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This month's cover photo: A lunch to celebrate the re-opening of St John's Tolpuddle on completion of the new electrics, lights and heating. L to R –Nigel Holtham, Kelvyn Green, John Taylor, Philippa Francis and Nick Green.

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# THE VICAR'S LETTER

## Growing in faith



Simon Parke writes: “It is a sobering thought that life does not automatically result in self-development. Many people imagine that, as they grow older, they develop but it is far from inevitable. The passage of time does not make for growth.

“Think of a seed. Like us a seed is genetically programmed to grow into a plant; but it will stay a seed for a million years unless conditions for growth are right. The seed is crammed full with potential, but

it will stay a seed until placed in the soil and fed with food, air and light.

“And so it is with humans. We are self-developing organisms, but life does not develop us if it’s not the right sort of life. The human being is no more the finished article than the acorn. In order to become an oak tree, the acorn needs to be planted in something other than itself, and we are the same.”

It is also the same for those with a Christian faith. If we are to grow in faith, we need to be planted in the right soils with the right catalysts for growth.

Jesus never envisaged his followers going it alone, yet many today think that they can do just that. Belonging to a church community is important, if we are to grow closer to God.

Being part of Christian community provides the right soil for growth and development. It’s about much more than just tipping up on a Sunday to sing some songs, say some prayers, hear a Bible reading and a sermon, boring or otherwise. A living Christian community is a place where we learn to pray, to share our experience of God, to understand what a deep relationship with God looks like, to find a fellowship of mutual support and a place where we can be truly accepted as we are. That doesn’t mean to say it’s a place where we can then stay as we are; the journey of faith requires a deep and continuing transformation.

Faith requires commitment. It requires a commitment to God, and a commitment to other Christians. And yet too many of us see God as an add-on to the rest of our lives, fitted in when we feel like it, rather than at the very heart of our being. Being a Christian is exciting and joyful, but it also needs to be embraced whole-heartedly. And that includes challenging those excuses we make not to gather each week with our fellow Christians. They need us, as much as we need them.

*Best wishes*

*Sarah*

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## Community Café News

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The community cafe holds a special place in our hearts as we have made so many fantastic friends over a cup of tea and a slice of cake, and we are sure many of you feel the same.

This is why we felt it so important to keep the cafe running and are truly delighted at the opportunity to do so. We cannot, however, do this alone! We have had a brilliant response already from people who are eager to get stuck back in to baking, washing up, manning their stalls, making the tea and coffee and all the other tasks. But we would still love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved! If you would like to volunteer your time, cake baking expertise or hold a stall, we would love to have a chat. We are starting the cafe up again in March and will endeavour to put on an event at least once a month.

If you have any questions, ideas or comments please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will be more than happy to get together to get to know you better.

We look forward to hearing from you all and meeting you soon.

*Dan, Katie and Rufus*  
puddcommcafe@gmail.com

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## Puddletown Pumpkins

Puddletown Pumpkins Toddler Group meets in Puddletown Village Hall every Thursday morning during term time from 10am - midday.

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## Lent 2020

During Lent there will be the following opportunities offered:

### **Mondays from 2<sup>nd</sup> March 12 noon Royal Oak, Milborne St Andrew**

Come and discuss the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book *Saying Yes to Life* (SPCK, £9.99) over a pint, coffee or lunch – you chose what you order. Recommended by the Bishop of Salisbury for parishes to study during Lent this year, the book looks at environmental, social and ethical issues and their connection to our faith. How can we make a difference for good in our world?

### **Tuesdays from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30 p.m. Puddletown Church Room**

*The Greatest Showman* film was panned by the critics but loved by millions. Rachel Mann has written a Lent Course (*From Now On* Darton, Longman & Todd, £6.99) to help us reflect on how we can face and overcome doubt, prejudice and temptation; live more authentic lives and celebrate God's world and each other. We'll watch the whole film the first week, and then use excerpts to aid our discussions after that.

### **Thursdays from 5<sup>th</sup> March 12.30 p.m. Dewlish – various locations**

Lent lunches – delicious soup, bread and cheese in return for a donation to charity

### **Thursdays 6 p.m. Milborne St Andrew church**

Compline: a quiet, reflective short service for the evening

### **Thursdays 6.30 p.m. Dewlish church**

Evening prayer: a said service with a thought for reflection

### **Throughout Lent times and place to suit**

Come and have a one-to-one chat with Sarah about your spiritual life: where it's at now and how you might go deeper in your relationship with God.

Contact Sarah (01305 848784; [sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com](mailto:sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com)) for more information about any of the above or to book a one-to-one appointment.

## BENEFACTORS

### Baptism

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Jessica Anne Josephine Alley	Puddletown
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### Funerals

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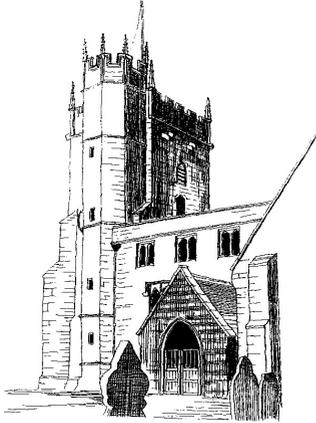
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## St. Mary's Church

### Events—March

We are now well into 2020 and our regular events continue each month. If there is anyone who 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.

**Messy Church** This will take place in Puddletown Church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March There will be activities, crafts, songs, games, a bible story and prayers followed by tea. An adult must accompany children.

**Pop-in Coffee Mornings** These take place every Thursday from 10 am to 12 noon, everyone is welcome. Rosemary will bring her card stall on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Mid-day communion** This will be at 12 noon in the Church Room on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**The Monthly Village Lunch** will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March We shall be serving chicken pie followed by a selection of delicious puddings. 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. Please make a note in your diaries that the village lunch in April will be on the first Monday of the month – 6<sup>th</sup> April, due to Easter dates.

**Do you need five minutes peace from the busyness of your day?**

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# TOWER NEWS

## One Year On

In the February 2019 magazine I wrote about the first 5 months of learning to ring bells at Puddletown following a ten-year absence of weekly bell ringing practice in the village.

Looking back, I can't believe how far we have progressed! We now all have been awarded the "Learning the Ropes" Level 2 in Foundation Skills certificate and I am "just" a Quarter Peal away from level 3 (Introduction to Change Ringing).

A year ago, we were learning rounds, that's just ringing the bells over and over in order... 123456.

Since then we have learnt call changes, where on command the ringing sequence is changed, so from 123456 the call could be 2 to 3 (132456), then 4 to 5 (132546), then 2 to 5 (135246). This particular pattern of bells is called "Queens".

We then moved on to basic method ringing with Plain Hunt, which we can now do confidently on any bell. Each time we ring in a different position, where, to start off, the even numbered bells work their way to the front, or "lead", and the odd numbered bells to the back to "lie". Once they have been in lead or lie, they head back in the opposite direction.

Method ringing requires the ringer to memorise a sequence of moves for their bell so the sound of the bells is constantly changing.

We also learnt to ring treble and the 2nd bell for Grandsire, and to ring treble and tenor for Plain Bob Doubles.

We are currently working on Plain Bob Minimus which has introduced us to "dodges" and "making seconds". In this, the 5th bell and the tenor ring at the back in 5th and 6th place all the time, the treble bell follows a pattern up and down the 3 remaining bells, and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th bell are the working bells, which seems complicated, but I can see some logic slowly coming!

In December I rang Tenor in my first Quarter Peal at Milborne St Andrew, for their carol service. This meant ringing for 44 minutes in 6th place whilst the other five bells, with "dodges" and "bobs" rang for 1260 changes.

A big thanks to the team (who really did all the work), Nigel, Sue, Jane, Robert & David.

In February 2019 we started ringing for the 3rd Sunday service in the month, and have also rung for a baptism, Easter Day, the Flower Festival, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday, as well as over the Christmas period and ringing in the New Year. I've also had the chance to ring some rounds and call changes at a couple of weddings last summer.

As I was staying with family over Christmas, and wanted to ring, I had to search for suitable towers near Melton Mowbray and contact them via the Leicestershire Diocesan Guild.

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Fortunately, I managed to ring at 2 different towers, one for a carol service on Christmas Eve, and the other for their Christmas Day service.

So our plans for 2020 are to get the other learners through their first Quarter Peal on the Tenor, then we all have to Treble a Quarter Peal to be awarded our “Learning the Ropes” Level 3 certificate. It’s a massive step from Level 2!

We will also be registering our intent to “Ring Out For Peace” to celebrate 75 years of peace since VE Day 1945, at 7pm on Friday 8th May, along with many other towers throughout the country.

*Emma Hughes*



Minimus - Ringing on 4 bells

Doubles - Ringing on 5 bells

Method - A specific sequence of changes

Change - The transition between succeeding rows

Tenor - The heaviest or last bell, with the lowest note.

Treble - The lightest or first bell, with the highest note.

Dodge - To change direction for one stroke

Making Seconds - Ringing twice in 2nd place

Bob - A move which modifies the sequence of changes

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## **Eat seasonally**

Eco-warriors who lead protest marches may have good intent, but what are they doing at home? Are they block-paving their gardens or eating avocados, for example?

Alan Titchmarsh, writing in his recent column in *Gardeners' World*, points out: “We cannot berate members of the Royal family and global superstars for flying hither and yon in private jets if we buy strawberries in January, for they, too, will have necessitated the burning of fossil fuel to reach our table.”

Titchmarsh says that if we really want to make a difference, we should eat seasonally. “I yearn for a return to .... English apples and pears in autumn and winter, strawberries and raspberries in summer, and asparagus from April to June.

And while he would not deprive anyone of “a slice of lemon for their G&T,” he does worry “about the growing consumption of avocados, which is causing the destruction of Mexican rainforests to make way for avocado plantations.”

So instead of avocados this month, why not consider some artichoke, beetroot, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage (both Savoy and white), carrots, chicory, cauliflowers, endives, fennel, or spinach, to name but a few of the vegetables in season in March?

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Most of the farm is above Puddletown looking down on the village, but with water meadows by the bypass which at the moment as in every winter is very wet and left to the overwintering bird visitors. Rented land outside the Parish of Puddletown is all into an arable rotation with some cattle in barns on outlying farms, which need daily visiting.

Back here on the home farm, the morning routine starts with the feeding and bedding up of cattle inside, giving calves which we have bought in their daily milk and cattle nuts, mucking out yards where needed and checking and feeding the in lamb ewes, with breakfast somewhere in between.

With arable land here and on outlying farms, the straw which was baled in large bales in August after the combine had gone through, is usually stacked in ricks in convenient places on the edges of the fields so is regularly bought back now to the farm for use in the cattle sheds.

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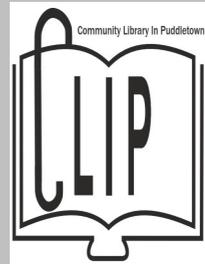
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## Puddletown Weather

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January 2020		
	Rainfall for the month	100.80 mm
	Cumulative for the year	100.80 mm
	2019 Rainfall for the month	52.50 mm
	2019 Cumulative for the year	52.50 mm
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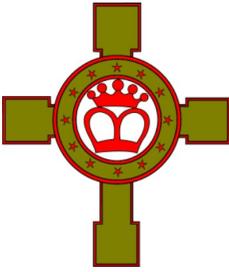
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difference between concordant and discordant coastlines. In addition to this, students also produced slave accounts in the form of diary entries and delivered Powerpoints showing knowledge of life on slave plantations and onboard a slave ship. Well done 8M!

Our PE teacher, Miss Osbourne, has updated us on recent sporting events. "This term we have been teaching health-related fitness across all of the years - an excellent opportunity for our students to develop their understanding of the human body and the importance of exercise. We have upcoming netball and football tournaments and I would like to wish those taking part the best of luck. We have been, and continue to be, impressed with the levels of participation in extracurricular sports. At the time of writing this, I have returned from the KS2 netball club, with 32 in attendance, whilst 30 KS2 boys attended KS2 football club and 15 partook in KS3 badminton. This is not to mention the other 4 nights of the week. The students' engagement in sport at St Mary's has always been admirable and we are very proud of their achievements. I look forward to the achievement assemblies ahead which will celebrate all of our students' endeavours."



*Year 8 students with their humanities homework.*



*The Greenwood Tree Academy Trust School Council*

Last week, the members of the Greenwood Tree Academy Trust School Council, who are made up of pupils from St Mary's and each of the four feeder schools within the Trust, made their yearly visit to St Mary's to meet with Executive Headteacher of the Trust, Mr Chadwick. On their agenda to discuss was how they can all work together and join forces to improve sustainability within the schools.

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## St John's Church, Tolpuddle, March 2020

Well the year did indeed start with a bang.....as both church wardens took to wheelchairs following unfortunate accidents. They both extend their thanks to all those wonderful neighbours and friends who have helped to keep the church ticking over, not to mention helped

keep their spirits up! We hope that by the time you read this they, and others in the village who have also had mishaps, will be well on the mend.

The Revd Janet Smith was our speaker at Go Fourth on January 26<sup>th</sup> and although the congregation was not as large as usual, those there enjoyed bacon rolls afterwards. We are so grateful to Geoff, Martin, Heather and Alice for their enthusiastic band.

Now the electrical work is completed we have applied to our architect to carry out the well overdue quinquennial inspection. Meanwhile we have created a children's area in the back of the church where there will be a selection of books. We hope that parents will feel comfortable to bring their youngsters in - either to browse them or borrow the books. Thanks to Marion and Dan for supplying some carpet. Thank you also for the loan of a bookcase from the Cookes.

A more immediate problem is that of the doves, a whole flock of whom have decided to roost in the church tower creating a lot of guano which is now interfering with the bells! The PCC have decided to call on an expert to help eradicate this problem and net the tower windows so that they will not return.

What of future events? Plans are already well advanced for the Midsummer Party to be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> on Orchard Meadow. This is a community event so if you would like a stall or just generally to help please contact Hilly - [hlcobban@gmail.com](mailto:hlcobban@gmail.com).

Prior to that we are looking at Easter arrangements. There will be the regular services and this year we propose a new idea - the church will be open, lit and warm on **EASTER MONDAY from 10.00—12.00** for any local artists to come and paint, draw, sketch or sculpt and thus enjoy the tranquility and of course the beautiful flowers. Light refreshments will be available

So - we are now looking to spring. The snowdrops are out and the daffodils well in bud and Tolpuddle is looking good - we are so blessed

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A Lunch was held in our newly lit and warmed church on February 13th at which John Taylor thanked all those who had made the project possible including Green Light Electrical, Active Church Systems Limited, Dorset Historic Churches

Trust, Erskine Mouton, The Events Committee, and other local volunteers and donors. Julie

Bonner made a presentation to John Taylor to thank him for all the effort he put into obtaining the faculty and project managing the work. The Sparks Appeal is now formally closed as the church now awaits its quinquennial inspection!

*Hilly Cobban*



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# TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

## NEWS

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January	Anna Kerslake	TeresaTurner	Sarah Merchant

### Garden trends for 2020

What plans do you have for your garden this year? Probably you will slow down on the digging, and maybe try making some mud pies by your new bee hotel instead. These are among the predictions of The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

The RHS reports a growing desire among gardeners to keep their soil healthy by adopting a 'no dig' philosophy, which limits damage to soil structure and wild-life.

As for mud pies, the RHS hopes that more parents will tempt their children into the garden to enjoy themselves with simple fun, and also to enjoy the benefits of soil bacteria on their immune system.

And bee hotels? They are just one of many ways in which we can take positive steps towards helping nature. Gardens need to be a bit less tidy, with seed heads left for the birds to eat, fallen logs left for the hedgehogs and beetles to sleep in, and piles of dead grass and weeds for our woodlice and other small crawlies. Gardens also need simple ponds, and plants for pollinators. Clipped shrubs, manicured lawns and pesticides do not help nature at all.

As Guy Barter, RHS chief horticulturalist says: "There's a rising tide of concern about the environment.... In the garden at least we can have some control. Now we are all wildlife gardeners, helping songbirds, helping beetles and woodlice."

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## Local Care from a Local Company

Home Instead Senior Care has recently opened a locally owned and operated office in Dorset. The team at Home Instead Senior Care in Dorchester is passionate about providing relationship led care to its clients which not only improves the quality of their lives but those of their families too. The company specialises in providing care for older people in their own homes.

Commenting on the service, Director Romesh Dharmasingham said, “We are passionate about providing the highest standard of person-centred care. Our ethos is simple – treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves. In doing this we are improving our clients’ quality of life and helping them to remain in their own homes, leading an independent life.”

Home Instead clients have a care plan tailored specifically to their own needs and the service is extremely flexible and ranges from help for an hour a day to longer bespoke care packages. Services can include personal care such as assistance with bathing and dressing, medication reminders; home help covering housework, shopping, meal preparation and household duties; and companionship services that can involve everything from escorting clients on visits or appointments to simple conversation and good company.

The company also provides a range of specialist services, which include Alzheimer’s and dementia care, convalescence care, respite care plus end of life care.

The team at Home Instead knows that quality care cannot be delivered in 15 minute, short, rushed visits so care calls are a minimum of 1 hour in duration which allows CAREGivers to build a deep connection with their clients. They also understand how important it is for clients to have the right caregiver for their needs. Time is taken to carefully match CAREGivers to clients so that they share common areas of interest and can form an immediate bond.

Home Instead only employs the most caring, considerate and empathetic CAREGivers – people to whom making a difference to the lives of others is important. CAREGivers are carefully selected, are DBS checked and have to provide four references as well as undergoing further personal checks.

Home Instead Senior Care is committed to making a difference and regards it as a special privilege to look after people with love, care and compassion - they take their responsibilities very seriously indeed.

The care company operates through a national network of over 200 locally owned and operated offices - each has an in-depth understanding of the immediate area, its amenities and what's available for older people in their community, so you can depend on Home Instead to provide the very best advice based on your family needs, your locality and your unique requirements.

LaingBuisson is the UK’s leading provider of information and market intelligence on the independent health, community care and childcare sectors. Home Instead Senior Care is recognised as being a leader in the field of elderly care and has been named as England’s number one homecare provider for older people.

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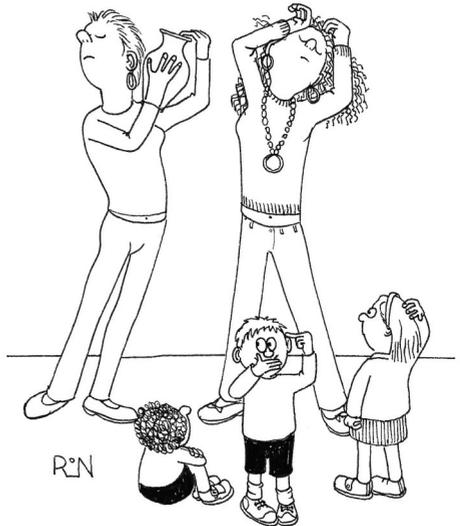
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*They had been asked to prepare posies  
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## **Volunteers needed now for Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal**

Marie Curie, the UK's leading charity for people living with a terminal illness and their families, will shortly launch their annual Great Daffodil Appeal, held across the UK every March.

As part of the Great Daffodil Appeal, Marie Curie needs volunteers who will give two hours of their time to help hand out their iconic daffodil pins in return for donations, and get more people than ever wearing the pin.

*If you've got two hours to spare, then there may be a location near you and it's a great way to engage in your local community and support those in need.*

Every donation and daffodil worn helps Marie Curie provide much-needed expert care to people with terminal illnesses, as well as support for their loved ones.

Marie Curie has a range of services aimed at helping people make the most of the time they have together. These include Nurses that give one-to-one expert care to people at home, nine hospices offering inpatient and outpatient care, spiritual and bereavement support, and, a free telephone support line. The charity says that the appeal is urgently needed as one in four people currently don't receive the care and support they need at the end of their life, and with the population getting older; demand on the charity's services is set to increase.

More details at: [www.mariecurie.org.uk/collect](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/collect) or call free on 0800 304 7025. If you or someone you know would like help from Marie Curie, call Support Line on 0800 090 2309.

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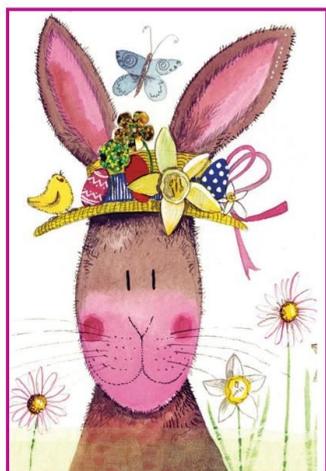
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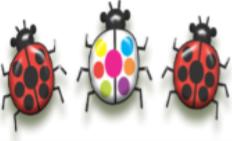
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# Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

## More Rain, Bird Watch and Valentines



Weather remained an interest at Ladybirds in February. The children continued playing in the rain and puddles and did some wonderful artwork. A group project of a rainbow picture included scissor use and sticking for the younger children while the older children had a go at writing words and cutting out the sun and cloud. We tried creating a weather station to catch and measure the rain but the wind proved too strong.

We participated in the RSPB birdwatch, making bird feeders to attract the birds. The children then equipped with

binoculars, clipboards and tally sheets went outside to look out for birds. Unsurprisingly most of the birds kept their distance but we were able to spot lots flying high in the sky. The blackbirds and a robin have become more used to the children and enticed by food are now regularly seen in the outdoor area from the doorway.

With Valentines day this month the children made cards, most of them deciding to send them to their mum. The photo shows a variety of the cards – all different according to choice and ability. The task offered was to cut out a heart shape and make it into a Ladybird.



*Liz Dyer (Leader)*

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*Kelly Haggett (Secretary)*

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# ROUND ROBIN RAMBLERS



## The local villages walking group

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### **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March - 2 pm**

#### **Fifehead Neville**

Meet near the church in Fifehead Neville

Grid reference: ST 769110 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.5 miles)

### **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March - 11 am**

#### **Bovington Forest & Lawrence's Grave**

Meet near the church in Moreton

Grid reference: SY 805894 on Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 6.5 miles)

Bring a packed lunch.

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

#### **Wareham Forest**

Meet at the forest car park close to Stroud Bridge

Grid reference: SY 886916 on OS Explorer Sheet OL15 (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.
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- 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.

## Animal Antics – Tales from Piddle Valley Vets



Bear the Chihuahua is considering himself a very lucky little dog these days. He has always been a very adventurous type, his nickname is Me Bear as wherever there's trouble he is first in line. Lately though his adventurous streak nearly landed him in a lot of trouble. He had gone with his family for a walk in the woods on a rare dry day amidst all this rain we've been having. They had been out for the best part of an hour when the dogs were all happily scampering about playing in the puddles, however unknown to them the next puddle in line was actually rather deeper than the rest, so deep that poor Bear was completely out of his depth and under the water he went. He came up coughing and spluttering and was quickly dragged out. He's only a young dog and generally very fit so his owners didn't think too much of it and they all carried on, after stopping for a short break for a very welcome cup of tea from the flask they'd brought along.

A short while later his owners noticed Bear was hanging back and walking in a very hunched up way. When they looked more closely it was obvious that he was shivering, his gums looked rather pale blue and he seemed very sleepy. They quickly realised that something was really not right but having been on a pet first aid course they knew what it was likely to be and how to act. Although they were at least an hour away from the car they scooped him up, tucked him in one of their coats and set off back to the car. By now he was very floppy and unresponsive, not even wanting one of his favourite treats, so they took a scarf and started to rub him vigorously to dry him off and get his circulation going again. They rang the surgery to say they were on their way and described his symptoms so we were able to get a warm kennel with warm intravenous fluids ready for him.

When they arrived Bear was already beginning to look a bit brighter and once he'd had some treatment and dried off completely he was back to his normal self, almost anyway. He had some food and seemed happier but he did look a bit worried about going back out in the rain, which had started again.



*Bear recovering from his ordeal.*



Bear had hypothermia as a result of getting cold and wet. Most fit healthy dogs don't have a problem but Bear had got soaked through. That combined with the low temperature and the period of inactivity during the tea break meant his temperature had dropped to such a point that his body was going into survival mode and shutting down all the peripheries, attempting to keep heart and lung function as normal. Thankfully his quick acting owners had realised what was happening and having dried him as well as keeping him warm and getting him into the surgery as quickly as possible he is now able to enjoy his walks again, although he's not so keen to jump in the puddles now!

If you'd like to know more about our First Aid Courses that are running throughout the year please contact us for more information (01305 848820). Prices include a bespoke First Aid Kit, handout and the course covers both practical and theoretical application of First Aid.

*Piddle Valley Vets*

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## **Milborne St Andrew's Church News**

### **Saying Yes to Life in Milborne**

You will probably already know that our vicar, Sarah, is running two Lent courses. One of which is 'Saying Yes to Life'. At St Andrew's, we have already taken steps to become an Eco Church so it is particularly pertinent for us.

Speaking at the Synod recently, Bishop Nicholas said that, while Salisbury was the first Diocese to achieve an Eco Diocese award, there was still a great deal to do. He challenged members to see how their churches could get involved with Eco Church and expressed his desire that all parishes use 'Saying Yes to Life' during Lent 2020 in place of the Diocesan 'Praying Together' booklet which is not being produced this year. We hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to "Care for Creation".

We are finding that it is a long process; however, Carole our Eco Champion, continues to lead the way. Last Lent we encouraged people to reduce their use of plastic and also gave information about saving resources such as water, electricity, etc. This year we are focusing on the use of Fairtrade products. We already use Fairtrade tea and coffee when we provide refreshments in church.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March, Carole has arranged for Judith Holmes to tell us about the work of Fairtrade. It will be in the Milborne St Andrew's Village Hall starting at 2pm. There will also be Fairtrade items for sale as well as refreshments (Fairtrade of course). It is a free event so please come along and find out more.

*Pam Shultz*  
*Churchwarden*

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## In times gone by...

**In the second of our occasional series we look at a few of the many incumbents who have served All Saints' Church, Dewlish, and St. Andrew's, Milborne St. Andrew, down the centuries**

### CLERICAL CHARACTERS

Dr. Samuel Johnson once opined that a clergyman could be considered as “the father of a larger family than he is able to maintain”, and that was certainly true of **the Revd George Hadley**, who, during his time as vicar (1835 to 1854), fought long and valiantly to improve the lot of parishioners at a time of great poverty and hardship in Dorset agricultural communities.

For instance, it is on record that his constant lobbying of the Earl of Ilchester about people's distressing circumstances resulted in a Poor House for Dewlish being established in 1837 and land for allotments being freed for labourers although the Earl had his own difficulties about the land (principally for potatoes) being made available, saying, “I much fear it will not be as beneficial as I desire.” The land was abstracted eventually from Harding's Farm (Manor Farm).

Another successful example of Mr Hadley's persistence was when the Earl and General Michel of Dewlish House made donations of £5 each (a generous sum at that time) towards a clothing club and helping to buy coal for fires. Further correspondence exists, too, between the vicar and earl regarding the state of All Saints', at a time when there was a distinct possibility that part of it was in danger of falling.

Often stipends were, to say the least, limited and while many incumbents managed frugally and still did sterling work in the village, one or two did the minimum – such as **the Revd Thomas King** who, in 1658, according to Hutchin's “*History of Dorset*”, “did his duty twice every Sunday, at each of his two churches, without much pain and waste of spirit.”

**The Revd. Nigel Gresley**, who began his ministry in 1880, wrote a booklet about the difficulties of “maintaining clergy in the remote villages at the rate of pay they were getting.” Villages couldn't be expected to pay £250 a year as well as furnishing a sturdy pony to carry an incumbent about his parishes. “School work is rare and it is hard to augment our stipend,” he wrote. Presciently, he foresaw the time when one minister would be responsible for five or six parishes, as is the case in 21<sup>st</sup> century England.

Most notorious of all the local clergy was **the Revd C.W. Lloyd Evans** who remained vicar for 24 years from 1907 despite an appalling relationship with parishioners. After only two years Milborne villagers registered their protests by tipping their rubbish all over the vicar's doorstep, while, more ominously, an effigy of a black garbed figure was placed one night on the hill on Blandford Road. Guess who?

Lloyd Evans took flight and lived the rest of his ministry travelling back and forth on a motorcycle or buses.

He cut services short to accommodate his travel plans, with the result that collections went down alarmingly – on one occasion there was only one and a halfpennies on the plate! Better it would have been for him to have observed Samuel Butler's stipulation: "The clergyman is expected to be a kind of human Sunday."

To end on a "not many people know that" note: Following Mr Hadley was **the Revd Thomas Blair** who built a more imposing vicarage in Milborne but, more famously, was the grandfather of Eric Blair who, under the nom de plume George Orwell, wrote the classics "*Animal Farm*" and "*Nineteen Eighty-Four*". He is buried in Dewlish churchyard.

**\*\* Many thanks to the contributors to our source-book, "*Dewlish 2000*".**



## Dewlish Church Notes

March (and Lent) will be an altogether very busy time in the churches.

In Dewlish we are once again holding our **Lent Lunches**, which consist of soup, bread, cheese, grapes, and a coffee or tea. All of the lunches will be held on Thursdays, 12.30pm for 1.00pm, at the following venues:

March 5<sup>th</sup> Dewlish Village Hall

March 12<sup>th</sup> Uptop (Mr and Mrs Mike Fell)

March 19<sup>th</sup> Parsonage Farm (Mrs Sue Britton)

March 26<sup>th</sup> Dewlish Village Hall

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Elm View (Daphne and Jim Burg)

We charge £5 per person, all proceeds being donated to WaterAid.

Also throughout Lent Jim will be leading an **Evening Prayer Service** in the church at 6.30pm. The dates are the same as for the Lent Lunches, except on 26<sup>th</sup> March when he has a hospital appointment.

We do hope that you will support both things.

**Mothering Sunday** is on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, and our church service will start at 11.00am. Posies will be distributed to all mums, grannies, etc. during the service. Do please join us.

Our **Spring Sale** will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am – 12noon, in the Village Hall. Carole has kindly allowed us to share our stalls with the Community Coffee Morning, so do come for a bacon butty, or a full English breakfast, or cake and coffee as well. Donations for the stalls will be most welcome. There will be an Easter stall, New stall, cakes and produce, toys and books, and a raffle.

*Daphne Burg*

# PUDDLETOWN



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## St Mary's, Puddletown — March 2020

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8th	Family Service Team	
15th	Bob Todd	Pat Sparks
22nd	Sue Turner	Dawn Loveless & TBC
29th	Benefice Service	
Flowers		
1st		No Flowers During Lent
8th		No Flowers During Lent
15th		No Flowers During Lent
22nd	Assemble posies for Mothering Sunday service on Saturday	Mothering Sunday
29th		No Flowers During Lent
Brasses		
Jackie Burden		
PCC Charity Donations		
<i>Please give prayerfully and generously</i>		
Lent	Bishop's Fund for Sudan	
Mothering Sunday	Mosaic	
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## Services in the Benefice— March 2020

<b>1st March—Lent 1</b>			
Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11			
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle	
9.30am	Celebrate.....	Milborne St Andrew	
11.00am	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism	Puddletown Church Room	
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish	
4.00pm	Messy Church	Milborne Sports Club	
<b>8th March—Lent 2</b>			
Psalm 121, Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17			
8.15am	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	
<b>15th March—Lent 3</b>			
Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42			
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle	
9.30am	1662 Morning Prayer	Milborne St Andrew	
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown	
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish	
<b>Thursday 19th March</b>			
12.00noon	Lunchtime Communion	Puddletown	
<b>22nd March—Mothering Sunday/Lent 4</b>			
Psalm 127.1-4, Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25b-27			
9.30am	Mothering Sunday Go Fourth	Tolpuddle	
9.30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Milborne St Andrew	
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown	
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Dewlish	
<b>29th March—Passion Sunday</b>			
Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45			
11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion with preacher from the Bible Society <i>followed by a bring-and-share lunch</i>	Milborne St Andrew	
<b>Morning Prayer—Monday through Thursday 8.15am, Saturday 9.00am</b>			
Monday	Puddletown	Tuesday	Milborne St Andrew
Wednesday	Dewlish	Thursday	Tolpuddle
Saturday	Puddletown		

During Lent there will also be: Compline in Milborne at 6.00 pm and Evening Prayer in Dewlish at 6.30 pm on Thursdays

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