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Transitions



As I write this letter, I and the rest of the country, if not the world, are coming to terms with the sudden death of our Queen Elizabeth. Although we knew she was not going to live forever, her sudden death certainly came as a shock, particularly as just two days earlier she had received our new Prime Minister at Balmoral. We had barely absorbed the news of our Queen's death when we were told that Prince Charles was now King - King Charles III. Of course

we knew this would happen but it seemed to be announced in the very next breath, with no space to process the sad news we had only just heard. I can hardly imagine how the new King must have been feeling. He was overheard saying to a well wisher that he had 'really dreaded this day'. I am not surprised.

And so like the Royal Family, as a nation we have entered a time of great transition. Our beloved Queen has died, we have a new King, and we also have a new prime minister. Momentous change in just a few short days; and uncertainty in the days and weeks ahead as we all adjust to new roles, to new leadership and new positions. Like his mother before him, King Charles now becomes the 'Supreme Governor of the Church of England' and he has already spoken of his 'deeply rooted Christian faith' and the values it inspires in him, and how his faith and these values will guide the way in which he fulfills his duties as King.

We are also facing another period of transition in the country as we say goodbye to September, and welcome in October. We are transitioning from a long hot summer marked by heatwaves and drought, into the beauty that is autumn. Harvests have been gathered in, harvest festivals and suppers are being held. But the impact of the drought, heatwave and continuing war in Ukraine have had a significant impact on crops across the country and the world. This in turn has led to food shortages and price increases, including significant price increases in the fuel we use to drive our cars and heat our homes. A great number of people are now struggling to make ends meet, making difficult choices between buying food or fuel.

On the same day that our Queen died, our new Prime Minister announced plans to freeze energy bills, in an attempt to bring in measures to support those in need. Because of our time of national mourning, we have not yet heard how else the government plans to support the thousands of people who are struggling; they are still waiting anxiously to hear. We have seen in the past few days how the people of the United Kingdom have come together in their grief. Differences have been laid aside as strangers have supported one another. We have demonstrated that as a people we can come together in times of great need. Christians have been called by God to be a generous people, to love one another, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and set the

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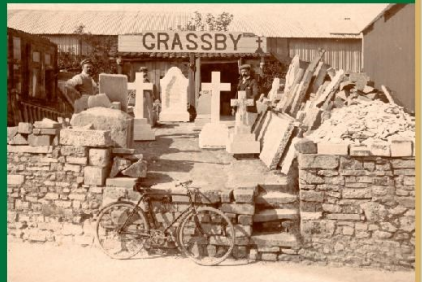
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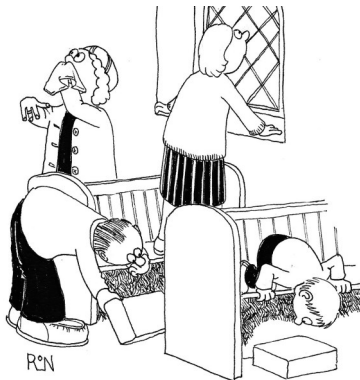
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captives free. I believe however, that we are all called to do this - whether we are Christians, have a different faith, or have no faith. In these difficult days of transition and uncertainty, I pray that we continue to show love and support to everyone we meet.

*With best wishes,
Maggie*

St Mary's Puddletown		
Intercessors		Scripture Readers
2nd Oct	Jean Jeffreys	Wakely Cox
9th Oct	Puddletown Praise Team	
16th Oct	Bob Todd	Dawn Loveless
23rd Oct	TBA	Peter Bishop & Geoff Hawkins
Charitable Giving 2022		
Lent		Bishop's Fund for Sudan
Mothering Sunday		Mosaic
Easter Day		The Salvation Army (Homeless)
Harvest		Water Aid
Christmas		The Children's Society



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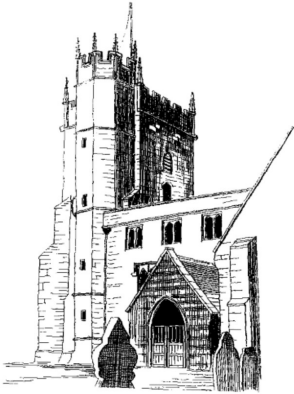




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Rosemary's Card Stall will be at the 'pop-in' coffee mornings in the church room on Thursday 6th October and Thursday 3rd November. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look. Through

the sale of her cards Rosemary is helping to support the church room.

Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday October 2nd at 11.00am followed by a bring and share lunch. Do come and join us and see the church beautifully decorated with produce of the season and food donations for those in need.

Prayer Group The Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church, 10.30am until 12noon. Coffee and conversation from 10.30am followed by prayers at 11.00am. All are welcome.

The Monthly Village Lunch will be held on Monday October 10th from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving roast beef accompanied by vegetables and followed by some delicious home-made puds. If you would like to book your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211. You might also like to put the next lunch date in your diary – Monday November 14th.

The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 3rd December from 10am–12noon in Puddletown Village Hall. Entrance £2 to include coffee & biscuits.

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

Do come and join us.

Prayer Requests

If anyone has any prayer requests for the Benefice Prayer Group, please contact:

Sue Turner - 01305 849030 or

Janet Voke - 01258 837550



The Children's Corner

Those of you who visit St. Mary's Church Puddletown regularly, will know of the Children's Corner at the back of the Church. Established many years ago, relatively recently it was given a make-over by one of our Parishioners, and now has a multitude of fascinating books and toys for our little ones to enjoy.

At this point in time, we need to find a new volunteer to keep that area clean, neat and tidy so that it can retain its rightful place with the Church. It is an important and valued area, but it very much needs someone to take charge of it so that it always looks welcoming and is safe.

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Friday, 9 September 2022 in 10m (16-1-18 in E)

Rounds

1 Emma Hughes

2 Clare Maudsley

3 Ian Bishop

4 Paul Poser

5 Robin J Mears

6 Nigel Pridmore

Rung Half-Muffled at 12 noon in Memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who passed away yesterday afternoon

Puddletown, Dorset

St Mary the Virgin

Friday, 9 September 2022 in 11m (16-1-18 in E)

20 Call Changes To Queens

1 Nigel Pridmore

2 Emma Hughes

3 Paul Poser

4 Ian Bishop

5 Jane Pridmore

6 Robin J Mears (C)

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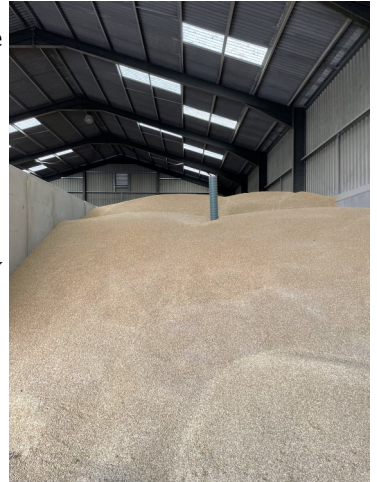
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Wakely Cox

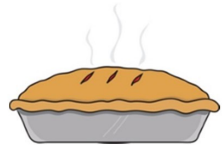
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Team Tolpuddle (John, Hilly and Maggie) participated in this again- delighting to join with our friends from Milborne and discover the joys of Wareham, the walls and the churches. It was a glorious day and although the walk was not long it was very interesting and also raised in excess of £600 for DHCT. Meanwhile our Ukrainian family cycled along to Puddletown- a wonderful achievement as Tanya has only just learnt to ride a bicycle. I spent the rest of the day in St John's welcoming cyclists with cake and fruit. They came from all over Dorset and I was very impressed at the determination and commitment – particularly one gentleman who was cycling 80 miles!

Hilly



And from our Puddletown striders...

Well not a bad morning for Ride and Stride as six of us started our walk to Tolpuddle and back.

Starting from St Mary's Church, Puddletown, at 11.00am and arriving at St Edwards Church, Athelhampton, at 11.20am, we then continued off road to Southover and then the lane to St Johns church, Tolpuddle, arriving at 11.58am.

Tolpuddle did us proud with drinks and delicious sponge cake - thank you.

We then returned same route back to Puddletown. Thank you Harry, Jacob, Dawn, Judy, and Hazel for walking with me.

Thank you to all that sponsored our walking group. Our total raised to date is £450.

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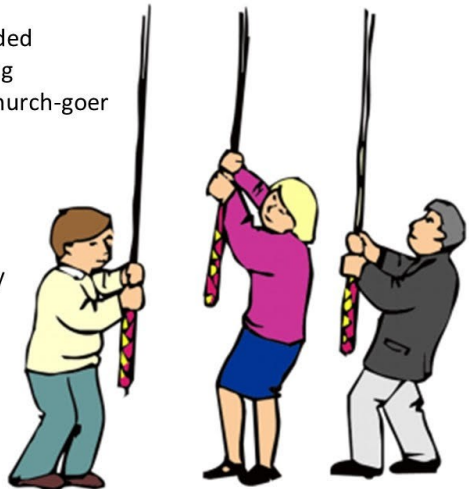
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St John's Church Tolpuddle - October 2022

I write this at the beginning of September and finally, yes finally there seems to be some rain coming in- hopefully to start filling our poor River Piddle which is lower than we have ever seen before. We can look back over a glorious summer with two beautiful village weddings and endless dry days for the children as they enjoyed their school holidays but we are happy to see the children and their parents as they gather under Martyrs tree and wait for the school bus.

A new school year brings the harvest and all its celebrations. Do join us in St John's for the **Harvest Festival on October 2nd at 9.30** and bring along tins/packets to be sent off to the Food Bank. There will be a collection in aid of Dorchester Poverty Action. Please do support this.

The next weekend will be very busy - **as Friday October 7th** is the Village Harvest Supper- space is sadly limited but a few tickets might still be available - contact Hilly (hlcobban@gmail.com)

Sunday October 9th we are having a **CAR BOOT SALE** on Martyrs field by kind permission of the TUC - from 10-2 - this is in aid of MENCAP and St John's- what a great opportunity to sort out your attic and move on some of those treasures and then purchase more! To book a pitch or get more information contact Julie (07552 943704) or Marion (66mregan@gmail.com)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH - Tolpuddle Bonfire Party - again on Martyrs field - more information to follow but do put this special date in your diary.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25TH - Quiz and Chips in the Village Hall - look out for more information

And then..... Christmas will be upon us.

Meanwhile I will alert you all to the new village website - this is indeed a fabulous resource and huge thanks go to Sue Van Baars and it is up to us all to keep it up to date by alerting Sue to events - tolpuddlevillagewebsite@gmail.com What a busy village we live in.

The church section in the website is really interesting as it reminds us of the wonderful history of St John's and we do need to remember how long it has been in action. It also might alert us to the fact that we need to support the church not only financially but also by using it - whether for quiet reflection or coming occasionally to one of our services. Our services are always well advertised and vary considerably in content and style. Do Contact Hilly (hlcobban@gmail.com) or Jayne (jayne.brayshaw9@yahoo.com) if you want to know more.

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We would like to finish with a big thank you to all those who do so much for the church and village, those who are completing a very successful "Church Camping Season" - (Mandy, Julie, Fi, Marion, Jane and Jayne), and those who look after the churchyard (Anthony and team) and our thoughts are with Phil and his family at this time. We are also extremely grateful to our Band (Geoff, Team Saunders, Julie and Karen and of course Martin (who is making such a miraculous recovery)

The Treasurer would like to express his thanks on behalf of the PCC for all those who have helped raise money for the church in various events - under the auspices of TEC and its wonderful committee- the caterers, the musicians and of course those who hump and dump chairs/marquees etc.

Hilly/Jayne

This is a message for our lovely Ukrainian family who have been welcomed so very warmly into our village - I think it says Thank you

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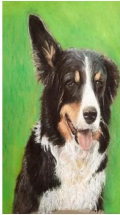
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What you see currently at www.tolpuddlevillage.co.uk is just the starting point and we hope this is going to be a valuable community asset!

We are keen to develop it further as time goes by and more information comes to hand and with this in mind, please do contact us if you have any information, updates, or ideas which you think may be useful, we would be really glad to hear from you.

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Milborne St Andrew's Church News



The Events Committee organised and ran a very successful Summer Fair with Dog Show on the late August Bank Holiday. Unfortunately, it was held on the same day as the Great Steam Fair so numbers attending were down but the team made a wonderful profit, thanks to all their hard work in preparation, organisation and in giving up their time and efforts. The PCC are very grateful for their commitment and dedication.

On the first Sunday of the month there has been a Celebrate service in church, led by a team. The team has shrunk due to 'retirement' of a couple of people. St Andrew's church thanks them for all their years of involvement and is already missing their input. We wonder if this gives an opportunity for change. If anyone has any thoughts about how we move forward with an all age service, please get in touch with one of the churchwardens or with Sarah.

Tony Fox & Pam Shults
Churchwardens

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club ... Christmas Wreath Making

To raise awareness of our club, we held a stall at the village fair in August. We were able to talk to people, letting them know when and where we meet and the sort of activities we take part in.

In September we enjoyed a presentation given by local plantsman Steve Jeffries, who taught us all about selecting and growing house plants.

In October we look forward to a demonstration by florist Katie Priestly on how to design and make a Christmas wreath for your home. We will then attempt to make our own! Want to come along and have a go? You're very welcome to join us at the village hall on Thursday 20th October, starting 7:30pm. Non-members pay just £2 and that will include light refreshments.

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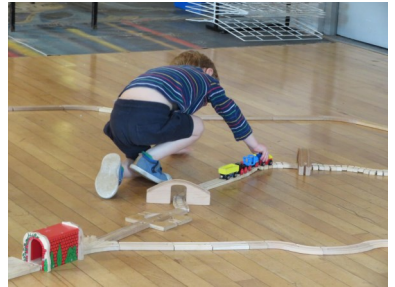
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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Start of a new School year

At the time of writing this we have been back a week and it hardly seems as if we've been away. The children have settled quickly and have been playing happily – it's so good to be back to routine. It seems very boy heavy this year so much physical play is planned. Along with cars, tractors, and bikes. The ever-popular Brio train track has been built – we even used all the pieces to build a track all around the drawing table.



The weather has thrown such heavy downpours that the children have been in and out and enjoying playing in puddles.



We welcome our new Deputy Katiucia – known as Kate – who is Brazilian. During her first week her 4-year-old daughter spent some time with us and wanted to see a horse. So we went for a walk to the farm and saw a horse, sheep and pigs. This was so exciting for them and when we found Mark by the barn he was so kind to show the children a tractor and his Combine Harvester. We love the people of Milborne.

In a quest to make children aware of where their food originates, I collected some wheat and oat stalks from the edge of fields that had been harvested. We made playdough using flour which led to us trying to make flour from the grains using a pestle and mortar. Determination (and competition) from some of the boys produced a small amount of flour and all agreed it would take a long time to make enough for playdough.



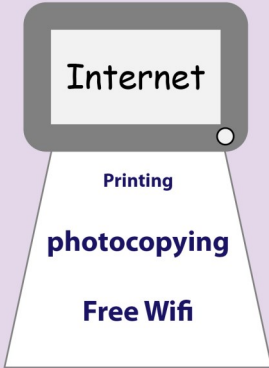
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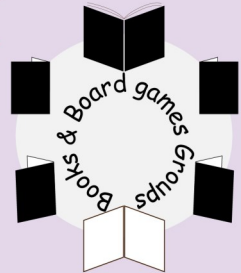
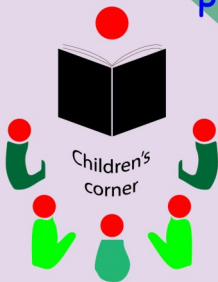
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Milborne First School

As we start our new academic year, we welcome our children back to school and at the same time send our warmest wishes with this year's year 5s as they start their new adventure at St Mary's Middle School. It has been a wonderful start to the year with many new beginnings, especially for our new Reception children who are settling in so well. We are also very proud of our new logo which represents the dandelion and reminds us to look carefully, and to nurture and celebrate every unique member of our community. We cherish the history of our school at the same time as feeling excited about our future.

With the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we gathered as a whole school in a moment of togetherness to think about the importance of family and supporting one another, especially when times are tough. Our values of Respect for **Self**, **Others** and our **World** remind us to consider what seeds we are going to 'sow' as we journey through our lives. Our late Queen was indeed a good role model for these values.

As our new Head of School, I have a huge thank you to say to the village community for supporting us with donations of gardening equipment over the summer and for funding our new Eco-flag which the children and staff worked hard to earn. Working towards this has given the children huge motivation to become world changers for the good of our planet. Receiving the funding from the Parish Council really made the children feel heard and valued by our wonderful village so THANK YOU from all of us!

WE NEED YOU! We would like to invite you to please contact the office if you are interested in supporting our school as a volunteer, as a member of Friends of School, as a school governor or as a keen gardener or grower or as a reading partner. 'It takes a village to raise a child' (African proverb) and we welcome offers of time or expertise from all members of our community. Please do get in touch and look out for chances to help us with our growing later in the year! (All volunteers will be required to have a DBS check as the safeguarding of our children is of paramount importance.)



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Friends of Salisbury Cathedral

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral are planning their programme of events for 2023, so now is a great time to join.

Members of the Friends enjoy free entry to the cathedral (excluding ticketed events, concerts or parking), they receive newsletters and the charity's annual report, and they are invited to its social events.

Next year's programme begins in January with the Dean of Salisbury the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos being 'cast away' at a Desert Island Discs event.

This is followed by a coffee morning in February and a new members' afternoon in March, the latter to include talks in the cathedral and tea in the refectory.

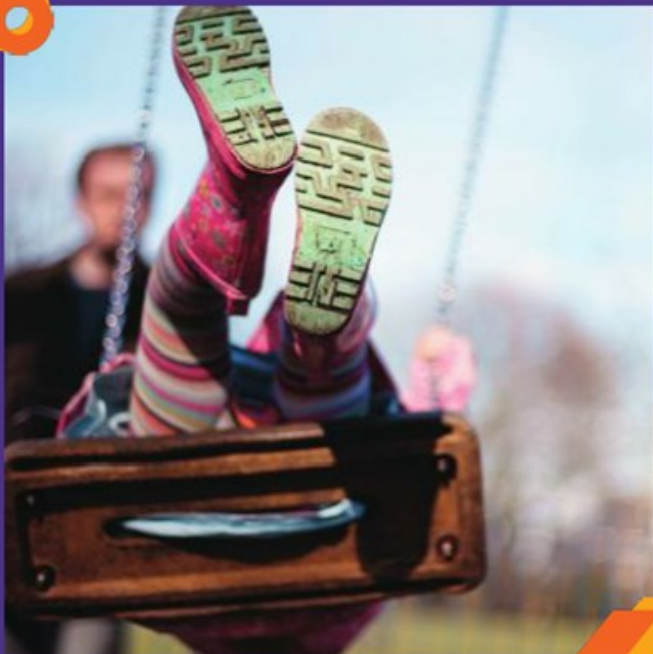
There will be a day trip to Wells Cathedral in April and the annual *Secret Gardens of the Close* afternoon in June, during which a number of gardens in Salisbury Cathedral Close are open to the public.

We hope to run a holiday to Wales in July and Friends' Day is in September including the AGM, a lecture, cream tea, organ recital and evensong.

In the last financial year, the Friends gave more than £128,000 in grants to fund projects at the cathedral and safeguard it for future generations. These grants were made possible by means of members' subscriptions, donations and legacies.

Subscriptions are £25 for a single membership and £40 for joint membership. Gift membership is also available.

For more details and a membership application form, contact the Friends' office on 01722 555190, email friends@salcath.co.uk or visit our website: WWW.salisburycathedralfriends.co.uk



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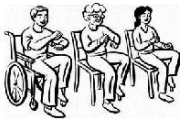
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The Community Library in Puddletown is now open on Wednesday afternoons (3.00 to 5.00) and Friday and Saturday mornings (10.00 to 12.00).

As part of Libraries West Service, a very wide range of books can be ordered online and collected here. Or just browse the shelves for a good read - fiction, non-fiction, local history and children's books.

Can you help keep our library open? The library relies on volunteers to continue providing books, information and activities. If you are interested in joining the friendly volunteer team, contact puddletownlibrary@gmail.com

BOOK LOVERS

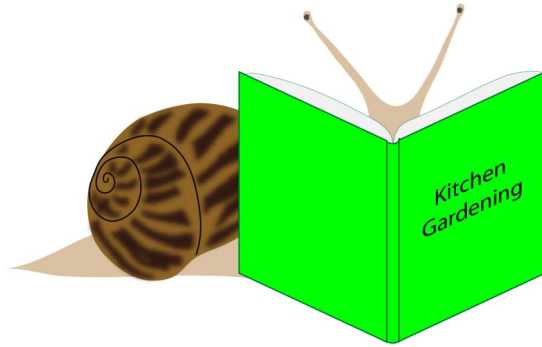
'Off The Shelf' book group has vacant places available for people who love reading and discussing books.

We meet in Puddletown Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Join us for a friendly get together to talk about our Book of the Month and much else - with refreshments.

Contact Jane 07871169014.





You don't have to be a bookworm to volunteer;
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Pop along Wednesday 3-5pm
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Dewlish Church Notes

WE ARE so grateful to Tina, who, with her family, kindly arranged a Jumble Sale for us, to raise money to help towards the cost of the church's roof repairs. They raised £128. Thank you so much! I believe they plan to hold a similar event quite soon so please watch out for the poster on the notice board.

Milborne Church also kindly allowed us to have a table at the village's recent Fair and Dog Show. We raised £111, another very welcome amount, especially as I have just paid for the church insurance in the sum of £1,954.21!

Our **Harvest Festival** is on Sunday 2nd October at 6.00pm. We should be grateful for any donations of produce. Please come and join us in our Service of Thanksgiving.

This year we are also holding our **Harvest Supper** again – on Tuesday 4th October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. It will take the form of a Ploughman's Supper. Afterwards, Andrew will auction off the Harvest produce. Please reserve your seat by contacting churchwardens Jim and Sue, or Andy (Village Hall Committee). Hall members have kindly offered to help once again, for which we are most thankful.

Daphne Burg

Quaker Exhibition on Justice and Peace

October 3rd to 8th 2022

Quakers have a long history of concern for justice and the Shire Hall Museum displays our local story of how justice was viewed in the past. It is appropriate therefore that local Quakers are putting on an exhibition in the entrance foyer of the Shire Hall Museum in High West Street, Dorchester from October 3rd to 8th. It will include some reference to Quaker history, for example - Elizabeth Fry and prison reform and local conscientious objection in the two World Wars.

But it will mostly be about restorative justice, prison reform now, and working with offenders. On Thursday October 6th at 2pm there will be a talk in the Lecture Room at the Shire Hall on Quaker Work Today in Guys Marsh Prison – all are welcome..

The Shire Hall Café will be open throughout the week of the exhibition so do come and enjoy your visit.

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Sunday 30th October 2022

*10am – 2pm in the Village
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*Join us for coffee, tea, bacon
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MORNING PRAYERS (Mon. – Thurs. 8.30 a.m.; Sat. 9.00 a.m.)

On Zoom, please contact Sarah Hillman (sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com) for the link (Please note that the calendar of services may be subject to change)

Services in the Benefice

2nd October - Trinity 16/Harvest Festival

Trinity 16: Psalm 37.1-9; Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4; Luke 17.5-10 Harvest: Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35

9.30am	Harvest Festival	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00am	Harvest Festival Communion	Puddletown
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Dewlish

8th October - Saturday

4.00pm	Bell Ringers' Service - SDGR Dorchester Branch	Puddletown
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9th October - Trinity 17

Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

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

16th October - Trinity 18

Psalm 121; Genesis 32.22-31; Luke 18.1-8

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

23rd October - Bible Sunday

Psalm 119.129-136; Isaiah 45.22-25; Luke 4.16-24

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

28th October - Saturday

3.30pm	Marriage of Matthew Parry & Hannah Freeland	Dewlish
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29th October - All Saints' Sunday

Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Dewlish
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