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Bishop Karen visited Puddletown to consecrate the new burial ground and bless the 5th and tenor bells in the tower. (Rod Hughes)

The Great Tolpuddle Bake-Off. (Marion Reagan)

St John's Church Ukrainian service. (John Taylor)

Pebble Celtic Cross made on Iona (Emma Hughes)



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The Ta-da Moment

A young Vicar went into the local first school to talk to the children about Easter. He asked the pupils what the first words were that Jesus uttered after the resurrection. The children pondered the question seriously but were slow to give an answer. Then one small girl put up her hand, and enthusiastically responded: "Ta-da".

We don't know what those first words of Jesus following his rising were, but we can safely say that they were unlikely to have been "Ta-da", the first recorded use of which took place only in the 1900s.

The origins of the word appear to have their roots in the attempts to imitate in spoken word the sound of the fanfare flourish a trumpet or similar instrument makes when accompanying the arrival of an important person or moment.

Ta-da may not have been Jesus's first words following the resurrection, but in many ways his rising from the dead could be seen as a ta-da moment. Certainly it was the arrival of an important person and heralded an event of significance.

The resurrection was a moment when the devastation and loss brought about in the crucifixion was transformed into hope and presence for his first followers. And it is a moment that continues to transform the lives of Christians today, because it reveals that God's life is stronger than death, that no situation is ever completely hopeless.

The power of the resurrection which so astounded Jesus's earthly friends in the first century is something that still gives life to Christians today. It is at the heart of our faith.

The resurrection doesn't mean we will never face difficult times – all human beings meet them – but it does mean that despair and darkness will never have the final word. There is always something greater and better to come.

As I write, the Ukrainian conflict rages. Many of us feel powerless to change things; our tears are nothing compared to the suffering of the Ukrainian people. We see what happens when a lust for power by one individual gets out of control and causes mayhem and suffering for millions. Many struggle to believe in a God who allows this kind of destruction to happen.

But God reigns through consent, not oppression. God does not impose power on people but allows freedom of choice – we choose whether we live by love or a lust for power which tramples over anything in its way, by domination or humility, by caring only for ourselves or thinking of others too. When people make bad decisions, then consequences occur which sadly can affect many others.

It's not only Christians who behave well, of course, but the resurrection does give us hope that love is greater than hate, light more powerful than darkness and eternal life stronger than death, that one day in God's time all will be well.

The ta-da moment of the resurrection can sustain us through truly difficult times. In the crucifixion the early disciples believed that God had let them down and had left them to face the future alone. Through the resurrection

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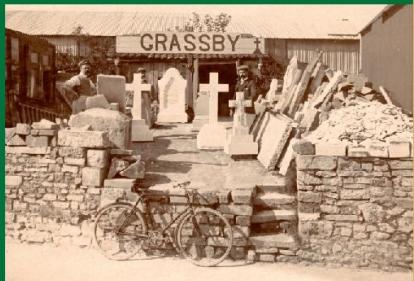
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their hope was restored. God had not died on the cross, and death was not the end.

My prayer is that the Easter declaration “Christ is risen. He is risen indeed,” will bring you hope in a dark world and help you trust that evil will never have the final word.

Happy Easter to you all.

With best wishes, Sarah

BENEFICE REGISTERS

Baptism

20th February	Millie Rose Joslin	Puddletown
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Burial

15th March	Lilian Ada Hanson	Tolpuddle
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St Mary's Puddletown

Intercessors		Scripture Readers
3rd April	Jean Jeffreys	Judy Bumby
10th April	Puddletown Praise Team	
14th April	TBA	TBA
17th April	Margaret Rickard	Bob Todd
24th April	Dawn Loveless	Ursula Pomeroy & Peter Bishop

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St. Mary's Church Events - April

Children's Society Collection boxes for the Children's Society have all been gathered in, the money counted and banked. £762.77 from twenty-eight boxes! There were seven boxes not ready for collection and 2 ex box holders have left the village. Considering that, due to COVID, the last collection was in May of last year, the amount is outstanding and will be very much appreciated by the Children's Society. It is hoped that, after November's collection it will become an annual event again. Thank you everyone.

Easter cards These will be on sale in the church in the run-up to Easter.

Pop-in coffee mornings These take place every Thursday from 10.00am to 12 noon. Everyone (of any age) is welcome. Good coffee and delicious cakes and/or biscuits are always on offer. Come and join us for a sociable hour.

Cards Rosemary will bring her cards to the pop-in coffee morning on 14th April.

Messy Church This will take place in Milborne Sports Pavilion on Sunday 3rd April at 4.00pm and again on 15th April (Good Friday) in Milborne Village Hall. There will be activities, crafts, songs, games, a bible story and prayers followed by tea. An adult must accompany children.

Prayer Group The Benefice prayer group meets on Tuesdays in Puddletown Church Room, 10.30 until 12.00noon. Coffee and conversation from 10.30 followed by prayers at 10.50am. All are welcome.

The Monthly Village Lunch will be held on Monday 11th April. We shall be serving cottage pie with vegetables followed by a selection of delicious puds. 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.

Consecration of the New Burial Ground On Monday 7th March Bishop Karen came to consecrate our new burial ground. There was a short service to consecrate the ground and then Sarah thanked Bob and all his helpers who had worked so hard to prepare the ground. This was followed by the signing of legal documents. Bishop Karen then went to the church tower to bless the new headstocks on the 5th and tenor bells which were replaced in 2020. After all this excitement there was a splendid tea in the church room.

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Flower Tower Following everyone's great effort at creating the poppies for the church tower in November, we are now planning a red, white, and blue flower tower to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Flowers can be of any design, and any shade of red & blue (as well as white!), knitted, crocheted, or made of felt, but please attach some wool/string to enable us to attach the flowers to the netting. A box will be placed in the church for completed flowers.

Thank you!

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.

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

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So lambing has started, and already some ewes and lambs are back out in the fields. Others which have lambed are kept firstly in individual pens so the mother and lamb get used to each other, then both are sprayed marked with the same number so we can match them together in the mixing pens and out in the field, usually for us a red spray for singles and green for twins so we know how many lambs each ewe has had. The lamb is also required to have an ear tag printed with our flock number.





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Wind, rain and chilly days are getting us through last year's hay, straw and silage and the last batch of cattle on turnips in Cheselbourne will shortly be back on a grass field, with field work getting under way as the days get milder.

Wakely Cox

5th March 2022

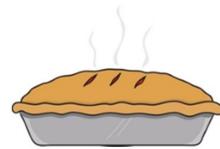
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St Mary the Virgin

Sunday, 20 February 2022 in 20m (16–1–18 in E)



Call Changes

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 William Bishop (C) | 4 Maria Guttridge |
| 2 Emma Hughes | 5 Robin J Mears |
| 3 Ian Bishop | |

Rung on the Front 5 for Morning Worship & Baptism

Puddletown, Dorset

St Mary the Virgin

Thursday, 3 March 2022 in 5m (16–1–18 in E)

120 Plain Bob Doubles

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 Fiona Thomson | 4 William Bishop (C) |
| 2 Roger Thomson | 5 Robert Newton |
| 3 Robin J Mears | |

Rung on front 5 after meeting short for Practice night

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Saturday 5th March 2022 in 44m (8-3-18 in A)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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St Mary the Virgin

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2 Bronwen James	5 Paul Cottingham (C)
3 Roger Thomson	6 Robin J Mears

Rung before the Consecration of the new Churchyard & Blessing the New Headstocks of Bells 5 & 6 By The Rt Rev Karen Gorham Bishop of Sherborne.

I recently attended a practice night at St Mary's Church, Puddletown to present Fiona and Roger Thomson with their guild membership certificates. This was long overdue because they were nominated in January 2020 at our Branch Business Meeting at Wool - but the pandemic 'got in the way'! Fiona and Roger learned to ring bells in 1968 in Zimbabwe where they were living. In 2017 they came to live in West Knighton near Dorchester and immediately joined Puddletown Tower. They are Honorary Life Members of the Zimbabwe Guild, having rung in Harare at The Cathedral Church of St Mary & All Saints, which is a 10 bell 25 cwt tower.

Janet Ranger-Dennis

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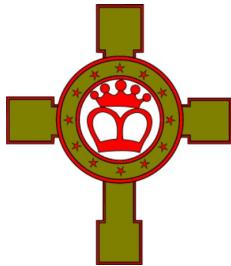
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It was so lovely to see the joy and laughter around the school when we celebrated World Book Day. Having children of my own, I know the added pressures that come with getting costumes together and I really want to thank parents for the efforts. Thanks also to the staff who joined in, the costumes were great - Mr Aspinall was born to play Bert from Mary Poppins!



In February, 7OB had a cake sale in aid of Save the Children. The class had been reading *Parvana's Journey* as a class novel and it is about a girl living under the Taliban regime. So the pupils wanted to raise money for children living in Afghanistan, where children are living with extreme hunger and the cold winter. They raised £94.66 which equates to either four hygiene packs, six weeks' food for a family, 94 meals for a malnourished child or 38 baby blankets. After the cake sale 7OB had a visit from a member of the charity who explained where their money will go and gave an insight into the charity and their work.



Following some excellent pancake making and tossing on Shrove Tuesday, Lent started on Wednesday 2nd March and, at St Mary's, we have been encouraging our pupils to carry out '40 acts of kindness'. Each day, there has been a suggestion on our Daily Bulletin of an 'act of kindness', but the children have been inspired and thought of many other ways to show acts of kindness to family, friends, neighbours and those further afield.

Year 6 had the most wonderful time at PGL. The children showed superb teamwork and excellent determination. We are so proud of all of them. I am sorry that the second half of the week was cut short but they had a beautiful day and a half of sunny activities and fun.

To see some of the excellent work made by students at St Mary's, follow us on Instagram at [stmpudd](#).

Happy Easter!

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St John's Church Tolpuddle—April 2022

Well well, Easter is nigh upon us, that very important Church Festival, as well as reminding us that Winter is finished and summer just around the corner.

As I write this at the beginning of March, it is extremely difficult to be optimistic- the news from Ukraine is so appalling and whatever the outcome it is going to mean a very different balance of power in that part of the world. Our hearts and prayers go out to the stricken families as they flee their homeland. We feel helpless but the outcome of emotion has shown that we really do care – indeed Tolpuddle has collected many bag loads of necessary toiletries which have already been despatched to Poland to make life a little more tolerable for the refugees. We held a special service on March 6th, instead of our usual Communion Service. Dr Richard Hall had assisted in finding some beautiful music recordings by Ukrainian composers, including a folk song and the Lord's Prayer sung in Ukrainian. The service ended with a rendition of the Ukrainian National Anthem at which we all stood holding candles and sending our prayers to Ukraine. A Ukrainian friend, Victoria, joined us for the service and chatted to us while we had coffee, telling us a little more about her country.

What about our regular services? We did of course miss Sarah while she was taking her well earned rest, but Rev'd Janet Smith took one service and the team took Go Fourth on February 27th. This latter service is usually well attended but this month our band was depleted as Martin, our wonderfully enthusiastic bandmaster, is in hospital seriously ill. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family and we wish him a speedy recovery.

We are now in Lent, with the opportunity to attend the Lent Programme, either live or by Zoom. We will be looking forward to the Easter services - I would recommend the special **Good Friday Service** in Tolpuddle which is held at 10.00am.

As you may have read we have listened to ideas from YOU and in response we now hold a monthly service at 5.30pm- which is a short **Reflective Service**. It is held on the second Sunday of the month- this month it will be April 10th. We have also asked for your ideas as to how we can re-vamp **Go Fourth** and expand the team- do contact Hilly, Jayne or Alan if you feel you might have something to offer.

We have had another sad death in our village, that of Lilian Hanson, who had lived in the village for many many years and would like to send our condolences to her son Michael and his family. Although she had had a long illness and been housebound for sometime she will be remembered by many as a keen whist player and enjoying a cup of tea and is now buried in our top churchyard with her husband William. Fortunately the churchyard has been well prepared by Matt and Fiona, who take this responsibility very seriously.



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We are delighted that some other areas of the graveyard are now cared for by individuals- do you think you might have an hour or so every now and then to look after a few graves? The Churchyard Team would be very appreciative.

Looking towards the next few months, we are happy to say that the Church Camping Season officially opens on April 1st- the first booking already confirmed! Plans are well afoot for the celebration of the Queens Jubilee, arrangement being coordinated by Marion Regan under the auspices of TEC, who will need lots of volunteers. Do please read the fliers that are posted through your door and remember to register your interest when the time comes so that your child can receive a complimentary Commemoration Mug. Marion and Mandy held a Village Bake Off and Tea to raise some money to help pay for the mugs (report elsewhere). We will be having a huge Tea Party and sports and fun for the children (and their parents) on Sunday June 5th. We are also planting a tree in Orchard Meadow as a permanent reminder of this historical event.

We constantly are reminded of the joys of our beautiful village and the privileges of living in a democracy with free speech- thank you Lord.

Good wishes to everyone

Hilly and Jayne

TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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Teresa Turner won the Signature Shortbread

Susan Van Baars won the Technical Swiss Roll

Liz Gulliver won the Showstopper with a beautifully decorated cake

Thomas Baddersly won the under 14's decorated chocolate bars but all the children's entries were superb.

Tea/coffee and cake consumption took place in the afternoon.

It was a lively, happy event which raised money towards the Platinum Jubilee mugs which every under 14 year old in Tolpuddle will receive.

After 2 years of disruption by Covid, we are finally back to normal!

Marion Reagan

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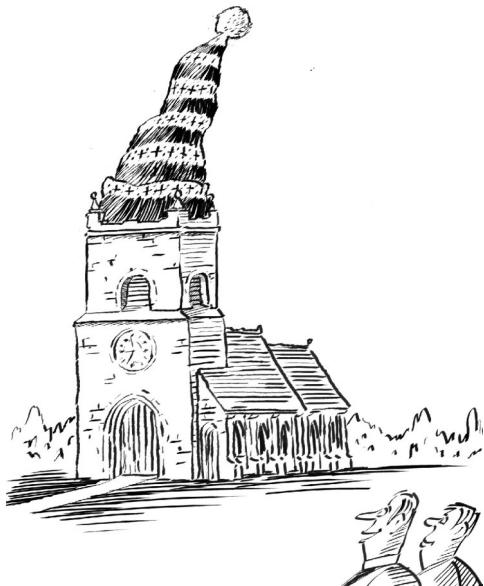
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Julia Johnstone



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The Imposition of Ashes service, held on Ash Wednesday, was led by a visiting priest, Rev Leila Mather. The service was enjoyed by the few who came although it was unfortunate that so few people did attend.

Now that we are in Lent, there are courses and activities which are run to help us to prepare for Easter when we can celebrate. These were widely advertised and hopefully are being well attended and thought provoking.

St Andrew's is one of the parishes who host the monthly Messy Church sessions for families. In April it will be Milborne's turn on the 3rd of April and will be held in the Sports Pavilion. We will also be running the annual Good Friday family session in Milborne St Andrew's village hall. All are welcome, so do come along to hear stories, do crafting and enjoy eating supper together. Helpers are always welcome.

Our Events Committee continue to run social events and functions to raise money for the church. Thanks to all who bought masks over the last 18 months as this project raised over £2000. They are currently organising a 'curry@home' event when they will cook and deliver curry meals to village residents who have booked in advance.

Pam Shults
Churchwarden

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

Top Gardening Tips

Julius Caesar once said, "Experience is the teacher of all things". Now, Gardening Club members have, between them, a wealth of gardening experience and so you'll surely learn a lot if you come along to our meeting this month, when members will be sharing handy tips and tricks to make gardening easier, more productive, cheaper etc. etc.

Non members are especially welcome. We meet in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st April so do come along. If you subsequently try out the tips and tricks you've been given and they do not work for you, don't despair, stay positive and say "I didn't fail, it was a learning experience!".

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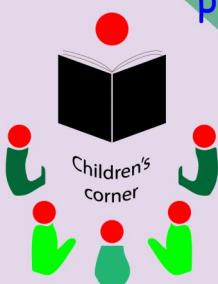
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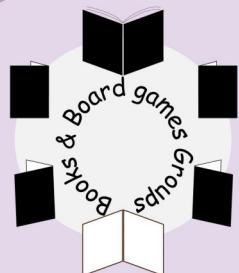


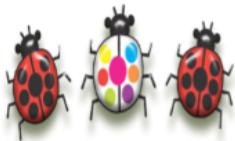
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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Baking, making and pets

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One of our core books is The Great Pet Sale and we covered it this month by having had a 'pet shop' as role play and learnt about different pets and how they need looking after. In the book there are a diverse mixture of animals including a komodo dragon, which none of the children had. Cats came out as the most popular pet with many families having two. In the story each pet cost a different amount so for our shop the children made price labels. Sign of the times is having a card and ATM machine not just a cash register. The children were able to hold, stroke and feed dandelion leaves to two beautiful calm guinea pigs. Thank you to Liz H for bringing them in. We also have some tadpoles which the children have been observing through magnifying glasses. And outside we have a pair of longtail tits visiting our bird feeders. Next week our topic will cover more wildlife – this time minibeasts with our book of the week being Billy's Beetle.



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GOOD FRIDAY

Tolpuddle Toddlers

Every Monday
During term time

Friendly group for under 5's

10am-12pm

Tolpuddle village hall

£1.50 per family

Crafts | Singing | Snacks | Play

WANTED!

We have plans to create a 3rd volume of the popular Church Mouse Cookbooks and are after new recipes.

Do you have any favourite lockdown recipes?

Have you lived abroad or in another part of the UK and would like to share a recipe from that place?

Please email them to puddletownbenefice@outlook.com

It doesn't matter what measurements or temperatures they are submitted in.

Please do not copy directly from a cookbook or internet page for copyright reasons. Maybe tweak the recipe to make it "your own".

Thank you!



Church Mouse Stock

Piddle Duck APRON (blue or pink) £15

River Piddle & Duck TEA TOWEL £4.50

Picture of St Mary's Church £2

Duck cards (pack of 4) £5

Single cards £1.40

Flower notelets (pack of 4) £3

Please contact Caroline Cox on 01305 848514 if you wish to purchase any items.

The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



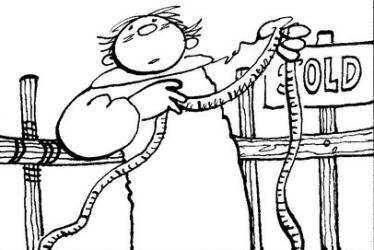
ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS



BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.



Dewlish Church Notes

WE HAVE one more **Lent Lunch**, and that will be held on Tuesday 5th April at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. There is a minimum charge of £5 per head which will be donated to a charity. Everyone is welcome!

Our **Spring Sale** will be held on Saturday 9th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be in aid of church funds. There will be the usual stalls, raffle and teas, and an Easter-themed stall.

Donations of cakes will be most welcome, also items for the raffle etc. Please come and support us, and enjoy an afternoon cuppa with your friends and neighbours!

Easter is fast approaching, and at the **Palm Sunday Service** – on 10th April at 11.00am – there will be a distribution of palm crosses.

The **Good Friday Service** at 6.00pm will be a time for reflection, music and prayers, while on Easter Day we shall be celebrating Jesus' resurrection with an **Easter Holy Communion** at 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you all.

Daphne Burg

Press Release.

Having not performed together as a group for over two years during the pandemic, Briantspuddle Singers are very much looking forward to staging a concert of Lent music in the prestigious and beautiful Milton Abbey on Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm.

We will be performing the ever-popular Crucifixion by Stainer, accompanied by local musicians playing the Abbey's Willis organ and the chamber organ owned by the DRMS. Also on the programme are popular pieces by Victoria, Viadana, Handel, Mozart, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, ending with two joyful and exuberant works by recent composers – Richard Shephard and Alan Bullard.

Choir members are all eagerly anticipating this chance to come together to sing once again in these lovely surroundings, and look forward to welcoming a large and enthusiastic audience to share their love of music during these still very challenging times.

Tickets for this event are £12.50 and are available at the door, from any choir member or tel: 01929 554055



March 2022

Update from the Dorchester office of

Central Dorset Citizens Advice

Buy Now Pay Later products: These products are unregulated but following representation by Citizens Advice and other agencies the FCA has reviewed their terms and conditions using the Consumer Rights Act. As a result of this Clearpay, Klarna, Laybuy and Openpay have agreed to change terms in their consumer contracts to make them fairer, easier to understand and better reflect how consumers use them in practice.

In future terms must:

Set out what happens if a consumer cancels the contract for purchases funded by the BNPL loan

Make it clear that they will provide advance notice to consumers if they intend to terminate/suspend their account

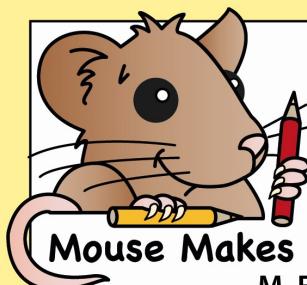
Not prevent a consumer from being able to offset/deduct money owed to them by the firm from instalments

Clearpay, Laybuy and Openpay have agreed to refund customers who have been charged late payment fees in specific circumstances.

Finally a Royal Mail Christmas “postscript”. Following its research **Citizens Advice has reported on Royal Mail’s poor performance with** almost 15 million people (28%) were left waiting for post over the Christmas period. Of those, over half (54%) reported going at least a week without letters. As a result, 2.5 million people missed important documents, health appointments, or were unable to pay a fine or bills, sometimes resulting in further penalties.

Should you have concerns about pensions, employment, benefits, housing, family, household and energy bills, consumer issues etc, you can contact Citizens Advice via our Freephone Dorset Advice line number on 0800 144 88 48 between 10am - 4pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively visit our national website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk.

For information about local Citizens Advice service go to: <https://centraldorsetca.org.uk/>



Mouse Makes



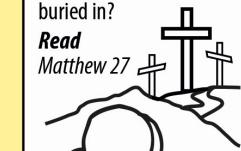
Who betrayed Jesus?
Who denied Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:17-75



What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?
What time did Jesus die?
Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

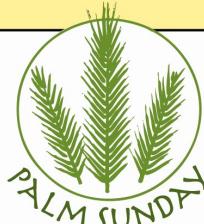
Read
Matthew 27



Find these words from the Easter story in the word search:
DONKEY • ROAD • BRANCHES • PALMS • KING • HOSANNA
PASSOVER • ROOM • BREAD • WINE • CUP • MEAL • BODY • BLOOD
KISS • MESSIAH • CHRIST • JESUS • CRUCIFY • CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE • NAILS • CROSS • DARKNESS • QUAKE • DEATH • LOTS
TOMB • LINEN • STONE • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING
MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL
GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT • SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER

HAPPY EASTER!

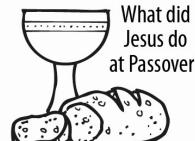
Jesus has risen!
Jesus is with us!
Jesus will come again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

Read
Matthew 21:1-11



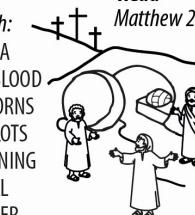
What did Jesus do at Passover?

Read Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?
What had happened to Jesus?

Read
Matthew 28



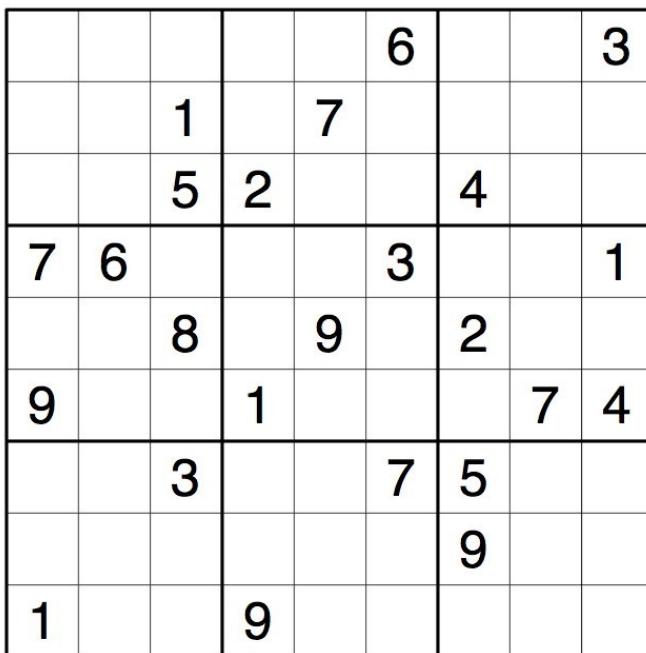
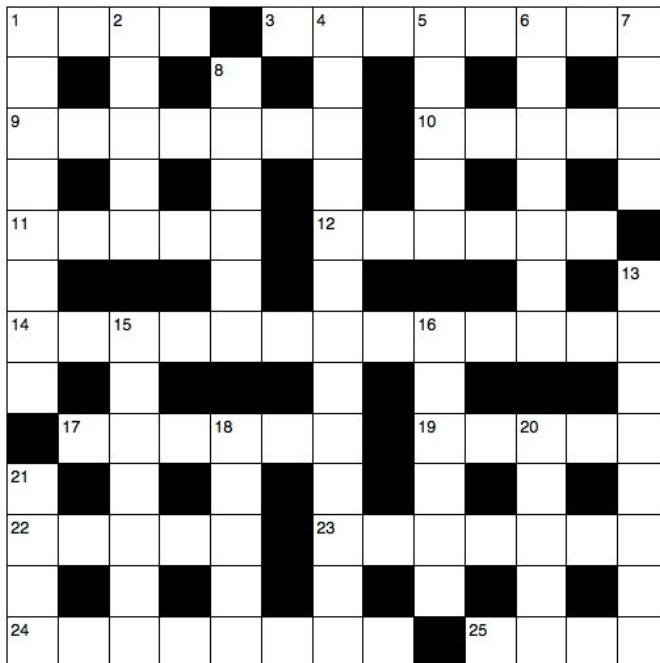
Crossword clues

Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4)
- 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



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24th April - Easter 2

Psalm 150, Acts 5.27-32, John 20.19-31

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!

Services in the Benefice

3rd April—Passion Sunday

Psalm 126, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate...	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish
4.00pm	Messy Church	Milborne

10th April - Palm Sunday

Psalm 31.9-16, Luke 19.28-40, Isaiah 50.4-9a, Luke 22.14-23.56

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

14th April - Maundy Thursday

Psalm 116.1, 10-17, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-17, 31b-35

6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown
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15th April - Good Friday

10.00am	Good Friday Service - music, prayer, reflection	Tolpuddle
2.00pm	Good Friday Service - music, prayer, reflection	Puddletown
4.00pm	Good Friday Messy Church	Milborne
6.00pm	Good Friday Service - music, prayer, reflection	Dewlish

17th April - Easter Day

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, Acts 10.34-43, Luke 24.1-12

9.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Milborne
11.00am	Easter Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Easter Holy Communion	Dewlish

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)

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