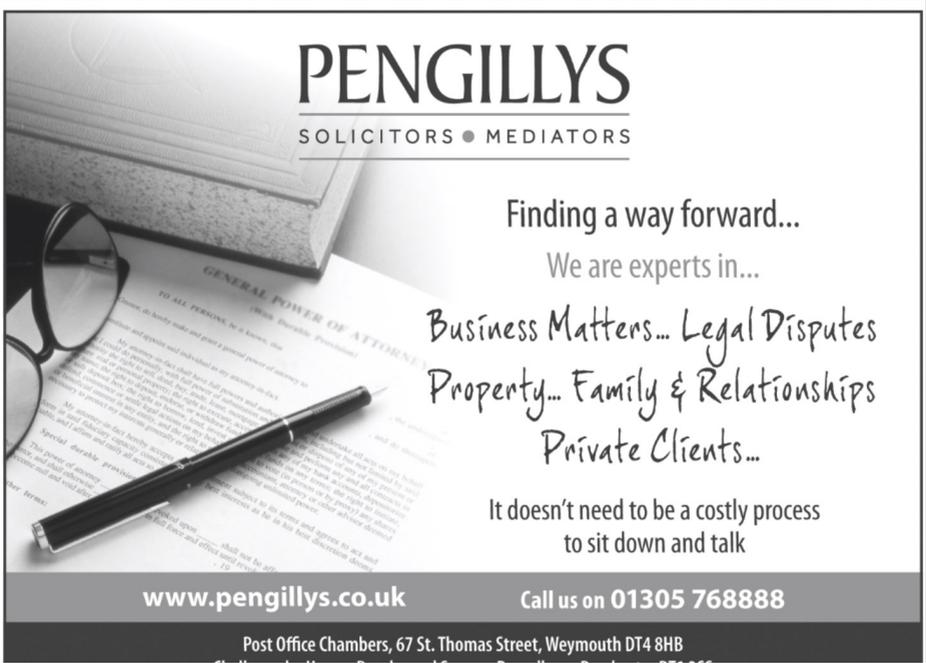
D. 15th March	Angela Mary Campbell	Puddletown
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## Puddletown Area Parish Council

The final meeting of the current Puddletown Area Group Parish Council (PAPC) took place in Tolpuddle on the 9<sup>th</sup> April, with County Councillor Nick Ireland and 3 members of the public also in attendance. It was Nick's last meeting representing Linden Lea as he is standing for election to the Dorset Council in a new ward on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. It was also the last Parish Council meeting for WDDC and Parish Councillor Patrick Cooke and Parish Councillors Jim Johnstone and Andy Thorne, who are not standing for re-election. The Chairman, Cllr Stephen Baynard took the opportunity to thank everyone for all their hard work on behalf of the Council and their communities. Elections to the PAPC are uncontested as there were insufficient nominations submitted, therefore those who entered nominations have been automatically elected to the council. This leaves the following vacancies in the PAPC parishes: Athelhampton – 2, Burleston – 2, Puddletown – 2 and Tolpuddle – 1, which can be filled by co-opting volunteers. A list of the uncontested election candidates can be viewed on the PAPC website at [www.puddletownareaparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.puddletownareaparishcouncil.co.uk).

*Colin Hampton*

Clerk to PAPC



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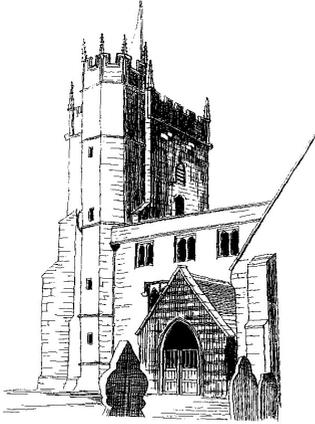
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**Pop-in Coffee Mornings.** Come and join us for a cup of hot coffee or tea and some homebaking on Thursdays in the Church Room from 10 am to 12 noon, with no limit on refills – you will be very welcome. Rosemary will be there on the 9th with her card stall. There will be a short communion service at 12 noon on the 16th.

**Messy Church** takes place on Sunday 5th May, starting at 4 pm in Milborne St Andrew Village Hall. There will be

activities, crafts, songs, games, bible story and prayers followed by tea.

**The Village Lunch** will be held on Monday 13 May from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Puddletown Village Hall. The “special” will be lasagne followed by lots of lovely puds. Please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 if you haven't already booked your lunch.

**The Dorset Rock Choir and Clapper Chaos** will be entertaining us on Saturday 18 May in St Mary's Church starting at 7.30 pm and it promises to be an amazing evening! See the poster on page 23. Not to be missed – bring your friends. Tickets are £10 available from Bob (849048), Glad (848646) and Diana (848510) and include a drink and nibbles in the interval,

**A Flower Festival** will take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday 15 th (11am-5.30pm) and Sunday 16th June (2pm-5pm) with a theme of “The Jurassic Coast”. See poster on page 52. Tower tours on Saturday and Bellingring demonstrations on Sunday. There will be music, children's art display and stalls. Light refreshments in the Church Room. The weekend will close with Songs of Praise at 6 pm on Sunday.

**The Friends of St Mary's Church** will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the church on Thursday 11th July. Details to follow.

**The Benefice Fete** will be held this year at St Andrew's Sports and Social Club, Milborne St Andrew on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August. It will be possible to have a dog show there.

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### Whom to contact during this time?

For most church matters, please contact the churchwardens of the relevant village or our benefice administrator, Emma.

If you need to speak to a member of the clergy, then please contact the Revd Rosie Coldwell.

### Sunday services

These will continue during my leave of absence mainly as usual. Most of the Puddletown and Tolpuddle services which I would normally lead will be looked after by the Revd Janet Smith, and those in Milborne St Andrew and Dewlish by the Revd Rosie Coldwell.

I'm very much looking forward to this time. If you see me out and about, please don't ignore me – I'll be happy to chat, but please also respect the fact that I won't be undertaking any of my usual ministry.

And if you might be able to help with looking after my animals at all during this time (cats, hens and a spaniel) please let me know. Thank you,

*Sarah*



### NOTICE OF AGM

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019**

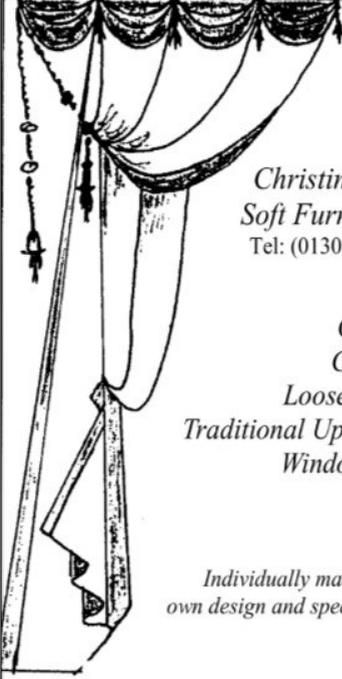
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### **An illustrated talk by Society Chairman, John Ridout.**



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John first told us about the journey and the cemetery tours which constituted the first two days of a three-day trip. These included sites such as Thiépval, Tyne Cot, and Vimy. He praised the outstanding organisation which allowed a large fleet of coaches to undertake a "circular" tour without any traffic hold-ups! John had taken many photographs during the tour; these were shown along with a few pertinent comments about each site.

The final day was taken up by a massed parade through the streets of Ypres before a memorial service at the Menin Gate Memorial. The spectacle of a thousand wreaths being laid plus the parading of a thousand RBL branch standards from all round the world was almost breath-taking. John mentioned that most of those taking part had a tear (or three!) in their eyes during what had proved to be a very emotional event.

The presentation included a video made by the Legion which showed many aspects of the parade which John had not been able to see for himself. The pictures amply confirmed all of John's comments about the spectacular event.

*Ian Miller*

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All ladies from Puddletown and neighbouring villages are cordially invited to join us for our May meeting on **Wednesday 15th May at 2.30 p.m.**  
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*Chris Worpole*

Publicity Secretary

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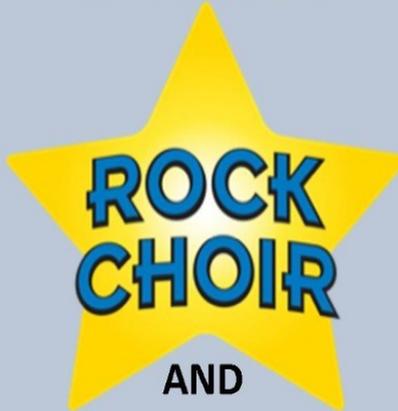
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### **Puddletown Cricket Club - Latest News**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Race Night in April. A great night had all-round and we're definitely planning to run it again.

Preparations are now in full swing for the 2019 season with the first matches scheduled to start on 4th May, including for the first time a Saturday Second XI. Winter nets have been busy at the Rec on Monday evenings from 6:30pm with a great turn out from young, old and new players alike. Please feel free to come along for a chat or join in.

From Friday 10th May the Club is also running a second year of the highly successful national All-Stars programme aimed at 5-9 year olds. Take up this year is well ahead of last year already with many coming back for a second year, so we would really encourage booking early if possible. In addition we're trialling youth cricket (9-13 year olds) sessions, led by the Dorset Cricket Board you coach, also running on Friday evenings for what we hope becomes a great family way to start the weekend.

If you are interested in coming along to practice, or playing midweek or Saturday, then please contact Club Captain, **Adam Barrett** (07794 20024) or **David Stevens** ([drstevens2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:drstevens2004@yahoo.co.uk)) or checkout our Facebook page. You'd be very welcome. Up the Puddle!

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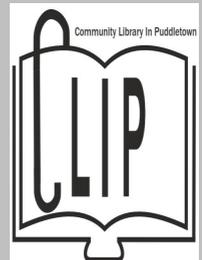
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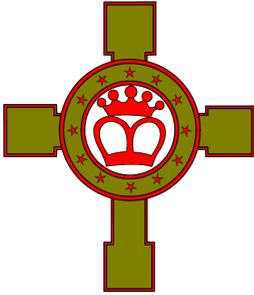
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amazing Augmented Reality portraits of the Martyrs in an exhibition called 'Tolpuddle Martyrs Remixed'. His work and the pupils' portraits are on display until June and are well worth seeing.

For St Patrick's Day, a group of pupils were selected to celebrate by taking part in an Irish dancing workshop. The workshop was led by a professional dancer who talked to the pupils about the history of Irish dancing and then taught them a very lively routine. Regardless of ability or experience the pupils threw themselves enthusiastically into the routine and their finale performance was admirable.

At this year's Easter Service at St Mary's Church, pupils from St Mary's singing group chose their own hymns to perform. Year 5 selected a poem written by Henry van Dyke in 1907 sung to the famous 'Ode to Joy' melody from Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, a piece they have learning in their music lessons. Year 6 chose 'Be still in the presence of the Lord' sung with beautiful tone and harmony. The Year 8s decided on one of the most famous of all the folk hymns, 'Amazing grace'. They chose their own verses written by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton (1725–1807) who wrote the words from personal experience. They did the song credit with strong harmonies and dynamic control.

If you're wondering why the Year 7s weren't involved in the Easter Service, well they were busy climbing, canoeing and mountain climbing at Plas Pencelli in the Brecon Beacons on their residential activity week!

*Darren Ayling*  
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*Year 7s having a fantastic time at Plas Pencelli in the Brecon Beacons*





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## St John's Church, Tolpuddle—May 2019

Yes- spring is surely here and with it a church spring clean carried out by the Events Committee and others- pews were polished, brass cleaned, floor mopped and a general tidy up- **THANK YOU ALL-** much appreciated by everybody in particular Jayne and John and their

wedding guests!

And what about our re-wiring project? Our Treasurer has submitted yet another proposal to the DAC and if we get their approval we can then get the wheels in motion or should I say the wires a-buzzing! We are also due a quinquennial inspection this year which will have been completed before we have our visitation from the Rural Dean who will also be examining all our other records. So we will indeed have to do a lot of fundraising this summer - our first event will be the :-

**Street Fayre- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May-** the church will be open with special flowers and a stall selling craft and produce- so please get baking, making jam etc- we are also working with the Hall to hold a Tombola Stall and supply refreshments in the Village Hall- so we will need cakes and tombola prizes and offers please of your help to man the church/hall/stall- contact Hilly( 848552) Julie( 848027) or Margaret (07740622415)

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**Ride and Stride- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September-** keep this date in your diary

And then of course there are the regular events- **Coffee and Chat** on the second Thursday of every month from 10.30-12 in the Church (**May 9<sup>th</sup>**)- and coffee and biscuits after **Go Fourth – (May 26<sup>th</sup>)**. Also a reminder of the **Book Stall in the North Aisle**- help yourself and bring others back- and we just ask for a suggested donation of 50p!

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order and worked particularly hard in the top churchyard to prepare for the burial of Dusty Miller – we do of course give every good wish to his family.

*Hilly Cobban & Julie Bonner*  
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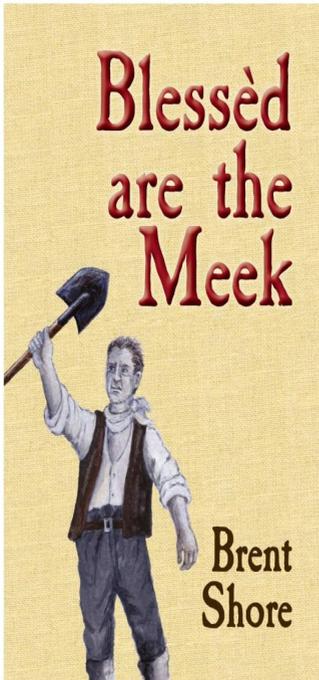
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## Bingo!

Spring Bingo at Tolpuddle Village Hall on 15th March went very well, raising almost £200 towards Village Hall maintenance funds! Thank you so much to everyone who attended.

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*Teresa Turner*



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## **TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE MEETING - AGM**

The Tolpuddle Village meeting AGM is to be held on Tuesday 21st May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting starts with the election of a Chair and Clerk.

This is your opportunity to hear reports on village affairs and have your say about the future of Tolpuddle - I am sure there will be some lively discussion.

If you would like an item added to the agenda email the details to Tolpuddle-meeting@yahoo.com

Please note the date in your diary and come along.

*Nigel Pitman - Chair*

*Julia Johnstone - Clerk*

## **TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

**Registered Charity No. 257403**



The Hall has a full programme of forward events over the remainder of the year which we hope will be of interest to the community. We will be offering refreshments throughout the day of the Street Fayre on 26 May; the Village Show will take place on 13 July; we will be offering the usual service on the Sunday of the Martyrs Festival weekend and also plan to offer light refreshments on Saturday afternoon.

Later in the year, we will have the summer BBQ on August Bank Holiday weekend, Harvest Supper (11 October), the Craft Show in October, and a Christmas Party in early December. We also plan more Quiz and Chip nights (27 September and, provisionally, a Christmas version on 29 November). And in response to demand, we'll be staging more bingo evenings - dates to be confirmed.

The Hall's Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Friday 24 May at the Hall. All are welcome to attend. There will be the usual annual elections for the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer posts and an opportunity to give feedback on the way the Hall is run.

The Parish Council has purchased a new, larger notice board to replace the current one at the Hall. This should be erected in the next few weeks.

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Finally, the Management Committee have recently reviewed Hall hire charges and agreed increases from 1 June. These will be published and notified to regular users. Our aim is to keep charges as modest as possible, especially for community users, but like everyone else we face increased costs, not least because we do not now charge separately for the use of the wall heaters and have substantially increased the background heating in the Hall. Rest assured that our charges will remain lower than comparable facilities in the area.

*Peter Walton*

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## **Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club – Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning.**



The Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club will be hosting its annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning at the Milborne Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, doors open at 10:00 (free entry) and close at 12:30. Following the success of last year's sale, we aim to make this year's event even better. There will be a range of shrubs, annuals, succulents, perennials, herbs, fruits and vegetables, all available at unbeatable prices. There will be a chance to win a prize in our raffle and when you need to take a break, you'll be able to chill with a generous slice of homemade cake and a drink, again at prices that just leave you smiling. So do come along and 'fill yer boots' (car boots that is) with a range of great value plants. See you there!

*Mark Johnson*

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## St Andrew's Church News

As many of you may be aware, I was not in Dorset for much of March as I was caring for my sister who lives in Scotland. So, John Wright has kindly written the following to let you all know what happened in St Andrew's during March.

*Pam Shults, Churchwarden*

### St Andrew's supports WaterAid

During Lent we had a talk by David Stokes about his work for WaterAid in Madagascar. The water company he works for supports projects on that very poor island to bring clean water and better health to remote villages. We hope that when the money collected in the 'Jars for Change' is counted we can forward a good donation to the charity. With our plentiful clean water on tap we don't experience the health, food and education problems that arise without it.

### A history lesson about Milton Abbey

Also, in March we welcomed Helier Exon, trustee of Milton Abbey, to tell us about the development of Milton Abbey during the last 1500 years. I think we were all fascinated by the story, and dwelt on it for a long time with tea and cake afterwards, provided by the Events Committee.

### Poor attendance at the Annual Church Meeting

Eleven members attended the meeting after Sunday service and re-elected Pam as churchwarden and last year's members of the PCC apart from José who did not seek re-election. There were insufficient members of the PCC present to elect the secretary and treasurer so that will have to wait until the PCC meeting in May, but we don't expect any changes!

### Church finances

There was concern at the annual meeting about the high cost of maintaining our church building. The figures for the recently completed roof repairs show the problem. The lowest builder's quote for repairing one half of the chancel roof (about 1/9th of the whole roof) plus the tower roof and some work on a churchyard wall was about £41,500. The good news was that we could claim back the VAT. The bad news was that we also had to pay our architect's fees for planning and supervising the work - over £11,500. So where did the money come from? The Church of England may be 'rich' but most of its money is tied up in buildings, many of them Grade 1 Listed. So, no help from our diocese. What about the collections taken at services? Well, those plus the regular donations from our members don't add up to more than about three quarters of the amount that we have to pay the diocese each month (£1,250) to cover their costs; most of that is paying the priests' stipends (salaries).



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Our Events Committee does a great job organising fund raising events for the church (about £2,000 last year) but most had to be found elsewhere. Fortunately, there are three charities that give grants for building repairs (Erskine Muton, National Churches Trust and Dorset Historic Churches Trust) who between them were able to give us £22,500, and we were able to get a grant of £26,500 from Viridor's landfill waste disposal fund, leaving us to find the last £4,000. Next time we need help Viridor will not be able to help us though, as they have closed the landfill site that qualified us for a grant.

We are not alone with this problem. Rural churches everywhere are struggling to make ends meet, but the good news is that those villages where the whole community wants to keep their church running has a good chance of doing so, so we hope you agree!

*John Wright*

Treasurer to the PCC

On Behalf of St Andrew's Church

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## **And a joyful sound was heard**

Every first Sunday of the month there is a special service in St Andrew's church. It is a 'relaxed' service led by a team and unusually it starts with a breakfast. The 7<sup>th</sup> April service was very special as we had Sam's BUG crowd (Blandford Ukulele Group) join us to play their instruments to accompany our hymns and songs. The church was filled with, greater than usual, tuneful singing and music thanks to the BUGs.

All who came enjoyed 'bacon butties', croissants, bread and marmalade as well as hot or cold drinks before the service started. There was a lot of chatting and a lovely atmosphere. The church 'rocked' to tunes which include 'Love, Love, Love' and 'Lord of the Dance'.

We all enjoyed it very much and thanked Sam and the BUG members for their enthusiastic playing and hope that they will be able to join us again one Sunday in the future.

Anyone is welcome to join our Celebrate Service on the first Sunday of the month which starts at 9.15 - do come along and join in.

*Pam Shults*

# Puddletown Village Lunch

Monday 13th May  
Lunch served at 12.00noon  
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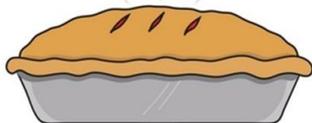
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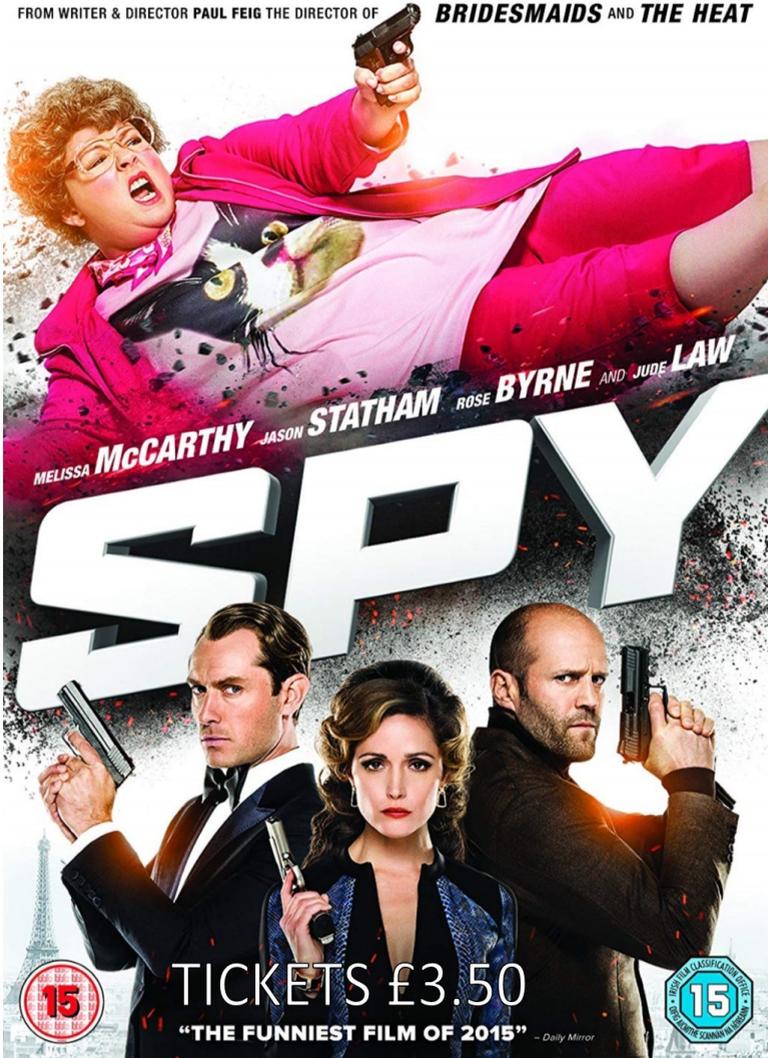


# Milborne Movies

Friday 10th May  
at 7.30pm

Doors and Bar at 7.00pm

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### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May - 2 pm**

#### **Tolpuddle**

Meet outside the Martyrs' Inn, Tolpuddle.

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

### **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May - 11 am**

#### **Abbotsbury & Ashley Chase**

Meet at the lay-by on the Bishop's Road, NE of Abbotsbury, where the SW coastal path crosses this road.

Grid reference: SY 588866 on Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 6.5 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

### **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 2 pm**

#### **Southover Heath, near Afpuddle**

Meet at parking area on Waddock Drove (road from Afpuddle to Crossways)

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## Dewlish Church Notes

Ascension Day is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May and, as usual, Jim will be leading a short service at the top of Greenways, by the TV mast, at 6.30am. We are hoping for good weather but should it be raining the service will be held in the church. We look forward to seeing all you early risers!

We are busy making plans for our **Open Gardens Weekend** on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Several gardens will be open between 2.00pm and 6.00pm each day, and refreshments will be available from Dewlish Village Hall but served in the front garden of Manor Farmhouse (by kind permission of Vicky and Andrew) – provided it is fine, the alternative being the Village Hall.

On the Saturday we are holding a concert in the church with music provided by the **Dorset String Quartet** who will be playing light classical pieces and music from the shows. Tickets (in advance) will be £10, and this will include a drink and light refreshments at half-time. Full details will be included in next month's Parish Magazine. We look forward to seeing you. All money raised will be used to pay for the repairs to our church window.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May we are holding a **Sale for Christian Aid**. Again, this will run alongside the Community Coffee Morning. There will be stalls and a raffle plus refreshments. For further information and donations, please contact Mrs Margaret Groves (Tel: 01258 837 617). Do come along and support this worthwhile cause.

*Daphne Burg*

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## Picnic in the Park

We would like you to join us on Saturday the 18/05/2019 from 11am-3pm for a Picnic in the Park which is being run in Borough Gardens, Dorchester.

The event is free to attend and we will be encouraging as many members of the community & health professionals to attend as possible.

The aim of the event is to promote use of outdoor activities and the natural environment to improve health and wellbeing.

There will be a range of stalls who promote or run outdoor/nature/health activities, and some fun free taster sessions to try out as well.

People are welcome to bring a picnic and make a day of it – or just drop in to have a look around!

There will be cakes & hot drinks on sale as well as other tasty samples to try.

The event is being run by Stepping into Nature, the Mid-Dorset CCG, Live Well Dorset, Natural Choices, Active Aging, Dorset Council and Dorchester Town Council.

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<b>St Mary's, Puddletown—May 2019</b>		
<b>Intercessors</b>		<b>Scripture Readers</b>
5th	Rod Hughes	Emma Hughes
12th	Family Service Team	
19th	Sue Turner	Pat Sparks
26th	Dawn Loveless	Judy Bumby
<b>Flowers</b>		
5th	Caroline Cox	Rogation Sunday in memory of Mr & Mrs Bown
12th	Caroline Cox	
19th	Heather Mears	Church Concert 18th
26th	Heather Mears	
<b>Coffee</b>		
2nd Sunday of every month—Family Service Team		
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(Please let Jean know of any problems over dates.)		
<b>Brasses</b>		
Sandra Dake		
<b>PCC Charity Donations</b>		
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Lent	Bishop's Fund for Sudan	
Mothering Sunday	Mosaic	
Easter Day	The Salvation Army (Homeless)	
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Christmas	The Children's Society	

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*The Bridge Educational Trust is a Piddle Valley based charity which provides grants to further the educational aims of local people.*

## Services in the Benefice— May 2019

### 5<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 3

Psalm 30, Acts 9.1-20, John 21.1-19

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

### 12<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 4

Psalm 23, Acts 9.36-43, John 10.22-30

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

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

12noon	Lunchtime Communion	Puddletown
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### 19<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 5

Psalm 148, Acts 11.1-18, John 13.31-35

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	1662 Morning Prayer	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

### 26<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6

Psalm 67, Acts 16.9-15, John 14.23-29

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

### ASCENSION DAY - THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May

Psalm 47, Acts 1.1-11, Luke 24.44-53

6.30am	Morning Prayer	Dewlish on hill by mast
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown

Morning Prayer—Monday through Thursday 8.15am, Saturday 9.00am

Monday	Puddletown	Tuesday	Milborne St Andrew
Wednesday	Dewlish	Thursday	Tolpuddle
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