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THE VICAR'S LETTER

In Remembrance



Do you know that each year in the benefice we have a service where people gather to remember loved ones who have died?

It's a service that is open to everyone. We send named invitations to those who have organised funerals in the past year through our churches (whether the service took place in church or at the crematorium) but it's not just for them. Anyone who wants to remember someone they love but who is no longer

here is most welcome to attend.

During the service – a mix of hymns, readings, music and prayers – there is an opportunity for everyone to light a candle in memory of the person they are holding in their heart. We read a list of all those we are remembering, and in the midst of the sadness that they are no longer with us, we give thanks that we knew them and for the part they played in our lives.

This year the service is in St Andrew's Church, Milborne, at 3 p.m. on Saturday 2nd November. It is followed by tea and cake. Please do join us – let me know of people you'd like added to the list. And if possible, let me know in advance that you will be attending – we don't want to run out of cake! And if you'd like to come, but transport is a problem, then do contact one of our churchwardens.

We also remember each year in November those who have died in war. Dewlish and Milborne will have specific Remembrance services. In Dewlish, we ask you to gather at the War Memorial at 10.50am for the Act of Remembrance, which is followed by a service in the church; at Milborne the service in church will be at 10 a.m. followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

The Royal British Legion in Puddletown are not holding their service this year. However, there will be an Act of Remembrance during the Puddletown Praise service that morning (10.50a.m.).

Remembering is not just for a particular month in the year, but it can be helpful to have specific times when communities come together to recall significant people and events. They have a meaning in the past, but also affect our present and future. That is one reason why Christians gather Sunday by Sunday to share holy communion with one another, as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and celebrate what it means for us today. It's an act of the heart as much as of body and mind. And it's there for all who want to be a part of it.

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Baptism

15th September	Beth Rashleigh	Puddletown
22nd September	Tobias George Hopper Burlend	Milborne St Andrew

Funerals

d. 19th August	Peter Scanlon — aged 95	Puddletown
d. 23rd September	Doris Kathleen Wadham — aged 81	Milborne St Andrew

Puddletown Village Hall - Caretaker

Paula is leaving to take up another position so we will need a new Caretaker after Christmas.

Apart from keeping the Hall clean and tidy, the job involves taking bookings from users and passing takings on to the Treasurer.

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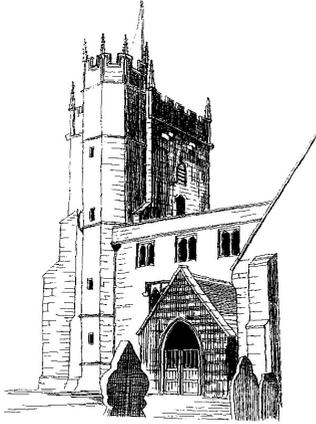


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St. Mary's Church Events—November

Messy Church will be at Puddletown on Sunday 3rd November, starting at 4pm in St Mary's Church. There will be activities, crafts, songs, games, bible story and prayers, followed by tea. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pop-in Coffee Mornings are held every Thursday in the Church Room from 10am to 12noon. Come and join us. Heather and friends will be holding the Poppy Appeal coffee morning on the 7th. Rosemary will be there on the 14th

with her card stall and there will be a short communion service at 12noon on the 21st.

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 11th November and we are going to serve mild but delicious chicken and vegetable curries with rice, followed by a great selection of pudd. 12noon 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 find you have to cancel.

The Church Events Meeting is at 2.30pm in the Church Room on Tuesday 12th November. We do our best to arrange enjoyable sociable events that also raise some money to help pay for oil to keep us warm in the church during the winter months. Fresh ideas are very welcome – please pass them on to Jean, Glad or Diana before the meeting. We are always glad to have new members on the committee, one or two of us are in our 8th decade and may retire one day!

St Mary's Church Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 7th December from 10am to 12noon in Puddletown Village Hall. There will be the usual tempting stalls, Christmas wreaths and a raffle. Please contact Diana on 848510 if you wish to book a stall for £7.

The Village Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 11th December in Puddletown Village Hall, 12noon for 12.30pm. St Mary's Middle School pupils are providing entertainment. The "age bar" of 70 has been lifted and all are welcome to a traditional turkey lunch. Please pre-book your place with Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 by the closing date of 30th November. Tickets are £14.

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Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride 14th September 2019.

At 9.30am Hazel, Pat, Cynthia, Ursula and I arrived at St Mary's Church Puddletown and took off to Wareham in three cars.

We parked very easily in a pay and display car park and started our walk from there. Walking up the grass ramp onto the West wall the sun was shining, and we had a perfect view. We continued round which took us to the North wall then on to the road down the hill across the main road to St Martin's on the Wall, an Anglo Saxon church dated from the tenth century with a priceless effigy of Lawrence of Arabia. Well worth visiting.

We continued along the main road where we visited our next church Wareham Methodist, we then backtracked a little and continued to walk up the grassy slope onto East wall turning onto Bestwall and then Church Street where we came to our next church, Wareham URC.

Well I have to say we did get a little sidetracked after Wareham URC as there was an antique shop just before we reached The Priory of Lady St Mary's Church. We must have spent 30 minutes looking around before we continued our journey. St Mary's was our final church, so we went onto the quay where Hazel found an empty bench and we sat in the sun with a picnic. Ursula however didn't stop there she continued her journey towards Corfe Castle.

Back in Puddletown Margaret and Betty walked to Athelhampton church then on to Tolpiddle church and back again well done to all.

A big thank you to Diana, Shirley, Diane, Simon, Lizzie, Andrew and Sandra who all greeted visiting ride and striders to St Mary's here in Puddletown, providing all thirty of them with drinks and biscuits.

And finally, our total (of which half goes to The Historic Churches Trust and half to St Mary's Puddletown) is £1150. A huge thank you to all who sponsored us and all who took part and helped on the day.

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REMEMBERING PETER SCANLON

Very sadly Puddletown said goodbye to Peter Scanlon in the last few weeks, and his Son, Christopher, created and read his father's Eulogy at his funeral in St. Mary's Church. It was received with such interest by those in attendance that it has been suggested many more people would find it fascinating to read here just what one of our resident's did in his long and wonderful life.

We thank Peter's family for allowing us all to read this wonderful account:-

Dad was a wonderful man and it is with a curious sense of pleasure that I recall his long and varied life. I would like to talk a little about

Dad the Man

Dad the Father

Dad the Husband

Dad the man was a linguist. He was good at French and German at Rugby School. But when Japan entered the war in December 41 and captured Singapore so swiftly in February 42, Britain discovered that it had nobody who could speak Japanese. So, they selected 50 linguists, and put them through a crash course in Japanese. Dad was one of them. They seem to have been a bright bunch as they kept popping up during Dad's career.

Dad was sent to Ceylon now Sri Lanka, where Mountbatten had established his headquarters, and interpreted intercepted Japanese signals – very like the Bletchley unit working on German signals. Dad was on the first boat into Singapore when it fell in 45 as an interpreter. He stayed on and picked up Malay as he was not demobilised until 47.

He went to Oxford to start his Devonshire Course in preparation for his colonial work in Borneo and met Mum. After completing this course at the London School of Economics he joined the Colonial Service as a District officer. They got married in Singapore following his work in Borneo, which he had already started, in December 48, before setting off to work in Sarawak, on the North Coast of Borneo. It must have been an amazing time – aged 24 – administering British justice to the local Dayaks – with all the privations that carried on back in the UK.

We received a lovely note from an old friend of his from those days – Denis Buckingham – who said

Your dad was a fantastic friend to me over the years, we always had memorable times together and a lively competitive spirit on the squash and tennis courts. He will be greatly missed.

I have great memories of the years we shared adjoining houses in Kuching, when, after a game on my tennis court we would have a drink on the verandah and complain that they were giving the colonies away faster than our promotions were coming through!

I do remember in the build up to independence there were riots initiated by the communists against the imperial colonialists.

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This entailed setting some cars on fire – one of which was ours. The next day a delegation came along to apologise to Dad about the damage done. If they had realised it was Mr. Scanlon's car they would not have set it alight!

For Sarawak independence came in late '62, when Dad was aged 38. By now he had a young family and needed to find a job. Quite a shock in the days of Jobs for Life. Fortunately, he found a role at the Foreign Office and helped with the continuing crumbling of the Empire. In '65 he spent three months flying round the Pacific sorting out independence for those colonies. Imagine flying around all those gorgeous islands at somebody else's expense. He was also on the committee that oversaw the independence of what would become Malawi.

He went on to become First Information Officer in Bangkok, during the Vietnam War. It was never very clear how much of a spy Dad was – but certainly when I have spoken with other people "in the business" since then they were pretty convinced he was. Dad was far too discrete to ever let on about such things – but it is rather encouraging to think of your Dad in that way!

From Bangkok he moved to Singapore and then Deputy High Commissioner in Botswana – during the Rhodesia crisis. Then back to London for his final "posting" as Head of Visits – entertaining foreign dignitaries that the UK government wanted to influence.

In between all this is **Dad the Father** – the second aspect I wanted to talk about.

Dad gave us an amazing childhood, which we rather took for granted. I was the first white boy into a Chinese school aged 5. It has always given a different view on racism being in a minority of 1 with 299 other children wanting to touch my skin because it was a different colour to theirs.

Following independence in November 62 we came "home" the slow way - on a boat from Singapore to Genoa (I have never forgotten the sunsetting over the Suez canal) and then drove round Europe for 3 months to ensure we returned to the UK on the first day of the new tax year! We went skiing in Kitzbühel – which was a pretty amazing experience given we had lived in an equatorial rain forest up until then...we did all sorts of things. Skiing became a really enjoyable family holiday – in fact I met my wife Tina on a ski holiday many years later.

We both went to prestigious boarding schools and had exotic holidays. Kate had a pony in Bangkok; I learnt to water ski in Thailand. We visited Hong Kong and Japan. We did a road trip around Botswana taking in Serowe and the Limpopo river.

When Dad returned to the UK he decided he would like a London flat. This turned out to be a 72 foot long wooden narrow boat in Little Venice – which proved remarkably useful for me when I started my first job in London. So we lived together for a couple of years in London. He would return to the family home near Henley for the weekend – leaving me in sole charge. We did have a lot of fun with the barge!

And Dad was also a great Grandad. He made a wonderful full scale rocking horse for our son, Patrick's second Christmas, which we still have today. He became a magician and showed off magic tricks. He was inspirational through the life he had led, although didn't talk much about the past.



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He was always approachable, never boastful – clever at getting alongside whoever he was talking to. I never thought of him as my role model, but I have become very like him – of which I am very proud. I take pride in the way he served his country in various roles, without fuss or egotism. Without any real aspiration for riches – simply doing his job.

The third and final aspect of Dad that I wanted to talk about was **Dad and Barbara**.

Barbara, you have been a Godsend to Dad. You have lightened up the final years of his life with compassion and wise friendship. Thank you for all the kindnesses and tolerances you have shown him. You have enhanced his remaining years beyond all recognition and expectation.

Dad wanted to die. He'd had a full life. He didn't want to be a bother to anyone. So we should see this service more as a celebration of that life than a reason to grieve his death. We will. But amongst that we must remember the many memories we have of him and the wonderful life he had.

Puddletown Cricket Club News

Our summer season came to an exciting climax with promotions for our midweek 2nd Team, Cup Final disappointment for the midweek 1st Team, promotion for the Saturday 2nd Team with the Saturday 1st team just pipped for Promotion to Div 1 on the final weekend.

But it wasn't just about the Men's teams. Through what has been a fantastic summer of cricket, we now have a vibrant Juniors' and Women's section. And something like 100 members of the Club celebrated in style at the Village Hall in September. We've really had so much fabulous support this summer - a BIG BIG thank you to all of our Club Members, Volunteers, Parents and Friends of the Club.

But the cricket goes on with Juniors' and Women's training at St Mary's on a Monday night in October up until Christmas, with both also entering teams into an Indoor League competition. If you want to join in the fun or find out more please visit our 'Puddletown Juniors' Facebook page or contact me on drstevens2004@yahoo.co.uk.

David Stevens
Club Chair



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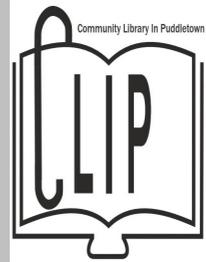
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September 2019		
	Rainfall for the month	151.80 mm
	Cumulative for the year	625.50 mm
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	2018 Cumulative for the year	353.10 mm
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Many thanks

Dawn Loveless

(Children's Society Co-Ordinator)

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS...!

We try each month to publish a topical photograph on the cover of this magazine, something which depicts the season and reflects upon the area in which we live.

This means constantly looking ahead and taking some snaps well ahead of time. The Christmas tree in December will be too late for that year! Publishing times do not allow for last minute production.

So, dear readers, we are again asking you, and particularly any budding photographers out there, to keep the Parish Magazine front cover in mind when you are taking your pictures. Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance. People joining-in with the various activities and celebrations which take place in our villages. The robin in winter, the bountiful fields in summer, the early bulbs in the spring, and the golden leaves of autumn; we live in a beautiful part of Dorset and Mother Nature performs so well all around us. Please help us to capture some of these things, and we might even write an accompanying paragraph at times to go along with it. The possibilities are endless!

We need a Portrait-style colour photograph for the front cover, but anything inside can be Landscape, though will only be printed in black and white.

If you can help us to build-up a bank of potential photographs which we may consider using at any given time of the year, send through to your local Editor, listed on page 3 of each magazine.

The details of the photograph on the front cover of the October 2019 issue were sadly omitted.

They should have said -

'How times have changed at harvest time' – photograph by Emma Hughes.

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The Friends held their Annual General Meeting in the church on 6th July. There was a good attendance, but membership is a concern as growth has levelled out and subscriptions to the group help to fund needed repairs to the church and its immediate surroundings. (Subscriptions vary from £2 to £10 pounds a month – more if wished!)

This winter you will notice the new lighting at the corner of the church tower and at the lantern arch that greatly improves security and the safety of those attending evening services and activities in the Church and the Church Room. A grant from the Friends fully funded this lighting. In addition, we have all enjoyed the more frequent ringing of the Church bells by the newly enlarged and invigorated group of bell ringers. However, the bells are in need of attention, with two in particular needing new bearings. Members at the meeting agreed to make a contribution to the sizeable cost of the repair of these two bells. Other ongoing or agreed projects include repair of the altar rail and repairs to stained glass windows.

The meeting also approved the appointment of officers of the Friends. Ursula Pomeroy continues as Administrator in which role she undertakes the lion's share of responsibility for the organization and financial affairs of the group. Colin Allder continues as Chair, and Janet Nassim will take on the new position of Secretary.

Following the AGM, we had a most interesting and entertaining talk on the making and repair of stained glass windows by John Callan who will be undertaking the repair of windows in St Mary's. The evening ended with refreshments including wine and soft drinks.

As you know, parish churches receive no financial assistance from the government or from the Church of England and rely on the generosity and interest of their communities. We would very much welcome new members to assist us in maintaining our historic and beautiful church. Will you help?

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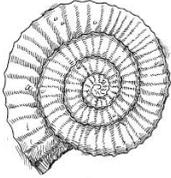
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Wednesday 20th November at 2.30pm

Geology Rocks

by Kelvin Huff

Kelvin taught geography and geology for nearly 40 years in Sussex and Dorset. He is Secretary of the Dorset Geologists' Association Group and Dorset's Important Geological Sites group. He also runs several U3a groups, including geology. Geology is one of his many interests, which also include genealogy, history of art, walking and playing around with websites!

Kelvin's talk will essentially cover what geology is. He will also try and convince you that geology is absolutely central to our lives and will also talk about evolution and climate change.

The Friends of Puddletown Library

Gin Tasting Evening



We would like to thank all of you who attended this successful event on Saturday 28th September. Majestic Wine brought a variety of gins and mixers for everyone to try, while Mary Berry and Debby Thomas-Orchard provided delicious canapés. A profit of £656.26 was made for the Puddletown Community Library.

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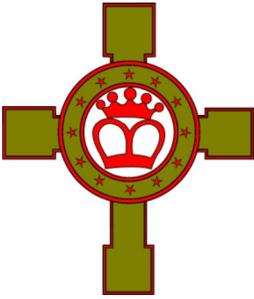
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St John's Church, Tolpuddle— November 2019

The Harvest is neatly gathered in – and so we sung in church for the Harvest Festival on Sunday October 6th- when the church was beautifully decorated by Marion and her team- Ann, Christine, Hilly, Avril and Jo. Sadly the

service was poorly attended but we still raised over £100 for Water Aid- such a worthwhile charity.

A big thank you also to those who Rode and Strode or Dorset Historic Churches Trust (Graham, William, Hope, Philippa, Hilly, John and Thomas) and also those who manned the church with such yummy refreshments. We raised in excess of £700, half of which will be returned to the church.

Oh- the dark winter evenings- curtains drawn and shutters closed- and what a long night for those on their own. But there is now so much to look forward to as the Church Events Committee plans for the season ahead.

We held a joint meeting with the Village Hall to discuss the:

Bonfire Party- Friday November 1st- 6pm- 9pm on Martyrs Field- Tickets available in advance from Marion (849353) or Julie (848027) or on the gate.

The tickets include a mug of homemade pumpkin soup and there will be a bar and live music from Claude and the Cats- do come and bring your friends.

Carol Service – Sunday December 8th-5pm in the Church – this is a great way to start Christmas- and again this year we will have a small scratch choir- indeed we would love YOU to join us- contact Hilly (848552) for more information.

Christmas Party with Carols- Sunday December 22nd- with a **Children's Party in the Hall**, followed by **Carols under Martyrs Tree (raising money for the Children's Society)** and then **Songs in the Martyrs Pub and Raffle**. More details of this and other Christmas events next month, when the magazine is delivered to every house in the village.

However we are disappointed to report that Posada will not be taking place this year- there seems to be less enthusiasm for this and so we are giving it a break and will think again in 2020.



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The Puddletown Society



The October meeting of the Society was a talk by the Rev John Walker about the Tolpuddle Martyrs and the Methodist Chapel in Tolpuddle. Although I'm sure we all learnt about the martyrs in History Classes at school, John made the subject most interesting by his delivery. He initially focussed on the sociological background of the preceding 40 years which led to the way the men and their families were treated. He talked about their wives and families left behind who all struggled to survive. Going on to tell us that the men were pardoned, funded their own return from Australia ultimately moving on to Canada. Only one of them remained here in Dorset and his grave is in the cemetery in Tolpuddle. He also brought us up-to-date with the current progress of the renovation of the Grade II Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust, formerly the Methodist Chapel.

Janet Ranger-Dennis
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As quite a busy summer for the village comes to an end, we're thinking about events for the autumn and end of the year.

By the time you read this, I hope you will have decided to attend, or will have attended, the Tolpuddle Bonfire Party with Fireworks on Friday 1 November which is run jointly between the Church and the Hall. We're keen to establish this as a well attended annual family event for the village, wider parish and surrounding areas.

On **29 November**, there will be a **Quiz night**, including a Christmas theme, which Martin and Sally Cooke have kindly offered to organise. Tickets will cover the cost of a fish supper at "half time" and there will be a pay bar. Why not put together a team of four, with an appropriate name, and pit your wits against the very best the rest of the community has to offer? We'll put posters up with ticketing arrangements shortly.

Christmas isn't that far off and we know it's a very busy time of year for everyone. So this year, in discussion with the Church, we've decided to combine a number of events into a fun festive occasion for the whole family, on Sunday 22 December. The programme is as follows:

3 - 5.30pm (at the Village Hall) - **Children's Christmas Party** with games, tea and a special visit from Father Christmas. If you're a grown up, don't worry - we're organising an adult creche with access to appropriate refreshments and a chance to buy raffle tickets for some superb prizes.

The Children's Party will be free but, because of potential numbers, you'll need to get tickets in advance - watch for our posters on notice boards.

5.30pm - carol singing under the Martyrs Tree, followed by

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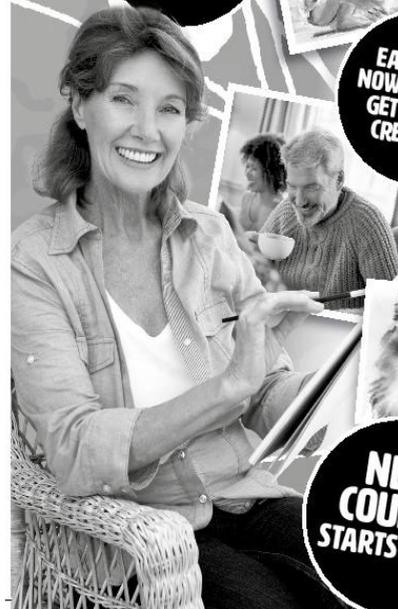
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2019	1st (£15)	2nd (£10)	3rd (£5)
September	Marion Regan	Hilly Cobban	Julian Francis

In aid of the Village Hall development fund.



Puddletown Area Parish Council

An Invitation

Thursday 28th November 2019. 7pm - 9pm at Puddletown Village Hall

As your parish council (PAPC), we exist as (the lowest tier of) democratically elected representatives and form part of some 8,500 parish councils across England. We have the mandate to speak on behalf of the people we represent. It is important that we do this with authority and integrity in order to have the optimum effect.

We would like to invite you to an event where we will provide clarity on what we and other local community groups already do within our villages. A bit like a 'who's who and who does what?' **More importantly, we invite you along to share your own thoughts in small group discussions, about what else might be needed to optimise village and community life.**

Please join us if you can. This is part of our goal to enhance communication and engagement within and between our villages - Athelhampton, Burtleston, Puddletown & Tolpuddle. There will be light refreshments available from 7pm.

In order for us to know how many people to expect on 28th November, please RSVP to confirm your attendance to:

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Milborne St Andrew's Church News

Plentiful Harvest at St Andrews

On every first Sunday of the month we have our Celebrate 'all age' service and as the Harvest Service was on 5th October, the team organised and led the proceedings. The Celebrate services always start with a 'slap up' breakfast buffet but to make Harvest really special the team organised a sit-down cooked breakfast. This proved to be very popular with many people giving some of them an opportunity to have a wholesome start to the day both physically and spiritually. The flower arrangers did a wonderful job in creating amazing displays around the church, for which we are very grateful.

This year, for harvest gifts, we suggested that dry, tinned or packet foods were brought if people were able and willing. There were 5 boxes full of food, toiletries and other relevant items. These will be taken to Blandford Food Bank. The fresh fruit and vegetables that were brought were sold off at the end of the service and the money donated has been sent to WaterAid. A big thank you to all who contributed.



St Andrew's hosted the Messy Church session in October. We hold it in our village hall as our church is not a suitable venue. This month the theme was 'giving'; the craft activities, story and singing reflected this. Before going home, the families and helpers sat down to a wholesome supper of cottage pie followed by fruit kebabs (which were made by the children). The next Messy Church is in Puddletown Church Room on the 3rd of November starting at 4 pm. If you haven't been to any session do come along, it's free and the children and their accompanying adults really enjoy all of it.

Pam Shultz
Churwarden

Milborne Christmas Market—save the date!



A 'new look' Christmas Market will be held at 4p.m. to 6p.m. on 7th December in the Village Hall.

All welcome.



Dorchester Choral Society

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with Corelli Baroque Orchestra



Saturday 07 December, 2019
St Mary's Church, Dorchester DT1 2HL
at 7.00pm

Christmas Oratorio

J S Bach

Amy Carson *Soprano*

Andrew Stewart *Alto*

Ruairi Bowen *Tenor*

Edmund Saddington *Bass*

Director of Music - Colin Howard

Tickets £16 and £12 (*+booking fee 7%*)

online at the DCS website

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The local villages walking group



Walks are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month.

Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside. **Any questions, please feel free to contact: Ian Bromilow, 01258-880044.**

SUNDAY 3rd November - 2 pm

Charlton Marshall

Meet St Mary's Church in Charlton Marshall, on A350 from Blandford.
Grid reference: ST 900041 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

WEDNESDAY 20th November - 11 am

Sherborne, Haydon & Folke

Meet near the church in Haydon, 2 miles S.E. of Sherborne, off A3030.
Grid reference: ST 670157 on Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 6.5 miles)
Bring a packed lunch.

SUNDAY 1st December - 1:30 pm (*note earlier starting time during winter*)

Minterne Magna & Cerne Abbas

Meet in car park opposite the church in Minterne Magna
Grid reference: ST 769110 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Please note:

- WHO** All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners.
No pre-booking required just turn up.
- WEAR** Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.
- BRING** Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).
- PACE** We go at the pace of the slowest.
- TERRAIN** Expect mud, inclines and stiles.
- AIM** Keep fit, enjoy the Dorset countryside and each other's company.
- LEGAL** We look after one another but in the end you are responsible for yourself.

Bible Study House Group

We will be meeting on the following Wednesdays
from 5.00pm to 6.15pm

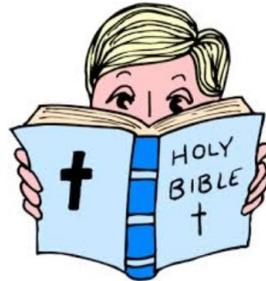
at 12 The Courtyard, Walpole Court, Puddletown.

Studying The Acts of the Apostles

October 16th, 30th

November 13th, 27th

December 11th



If this appeals to you, please contact

Ken Mills (01305 849328; kandr.mills@outlook.com)

New members will be welcome!





Milborne Movies

Friday 8th November
at 7.30pm

Doors and Bar at 7.00pm

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Sunday 10 November

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Tea and Coffee

Craft Stalls

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Christmas Decoration Workshop
With Creative Clay

in the Village Hall 10.00-2.00

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email puddcommcafe@gmail.com

Crossways Travel 10 year anniversary

Crossways Travel celebrated their 10-year anniversary on September 22nd in Weymouth Centenary Club with a free buffet, a glass of wine, entertainment and, of course, their 2020 Holiday Brochure Launch. The turnout far surpassed the organisers' expectation with nearly 400 guests making time to come and wish them Happy Birthday. It was a fantastic evening and they also had a charity auction raising funds for local charity Mosaic.

Crossways Travel, set up by Kadi and Matt Crocker, initially started out as a small community group offering days out from the local villages. The company has now become well respected within the tour industry and offers a large range of fully escorted day excursions and European and UK holidays with pickups all around Dorset offering a truly personal touch.



On the photo at the front from the left Sonia Abbiss (office manager), Kadi Crocker (owner), Penny Bayley- Maynard (tour manager), Matt Crocker (owner). Back row from the left Andy Dunoris (driver) and Jeff Holmes (driver).

The odd nap is good for your heart

If you are longing for a nap, go ahead. A recent study has found that people who enjoy a small number of daytime naps a week have only half the risk of life-threatening events such as heart attack or stroke.

Researchers say that the reason may be because napping relieves stress, and thus aids cardiovascular health.

But the team at University Hospital Lausanne also found that there should be a limit to napping. Once or twice a week for between five and 60 minutes is good; beyond this, beware. If you need to nap more often than that, it may be that you have underlying health problems and should see a doctor.

Courtesy of Parish Pump





Sunday 3rd November 2019

4.00pm

St Mary's Church, Puddletown

Activities, crafts, songs, games, bible story and prayers
followed by tea

Worship for all ages in a creative and messy way

Children must be accompanied by an adult

For more details contact Sarah

sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com

01305 848784

Dates:

Sunday 1st December - Dewlish Village Hall

Sunday 5th January 2020 - Tolpuddle Village Hall

Sunday 2nd February Milborne Sports Club

Tolpuddle Toddlers for under 5's runs every Monday during term time at Tolpuddle village hall. It is for two hours between 10-12pm and costs only £1.50 per family.



Tolpuddle
Toddlers

Each week we have a different craft activity, where the children have fun getting creative! Recently we have had a pirate theme and made pirate masks and at story time we had a book about two stubborn pirates.

We have interesting toys for the toddlers and have an area for younger babies. We take it in turns to bring snacks along and there is always plenty of tea and coffee on offer and if we are lucky some cake too.

At the end we have a story and a sing song, always taking requests from the toddlers. Last week dingle dangle scarecrow was the favourite.

Over the next few weeks we will be making some hanging bat decorations for hallowe'en and painting some poppies for remembrance day. We will also be packing some shoeboxes full of gifts as part of Operation Christmas by the Samaritans Purse charity to send to children in need around the world.

It would be great if you have little ones and would like to come along to Tolpuddle Toddlers!

Maria



Maria Palmer
07717506020
m.e.palmer@outlook.com

St Mary's Church
**CHRISTMAS FAIR
& COFFEE MORNING**

10 am to 12 noon
SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER
in
Puddletown Village Hall



Entrance £2 to include coffee and biscuits

Homemade cakes and Christmas fare
Holly and door wreaths
Duck aprons, tea towels, Phil's cards
Craft stalls, cards, books, raffle and lots more!



Dewlish Church Notes

Jim and Adam’s cycle ride in the Dorset Historic Churches Trust’s “Ride ‘n’ Stride” went really well. It was a glorious day (thankfully!). We thank them so much for raising money both for our church and for grants towards other churches’ repairs. The money is still being collected but we think the total will reach nearly £1,000. Well done! Many thanks also to all those who very kindly

donated.

Please join us for our **Service of Remembrance** on Sunday 10th November, beginning at 10.50am at the War Memorial, and thereafter in church after the 2-minute Silence. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served in the Village Hall afterwards.

We shall be celebrating All Saint’s Day on Sunday 3rd November with a **Patronal Songs of Praise** at 11.00am. If you have a favourite hymn, please contact Jim (Tel: 01258 837 466) before 28th October.

Daphne Burg

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club donation to Longmead Community Farm



In September, Angela Johnson (Treasurer of MSA Gardening Club) was pleased to donate £100 to the Longmead Community Farm. The money is to be used for improvement of the garden at the farm. For information about Longmead Community Farm and ways that you can help, contact:

Longmead Community Farm 01258 837969

Mark Johnson

Puddletown Village Lunch

Monday 11th November
Lunch served at 12.00noon
Puddletown Village Hall

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St Mary's, Puddletown – November 2019

Intercessors		Scripture Readers
3rd	Bob Todd	Paul Fleetwood
10th	Family Service Team	
27th	Rod Hughes	Judy Bumby
24th	Jean Jeffreys	TBA & Dawn Loveless
Flowers		
3rd	Diana Wilson	All Saints' Day
10th	Heather Mears	Remembrance Day
17th	Heather Mears	2 before Advent
24th	Heather Mears	Christ the King
Coffee		
2nd Sunday of every month—Puddletown Praise Team		
November: Jean Jeffreys & Emma Hughes		
(Please let Jean know of any problems over dates.)		
Brasses		
Sue Leonard		
PCC Charity Donations		
<i>Please give prayerfully and generously</i>		
Lent	Bishop's Fund for Sudan	
Mothering Sunday	Mosaic	
Easter Day	The Salvation Army (Homeless)	
Harvest	R.A.B.I . And Water Aid	
Christmas	The Children's Society	



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Services in the Benefice— November 2019

Saturday 2nd November

3.00pm	Service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have died + tea	Milborne St Andrew
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3rd November – All Saints' Sunday

Psalm 149, Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18, Luke 6.20-31

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate.....	Milborne St Andrew
11.0am	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00am	Patronal Festival Songs of Praise	Dewlish
4.00pm	Messy Church	Puddletown

10th November – Remembrance Sunday

Psalm 17.1-9, Job 19.23-27a, Luke 20.27-38

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30am	United Methodist Service	Tolpuddle
10.00am	Service of Remembrance <i>(followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11am)</i>	Milborne St Andrew
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service <i>(starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)</i>	Dewlish
10.50am	Puddletown Praise for Remembrance	Puddletown Church Room

17th November – 2 before Advent

Psalm 98, Malachi 4.1-2a, Luke 21.5-19

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	1662 Morning Prayer (Said)	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion <i>(With opening of Children's Society boxes)</i>	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

Thursday 21st November

12 noon	Lunchtime Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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24th November – Christ the King

Psalm 46, Jeremiah 23.1-6, Luke 23.33-43

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

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

Monday	Puddletown	Tuesday	Milborne St Andrew
Wednesday	Dewlish	Thursday	Tolpuddle
Saturday	Puddletown		

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