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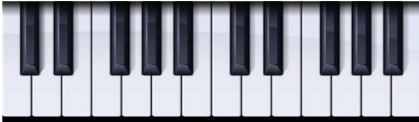


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Looking back, living forward

A few days ago, I had a very lucky escape. I was driving past a local river when a flash of white caught my eye. For some reason I wondered whether it was a swan. A friend's son is very keen on swans, so in my mind was that I could tell him where I'd seen one, if that indeed was what it was. So I carried on driving but kept looking back at the river to see whether I could tell what sort of bird it was. So transfixed was I in trying to work out what the glimpse of white was

that I managed to pull out into the pathway of an oncoming car at a T-junction at the end of the road. I am very grateful that the driver of that car had quick reactions, and an accident was averted.

We all know that looking backwards while trying to drive a car or even ride a bicycle is likely to end in tears. If we are going to reach our destination safely, we need to keep our eyes focussed on where we are going and not on where we have come from,

In life more generally looking back does have some purpose – learning from past mistakes, for instance. But there are also times when we can get stuck in the past and find ourselves struggling to live fully in the present because we keep being dragged back by the thought of a poor decision we made, or something that has happened to us years back. We beat ourselves up or allow ourselves to be weighed down by feelings of guilt. There are people who get so caught up in things not being how they used to be that they find it hard to discern any meaning in their current life.

The prophet Isaiah from the Bible reminds his listeners at one point of God's message to them: "Do not remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. For behold, I am doing a new thing." (Isa 45.18-19) At the time God's people were in exile and finding it hard to settle because it's not where they wanted to be. They had a choice – to constantly hark back to the good old days or to try and make a future for themselves. God would be with them in that future. but no one could change what had happened in the past or turn the clock back.

That is a promise for us too: that the God who was with us in the past is the God alongside us now and who will not desert us in the future, whatever changes and new challenges we have to face.

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7th May	Felicity Anne Sophie Alley	Puddletown

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Everybody is welcome so come along and enjoy some space and each other's company. No booking is required, no set charge is made, donations are welcome.

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Sue Turner 07775 710429

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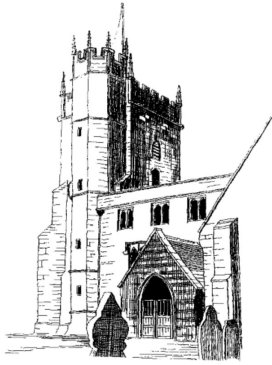
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St. Mary's Church Events - June



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Easter flowers in the church were beautifully decorated by the talented flower arranging team. Many thanks to you all. After the austerity of Lent walking into church to see this explosion of flowers was a real WOW moment!

In addition the school children had made a joyously decorated cross which was placed up against the altar.

Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee morning in the church Room on Thursday 8th June. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look. Through the sale of her cards Rosemary is helping to support the church room.

Prayer Group The Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church, 10.30 until 12noon All are welcome.

Craft Group The next meeting will be Thursday lunchtime from 12.30pm on 8th June. For more information and to confirm your place please contact Margaret Rickard at margaretmary227@gmail.com or by phone 01305 849332

There will be no meetings in July and August but we shall resume in September.

The Village Lunch will be held on Monday 12th June from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving Quiche with new potatoes and salad followed by the usual delicious puddings, this must be booked in advance. If you haven't yet booked your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211.



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25th June	Cynthia Metcalfe	Judy Bumby & Pat Bishop
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BENEFICE PRAYER GROUP

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

It will be in the Church Room, Puddletown on Tuesdays from 10.30 until 12.00 noon.

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

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The lambs are growing fast on mother's milk and grass and we will soon start feeding some creep, a mix of barley and a specially milled sheep concentrate nut to help them put on some weight and condition. This is fed in a trough which allows the lambs to put their heads into but the holes are too small for the ewes except for the really determined ones!





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The crops are racing on through the growth stages with the winter oilseed rape in full flower. The winter barley's awns are coming through and the early autumn sown wheats are at the flag leaf stage. The damp weather has made the disease pressure greater this year with the moisture helping to spread them around so keeping the agronomist on his toes and meaning that the spray application rates and sometimes chemicals have to be changed. The spring barley's have all come through well and are due a weed killer and fungicide mix. All the fertilizer has now been applied to the crops except for a couple of fields of later drilled wheats which are catching up fast with the others.

On quiet days we can carry on with the machinery maintenance and repairing the miles of fences either here on the home farm or on outlying rented ground.

Wakely Cox
10th May 2023



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The flower team also put on a display inside the church, with the gate also decorated with knitted soldiers, an orb and a crown.

We live-streamed the Coronation ceremony in the village hall and this was followed by a bring & share indoor street party.



On Sunday afternoon the sun came out and we had games in the churchyard whilst amazing afternoon teas were made by Matt & Andrew of Winfrith Bakery, including a special Coronation cake.



Homemade crowns were on display in the church.

The winners of the Create a Crown competition were:

Dawn, Janet, Callan, Polly, Teddy, Xander and Ella.
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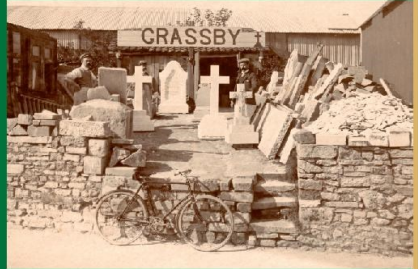
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	Cumulative for the year	312.60 mm
	2022 Rainfall for the month	19.20 mm
	2022 Cumulative for the year	196.70 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 19.70° C Min. -1.40° C
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Ten Minutes With...

Shirley Parker

Let us go back in time to the 1960s. A significant decade in the history of Puddletown village because it was during this time that St. Mary's School in Coombe Road was built. Furthermore, long-time Puddletown resident, and the subject gracing our magazine cover this month, Shirley Parker, became employed there as Head of the English Department. No doubt some of you reading this were taught English or Religious Education by Miss Parker!

Shirley has recently celebrated her 90th birthday, and her family and friends held a party in the Church Room, to which many of our readers were invited.

We at the Parish Magazine, thought it would be interesting to find out more about Shirley's life, and are thrilled that she agreed to talk to us.

Born in Swansea, South Wales, from her early days, Shirley wanted to become a Teacher. The first step on that path was to attend Bristol University, and from there to St. Katherine's College in Tottenham, London. After qualifying, she gained a teaching post in Walthamstow and remained there for four years. After a move to live in Leicester, in the early 1960s, Shirley applied for a three-year tour with the British Army Schools in Libya, and successfully taught there until the situation with Gaddafi taking power in that country, caused her and her fellow colleagues to be suddenly flown back to the UK by the RAF. It was after that adventure that she began to search for her next post, and that brought her here to Puddletown in 1965!

Under the care of the first Headmaster, Mr. Birchenough, St. Mary's School was just beginning its life, and Shirley, having been successful in her application, was delighted at being able to establish a whole new English department and a Library from scratch. She thoroughly enjoyed her work over the next couple of decades as it also included visiting some of the smaller local schools. With reorganisation, in around 1980, St. Mary's became a Middle school and Shirley was transferred to the Girls Upper School in Dorchester.

During her working life in our County, home was firstly digs in Weymouth, followed by a flat in Dorchester's High West Street, before moving to a house in Puddletown's High Street. Now a fully-fledged member of this community, Shirley brought her parents, who were in Gloucestershire, down here to join her, and they created a home together in Shirley's present residence.

Although her long and happy teaching career drew to a close in 1988, any thoughts of retirement were cast aside as Shirley joined the Carers Associa-



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tion and soon became the Chair of the Dorchester branch. This connection lasted for twenty-five years, and she found that her own experiences of caring for her parents as they had become older, invaluable to this role, and with her knowledge, was able to help others. She was nominated to join the West Dorset Community Health Council inspecting nursing and care homes and representing carers on both Social Services and NHS committees.

Her interest in and involvement with Ilsington House as a Guide, and a wish to preserve local history for the future, prompted Shirley to become a Founder member of the Puddletown Society, something with which she remains connected still. Many people will know that if a visitor to St. Mary's Church asks a question about its origins and its place in Puddletown, Shirley is one of the people to whom we look for the correct answer! She keeps her connections alive there too, as with many other village activities.

The high esteem in which many living in this Benefice area hold Shirley was shown by the number of birthday cards and gifts presented to her at her party, and she has a message with regard to this -

"I was completely overwhelmed by the generosity of people presenting cards, flowers and other beautiful gifts for my 90th birthday, and I apologise for not yet being able to thank everyone personally. Some of the labels became separated from the presents! Please accept these words as my gratitude and thanks to you all,"

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Please pass on to anyone you know who might be in need.

There is now a food bank in Puddletown church for the use of people living in the village. (This would include Athelhampton, Burleston & Troytown).

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St John's Church Tolpuddle June 2023

My goodness me- the Church year is racing by, particularly for those who have to write their articles in advance. Easter is now behind us with Pentecost and now the long period of the Trinity. For us in Tolpuddle this has many meanings - the

flowers will be beautifully arranged by Marion using wild flowers and garden flowers, the altar frontals will be green and of course the camping season has started. Do please spread the word about the thrill of **camping in comfort in St John's** - it is indeed a quirky experience, unrivalled in our area, but one with a wonderful sense of peace. We are so grateful to the team for their hard work and exceptional welcome to our visitors.

A reminder also about the **Food Bank**. We are aware that we are generally a fairly affluent village BUT we also suspect there are still some families who are finding it hard to cope - please do come and help yourself. We realise that some feel it is too wasteful of resources - but be assured we do assess the usage and nothing goes to waste.



This last month has seen the crowning of our new king with country-wide celebrations to mark the occasion. Tolpuddle folk kicked off the weekend - literally with a BBQ and ceilidh, lead by Murphy's Lore on Friday evening. This was a huge success - with lots of knees up and Dosey Does. Big thanks to the TEC team (Tolpuddle Events Committee) - masterminded by Ian Cray- and of course the band who were so entertaining and inspiring.

After a very wet Saturday watching the coronation spectacle on television, no-one can do ceremonial pomp like the British, we were treated to a full day of

events in the village on a gloriously sunny Sunday. An outdoor service in Orchard Meadow was lead by Dorset Youth for Christ and marked the coronation with stories about the kings of Israel, including a dramatisation of the wisdom of Solomon, and some new and different hymns. We are very grateful to our vicar, Sarah for allowing us to hold this special service - it was a great opportunity to appeal to all age groups and we were pleased to see children of all ages attended it. This was followed by the Big Coronation Lunch and family games and competitions, the latter ably overseen by Sarah.



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And do remember that the church is open between dawn and dusk every day if you just want to sit in a quiet space, away from the hustle and bustle. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Adrian for his commitment to being the main key bearer and wish him a speedy recovery. Jane Keenor has kindly stepped into the breach temporarily. We are always looking for more volunteers- whether in the churchyard or the church itself- please contact Jayne 07739 100181- or Hilly 02305 747552.

What else is happening in the month of June? The church wardens will attend a service to formally licence them in the role and the Archdeacon will spend some time in the church confirming that all the church records are up to date. The village is a buzz as the pub plans a grand re-opening having been closed for several years. We very much hope that they will be sympathetic to the needs of the church. TEC will be planning various events – bearing in mind that the TUC Festival is imminent and of course the regular drinks in the village hall and coffee group gatherings. All these events rely on Volunteers- do please put your name forward to keep our community alive.

Meanwhile enjoy the summer, whether or not the sun shines, and let us be grateful that we live in a stable, democratic country and remember those less fortunate

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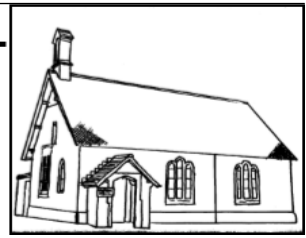
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Tolpuddle Events Committee (TEC)

Just one event dominated our team in April, and this was planning for the Coronation celebrations in Orchard Meadow. We eyed the weather forecast with concern in the week leading up to the big weekend, but we needn't have worried as the rain stayed away. On the Friday night was our barn dance and BBQ - Murphy's Lore played brilliantly and we danced our socks off! Then on the Sunday the sun shone on our family day, with picnic lunches under the apple blossom, followed by a riotous game of Taskmaster presided over by our Vicar Sarah Hillman and Dorchester Town Crier Alistair Chisholm. What a great double-act! After that, for the energetic, there were hugely enjoyable races for both children and adults. The window dressing competition was won by The Old Post Cottage. Then there was a village photo shoot, followed by admiring and eating the fabulous cakes created by Elaine and Liz. Coronation wildflower seed packets were given to all the children and ice creams were distributed. Our thanks go to all our hardworking team lead by Ian Cray and Sue Van Baars.

Mandy

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Special thanks to Elaine and Liz for the wonderful coronation cake and all the beautifully decorated cup cakes.



*Elaine Ogden & Liz Gulliver
with the fabulous cakes*

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Can you help? Martyrs Festival: Sunday at Tolpuddle Village Hall

The annual Martyrs Festival will take place in Tolpuddle over the weekend of 14th–16th July. As usual, the village will be fully engaged in producing daily breakfasts at the Martyrs' Field, organising carparking on the Sunday and providing refreshments at Tolpuddle village hall throughout Sunday. All of these activities contribute significant funding for St John's Church and the village hall and help to support local events throughout the year.

This year Sunday refreshments at the village hall will include 'a ploughmans in a box' lunches, with a choice of ham, cheese or variety of quiche plus salad etc. The usual array of cakes, teas, coffees and soft drinks will also be available throughout the day. The village has a reputation for providing good value, home-cooked food at the hall on Martyrs Sunday and, as far as feasible, all the food will be sourced or produced locally.

We need help with providing some of the food and with setting up, serving and clearing up in the hall on the day. We need:

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If you would be willing to help with any – or all – these, please email or text Margaret Walton (maclark2@btinternet.com or 07740622415) to let her know what you would be prepared to do. If you are happy to help on the day, please let her know if you have any time constraints.

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Milborne, we held a Service on Sunday, 7th May, to celebrate the coronation, led by the churchwarden, who also played the organ (give him a monkey, and he'd be a one-man band). Our thanks to all who contributed to the Service in any way. Paper "Crowns" were handed out to each person present, on which to write a prayer or wish for the King. These have been forwarded to Buckingham Palace along with the prayers and good wishes of the congregation at St Andrew's Church.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the artist formerly known as the AGM), was held in Dewlish Village Hall on Sunday, 23rd April, following a Joint celebration of the Parish Eucharist in Church. Tony Fox and Pam Shults were re-elected as Churchwardens for the ensuing year (congratulations/commiserations – delete as applicable). It was a time to hear about the life and work of the church during the past twelve months and to receive reports, financial and otherwise. It was also an opportunity to thank **ALL** who contribute in any way to the life of St Andrew's. The prayers of those unable to be with us are as invaluable as the contributions and activities undertaken by the more able-bodied. And "Thank you" to those who continue to contribute financially.

The 30th of April, being a fifth Sunday in the month, there was a Parish Eucharist for the Benefice at St Mary's, Puddletown, when the Celebrant and Preacher was the Reverend Karen Hutchinson, one-time Archdeacon of Norwich, but now in this Diocese. She spoke of the Vocation and Calling of every member of the Christian Family.

We look forward to Maggie's Ordination to the Priesthood at the beginning of July and her first Celebration of the Eucharist in Milborne Church on July 2nd. Our love and prayers go with her as she takes this very special step on her Christian Pilgrimage.

With the sudden flourish of green leaves, flowers, and shrubs (not to mention the rapidly growing grass on the lawn), I am reminded of these words by John Newton (author of "Amazing Grace").

"On Thy garden deign to smile,
Raise the plants, enrich the soil;
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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

We may have had a short month this period with a couple of bank holidays but there seems to have been lots of going on.

Of course, we couldn't let the Coronation go without covering the event. Whether a Royalist or not it is a moment in history that is relevant to all. With small children it is much easier to reflect after an event rather than discuss in depth before. So, in the run up we read *The Kings Coronation* by Marion Billet, a lovely push, pull and slide book with relatable pictures ending with King Charles reading a story to his grandchildren. A new story book *The King's pants* (by same author of *The Queen's knickers*) was found hilarious by the children and very modern too with a H.R.H. Royal Pants app. The older children made a booklet about themselves 'when King Charles was crowned I' All children received a Coronation medal. And on Friday we had an indoor 'street party' enjoying the decorated buns we had made.



There has been plenty to keep the children entertained with the Village Hall's new pétanque pitch being built. Lots of excitement with a digger right next to our outside play area then truck loads of stones being off loaded.

Lots of play outside as the weather has been good. Our small digging area is as popular as ever as is the mud kitchen. We have planted the surviving runner beans and fingers crossed they will flourish and produce some beans for tasting. Inside along with the usual activities we have included some science experiments. The photo shows a container of yellow water, an empty container and a container of blue water with absorbent paper connecting them. The children were asked to suggest what was going to happen in the empty container, then they watched to see. Most said blue – just one going for red (well it is his favourite colour!)



Ladybirds has become very busy with 6 new children joining us. If you are looking for a space in September, please contact us as we are planning for next school year already.

Liz Dyer (Leader)

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Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club

A very big “thank you” to all those who came to support us at our Annual Plant Sale in May. Residents arrived in great numbers to buy plants of all sorts, gardening tools and accessories. Cakes and refreshments were also available and all-told the event was a great success.

Later in May, garden club members benefited from a shopping trip to Poundbury Garden Centre where we were offered a 25% discount on all items for sale.

In June we look forward to a visit to Bennett’s Water Garden and on Thursday 15th June a talk on companion planting at the village hall. So, if you’d like to learn how to choose plants that go well together, do please come along. All are welcome, it starts at 7:30pm, only costs £2 *and* includes light refreshments.

Mark Johnson



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Milborne St Andrew First School

Understanding the World: Making Sense of my Ecologically Diverse World Enquiry

As part of our science learning we have been investigating different natural environments, today we headed to our partner Whiteways farm to continue this journey: We met and fed baby lambs; Saw the cows being milked; Played cow bingo; Thought about animals and their babies by Observing the sheep and lambs together and Feeding the calves.



This linked perfectly with the coronation work we have started as King Charles III loves his farm, he is very passionate about organic farming which the children think is “home grown”. He loves wildflower meadows, bees and butterflies so later today we will be planting some wildflowers by using seed bombs.

Thank you Mrs Pavey for welcoming us and stimulating our learning.

The Year 4 children had the most amazing few days at Hooke Court! The very wet weather did not stop them having lots of fun while den building, making their own tribes and even rocket launching! They even managed to have an ‘indoor’ campfire! These hands-on activities were enjoyed by all and the children have made memories to last a lifetime.



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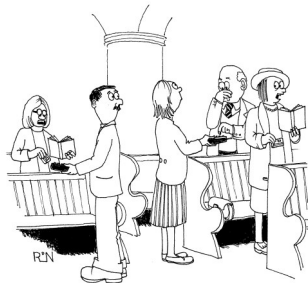
Thank you from Dorchester Poverty Action

Dorchester Poverty Action (DPA) has been incredibly busy over the last year. The number of grants given out to those living in the DT1 and DT2 postcode areas has increased by 47% on the previous financial year. None of this would have been possible without the amazing support from local individuals, churches, business, trusts and community groups. Between April 2022 and March 2023 £63,000 was donated to the charity and £63,000 was distributed in a variety of ways across DT1 and DT2 to those experiencing financial problems.

Only 1% was spent on admin costs, which mainly was printing and insurance, as everyone at DPA is a volunteer. From the £63,000 donated, £16,500 was given out in Co-op vouchers by 11 referring agencies e.g. Social workers, health visitors, mental health teams, Care leavers support workers. Working closely with Citizens Advice, who are a key referring agency, other small grants were given out through them to individuals at crisis points. £3,000 was spent on school shoes and school uniform. School shoes are a major expense for a family especially at the beginning of the autumn term as children's feet grow so quickly. This year 208 grants were given to families and individuals compared to 141 last year. These included several washing machines, nursery equipment, furniture for a family escaping an abusive situation and a young care leaver, car repairs to get to work, flooring for a family with a toddler, a cooker, a double bed and mattress. Each of these items can place a huge strain on a household when the money coming in just does not meet the outgoings, however hard Citizens Advice try to help them make ends meet.

Thank you so much to all our donors.

DPA's next fundraising event is a coffee morning on Sat 1st July at the United Church Dorchester, South Street and then in September watch out for our Cream tea in a beautiful Puddletown garden.



Mr Mackenzie kept forgetting his PIN

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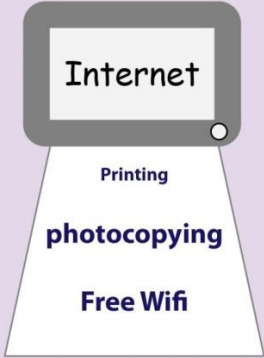


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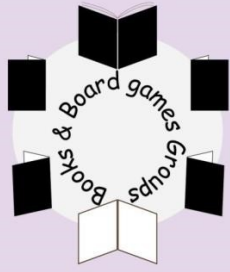
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Dewlish Church Notes

AT OUR AGM, held jointly with Milborne, Jim and Sue were once again elected as churchwardens. Those who contribute to church life so much - by way of flowers in church, cleaning, playing the organ, officiating, keeping the churchyard tidy, and generally helping out – were thanked.

We could not continue without them!

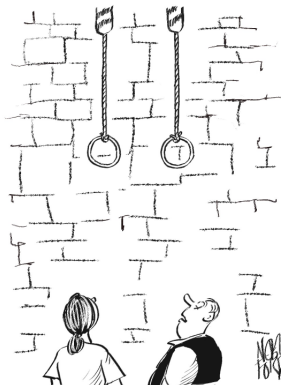
Tina and Melvyn have held yet another successful Jumble Sale, this time raising £121. The amounts raised by them have more or less covered the cost of the church's roof repairs. We are really grateful – a tremendous effort and a lot of work! Thank you so much!

We are also very grateful to the family of the late Pete Gray: donations for the church, in Pete's memory, totalled £583.20, a truly wonderful amount, in memory of a truly wonderful man!

Have you noticed the beautiful display of wild flowers in the churchyard? At the time of writing, we are enjoying primroses, violets and cowslips, all growing naturally and looking simply amazing.

Speaking of flowers, Christine and Ross are once again **opening their lovely garden** at Yards Cottage on 29th June and 1st July, 1.00pm – 5.00pm. This is in connection with the **National Gardens Scheme**. We are supplying cream teas and cake, and selling jams, honey, etc., with all proceeds from that coming to our church – so welcome when our insurance comes due in late summer.

Daphne Burg



"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"



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Services in the Benefice

4th June- Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8; Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31; Matthew 28.16-20

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

11th June - St Barnabas

Psalm 112; Acts 11.19-30; John 15.12-17

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

18th June - Trinity 2

Psalm 116.1, 10-17; Genesis 18.1-15, 21.1-7; Matthew 9.35-10.8

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

Saturday 24th June - Wedding

2.00pm	Marriage of Rupert Cox + Anna MacPherson	Puddletown
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25th June - Trinity 3

Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17; Genesis 21.8-21; Matthew 10.24-39

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

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