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Praying your part

The General Election is nearly upon us. I wonder if you know for whom you are going to vote yet.

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They say: “The coming General Election is a critical moment in the life of our nation, which will shape our future by electing those who will make decisions affecting generations to come.

“It is a time for us all – people of all faiths and of none - to ask important questions about what kind of country we want to be.

“We are facing epic challenges both in our country and our world: from questions of war and peace, to poverty and injustice and very future of the Earth God has given us.

“Faced with such huge questions, our instinct as Christians is to turn to God in prayer and so we want to put prayer at the very heart of this campaign.

“We are therefore inviting everyone who is willing to dedicate the next few weeks as a time not just to think about the big questions but to pray for our nation and our world. And we want to invite everyone to think about how we all can play our part both as voters and, more broadly, as citizens.

“We would add a plea that no matter how big the issues at stake over the next few weeks, this will be a time marked by respect for one another, for good grace and a commitment to truth and integrity.

“It is our prayer that, even in the heat of the debate, we will treat each other with respect and kindness.

“And we give thanks for the dedication of all who stand for public office in service of our communities – often at great personal cost - and those who support the process.”

May I encourage you to join them in praying for our country and the world during this time of uncertainty and change.

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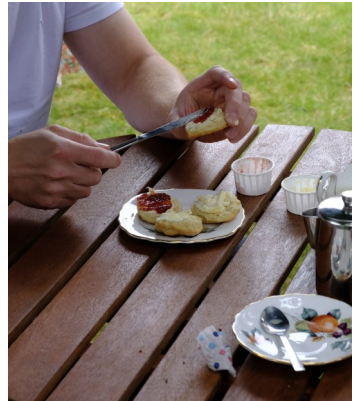
A big thank you to all our helpers and all that came and enjoyed a cream tea or donated to the afternoon on Saturday 22nd June.

To finish the afternoon the D-Day Army truck broke down right outside our gate. They ordered eight cream teas and sat in their vehicles to eat.



The total raised for St Mary's is £672-10.

Jean and David





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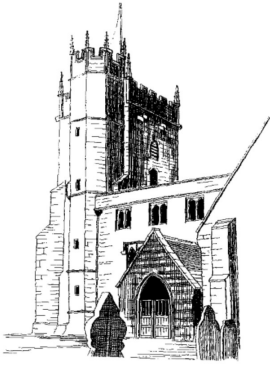
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Cards Rosemary will bring her cards to the pop-in coffee morning on July 18th

Prayer Group This continues to meet in the church room on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 until 11.30am. All are welcome

Bubble Church will take place on Sunday July 7th @ 3.45pm for refreshments and 4 pm start. Young families are welcome to come and join in the fun with treats, singing and a story with puppets.
Book now at: bubblechurchpuddletown@gmail.com

Craft Group will be taking a break during July and August

Books in Bloom - Flower Festival on Saturday 6th July from 11.00am - 5.00pm and Sunday 7th July from 2.00pm - 5pm. Refreshments and cream teas will be available in the Church Room along with various other stalls. More details to be found further on in the magazine.

The Village Lunch will be on Monday July 8th at 12noon. We shall be serving Quiche and salad followed by the usual array of sumptuous puds! A vegetarian dish will also be served. These 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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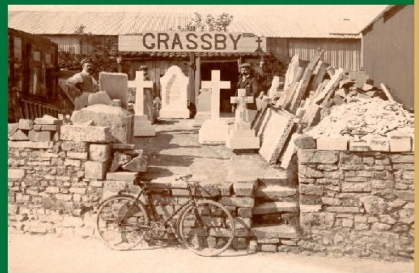


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7th July	Margaret Rickard	Pat Lindsay
14th July	Puddletown Praise Team	
21st July	Cynthia Metcalfe	Mara Wingrove
28th July	Dawn Loveless	Judy Bumby & Geoff Hawkins
Charitable Giving 2024		
Lent		Dorchester Poverty Action
Mothering Sunday		Mosaic
Easter Day		The Salvation Army (Homeless)
Harvest		Water Aid
Christmas		The Children's Society

BENEFACTORS

Marriages

11th May	Simon Hewer & Vanessa Hopkins	Puddletown
1st June	Barrie Lovelock & Phoebe Cox	Tolpuddle

Funerals

d. 10th March Aged 75	Ambrose Alois Gould	Puddletown
d. 30th April Aged 83	Alan Frederick Herridge	Milborne
d. 14th May Aged 68	Philippa Stuart Francis	Tolpuddle

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*St Mary's Church
Puddletown
Flower Festival
"Books in Bloom"*

Saturday 6th July - 11.00am - 5.00pm


Sunday 7th July - 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Hymns & Pimm's at 6.00pm on Sunday

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to apply a fly repellent to the grazing cattle and for some of the younger ones a wormer. As the test was clear this has allowed some of the larger cattle to be sold at stores through Salisbury Market.

All the maize has been drilled but is growing slowly due to the lack of sunshine and warm weather though it will soon need a herbicide spray to suppress any weeds that will compete with the crop. Hopefully soon it will grow away rising fast above any new growth of weeds.

We have drilled a wild flower mixture in a corner of one of the fields which hopefully will be a haven for all the pollinators when the plants flower and then some seeds for the birds later in the year. Swallows and house martins are certainly abundant here swooping over the sheep and cattle in the fields near the farm buildings where they have taken up some of the same nests from previous years.





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The grain stores are nearly empty with only a couple of loads of wheat still in them and some barley which we are feeding to the youngstock and then hope that some summer weather might arrive soon to ripen this year's crops to enable us to look forward to the harvest months.



Wakely Cox

12th June 2024

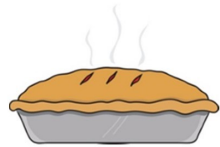
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Jim Wilson

Jim died peacefully in hospital on 2nd June and Diana, daughters Nicky, Caroline, Sally and all the family thank everyone who sent messages and cards with lovely memories, such as "amazing bread, the best stollen ever and always smiling and cheerful". He thoroughly enjoyed celebrating his 90th birthday last August when he shared a Pimm's with many of you.

Jim has had a long association with Puddletown, starting in 1949 aged 16, when he lodged in New Street where his landlady had a bad tempered parrot. He was employed by Philippa Rodale's grandmother, Mrs Betty, to milk her cows kept out on the downs near Druce. Years passed with gaining a degree at Wye College, National Service, a lecturing post at Plumpton Agricultural College (where he met Diana) and then to Kingston Maurward College in 1961. The family moved to Furzehill, Puddletown in the heatwave of 1976, and finally to 1 The Square, Puddletown in 2013.

We hope you will join us for a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jim at 2.15pm on Tuesday 9th July at St Mary's Church, Puddletown.

Diana

Friends of Puddletown Church (FoPC) wish to say a BIG "Thank You" to Janet Nassim for hosting a recent fundraising event for the village church. Advertised as a 'Garden Party' it became a House Party due to the inclement weather! About sixty people enjoyed the Pimm's & snacks accompanied by piano accordion music played by Irene. Funds raised in cash amounted to £554 but that will increase when credit card payments made on the night with the card reader machine are added in. Thank you to all who attended to make the event so enjoyable.

The evening was such a success that another one has been suggested for next Summer - hopefully (with better weather) it **will** be a 'Garden Party' at Dawnay House so that folks can enjoy Janet & Edward's beautiful garden.

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Tower News

Puddletown, Dorset

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Thursday, 6 June 2024 (16–1–18 in E)

40 Plain Bob Doubles

1	Jane Pridmore	2	Emma Hughes
3	Roger Thomson	4	Robin J Mears
5	Robert Newton (C)	6	Nigel Pridmore

Rung for the 80th Anniversary of D Day Landings

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ROYAL GARDEN PARTY INVITATION

Janet Ranger-Dennis and her husband Tim, who live in The Square, have recently attended a Royal Garden Party for her work with Dorset Police. Janet has been a volunteer for more than ten years, since the inception of the Victims Bureau in 2013. She is passionate about supporting victims of crime, providing them with regular updates about the investigation into the crime. She is also a Role Player for trainee officers, and provides Event Support and similar. She has won three Police awards, and also a Recognition Award from the High Sheriff of Dorset for 'great and valuable services to the community'. The "icing on the cake" was to receive a surprise invitation from - "The Lord Chamberlain is commanded by His Majesty to invite ... to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace" on! Janet & Tim had a memorable day on 21st May despite the rain. HRH King Charles III was not present, but Prince William was in attendance, supported by his cousins Zara & Peter and Princesses Beatrice & Eugenie (plus spouses), and the Duke & Duchess of Gloucester. Janet said that Prince William and Zara & Mike Tindall were very chatty and friendly; Zara saying that her dress was not new, Mike was not bothered about the rain, and William (when asked about Kate) replied "she would have loved to have been here today".



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	Cumulative for the year	444.60 mm
	2023 Rainfall for the month	43.50 mm
	2023 Cumulative for the year	356.10 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 25.60° C Min. 4.10° C
	2023	Max. 25.90° C Min. 5.30° C
	Maximum wind speed	16.80 mph
	2023	15.90 mph

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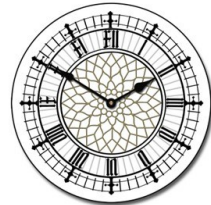
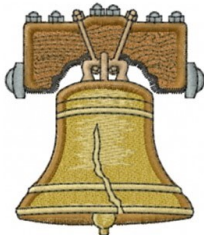


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Thursday 18th July 2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Puddletown Church will be held in the church on 18th July at 7.30pm.

The business meeting will be followed at 8.00 with a talk by Simon Crumbleholme on specialist repair works carried out at churches. All in our community are welcome to join us for the talk. The meeting will end as a social gathering with refreshments.

The Friends' mission is to protect the church building, in recognition of its historic, social and architectural importance to Puddletown. The meeting will consider requests from the PCC for grants to help us meet this mission. The Friends also produce two newsletters a year that, in addition to notices of interest to members, explore and document aspects of Puddletown history.

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St John's Church Tolpuddle July 2024

My goodness me - the months fly past so quickly. The summer holidays will soon be upon us and we suddenly find it is time for another entry for the Parish Magazine.

A great deal has happened in St John's over the past few weeks - with a huge village wedding of Barrie Lovelock and Phoebe Cox, which filled the church to capacity (and over!). Marion Regan and her trusty team had decked all the windows and aisles with beautiful flowers, an enormous and glorious pedestal and a welcoming arch.

The next day found us rearranging the church for a fabulous concert organised by Dr Richard Hall and his friends from the Dorset Rural Music School - we raised a very good sum for the church roof - more later about that!

Two days later all available chairs were again set up for the Commemoration Service in memory of Philippa Francis. The family had arranged a magnificent service, with readings by members of her family and a friend. We will remember Philippa in many ways - as a regular church goer, a friend and colleague. Her efficiency and dedication touched many others through her commitment to Dorset Historic Churches Trust and organisation of Ride and Stride. We hope to have a strong contingent entering this year on September 14th in her memory.

Now back to regular services before the build-up to Martyrs weekend - at which there will be Songs of Praise at 11.00am on Sunday July 21st. A reminder that there is a service EVERY Sunday in our church and we really would like you to join us there-

Sunday July 7th - 9.30 - Communion

Sunday July 14th - 5.30 - Sunday Reflection

Sunday July 21st - 11.00 - Songs of Praise

Sunday July 28th - 10.00 - Go Fourth

Yes- the church roof- anyone who has recently entered our church will have noticed a collection of buckets and towels - the roof is LEAKING... and subsequently this is damaging the roof beams. We have now obtained permission from the Archdeacon to replace the whole of the north aisle roof with like for like - in this case copper, which of course is very costly. We have appointed a diocese approved roofer who will start the work in September. We have applied for two grants, we have some funds set aside and we are specifically fund raising. We have been given one very generous donation, with another promised. There will be a shortfall so do you think you might be able to help? If so please contact one of the churchwardens or the treasurer- (taylorjs113@gmail.com)

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Sadly our church camping has had to be cancelled this year because of the leaking roof - but the team hope to set up again next year. Other fund raising activities are in the pipeline through TEC - so please do support those: the Summer Fete and Fun Dog Show on August 25th, and later on the Bonfire Party. Not to mention Martyrs weekend, with help required with car parking and meals in the Village Hall. Marion has been asked to make the wreaths again, obviously they will be biodegradeable!

Big thanks to you all - those who helped with the major church spring clean, the flowers, the churchyard, and just being there with us as we struggle to keep the church alive.

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PLAYGROUND REPAIRS: In Puddletown Recreation play Park and Tolpuddle Orchard Meadow Play Park, there were several surfaces identified as in need of work to ensure the fall impact protection was adequate. The remedial work has been booked in with a specialist and we hope to have all work complete before the summer holidays.

BINS LOCATION – Last month, I mentioned residents had concerns about the position of some bins around the parish. I'm pleased to announce that the Parish Council has approved the relocation of the bins and will request Dorset Council to proceed as soon as possible. The bins are expected to be moved by the end of summer, as staff training is currently underway.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR):

The AGAR is a mandatory legal financial document that the Parish Council must complete each year and present to the external auditor for examination. As part of this process, it is essential to inform residents of their right to inspect the Parish Council's accounts during a specified period. For the accounting period ending 31 March 2024, the "Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return" will be available in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234). The inspection period will commence on 12th June and run until 23rd July.

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Full details for all planning applications and outcomes can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday 9th July 2024, at 7pm in the Puddletown Village Hall.

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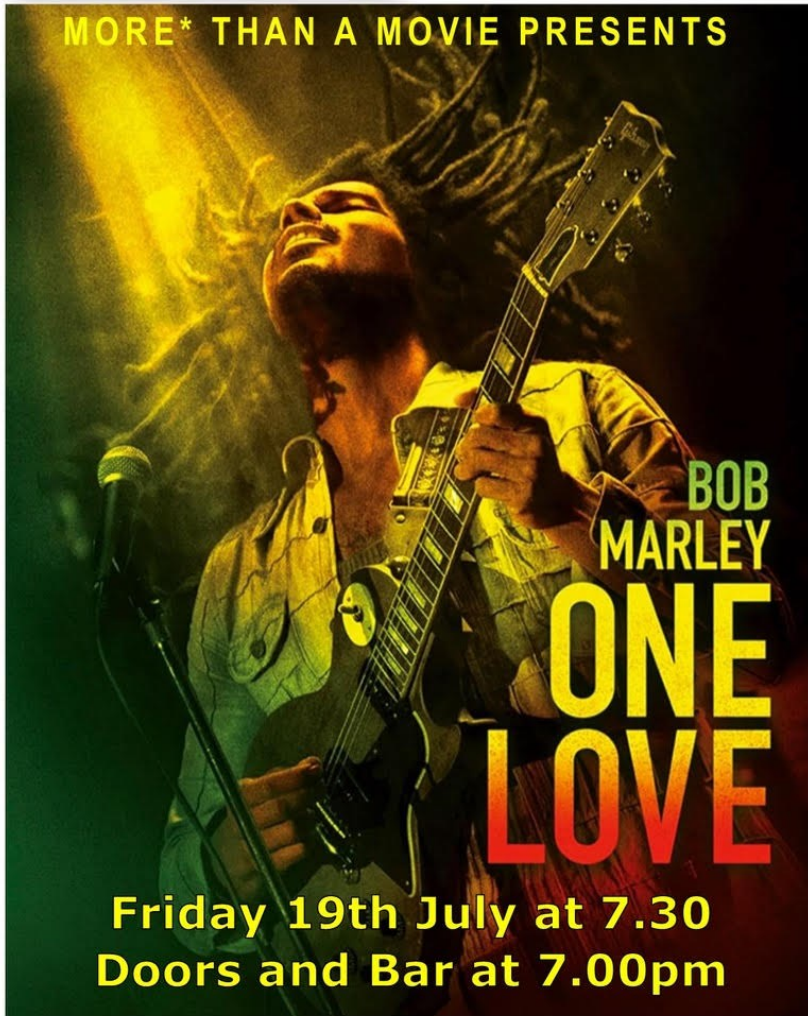


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As well as the daily breakfasts at the Martyrs' Field, we are, as usual, planning refreshments at Tolpuddle village hall throughout Sunday. Proceeds from these, together with carparking on the Sunday, contribute significant funding for St John's Church and the village hall and help to support local activities throughout the year. Last year's cancellation due to bad weather left quite a big hole in our fundraising.

So, this year we are hoping to put on an even better show. Fortunately, last year's plans for refreshments in the village hall on the Sunday will stand us in good stead. Once again, we are intending to have cakes, teas, coffees and soft drinks available throughout the day and to provide the 'ploughman's in a box' lunches, as planned for last year. The lunch boxes will offer a choice of ham, cheese or a variety of quiche, alongside the usual staples of salad, roll, pickle, pickled onion and apple. Additional side salads, such as coleslaw, bean or rice salad, would be available as an extra. We want to build on our reputation for providing good value, home-cooked food and, as far as feasible, all the food will be sourced or produced locally.

As ever, we need help with various aspects of the day's catering, including providing some of the food; setting up the hall on Saturday afternoon and serving and clearing up in the hall on the day. In particular, we are looking for:

- Cakes of all shapes, sizes and flavours*
- Homemade quiches*
- Help with setting up tables and chairs from 6.00pm on Saturday 20th
- Helpers in the hall from 8.30am – 5.30pm on Sunday 21st. We plan to open from 10.00am to approx. 4.30pm (earlier if the food runs out) and would be looking for volunteers to do 2-hour periods at a time in the hall but there is flexibility. (We will prepare a rota for the day in due course.)

*help with the cost of the ingredients can be provided, if needed

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. Many of you volunteered last year but it would still be helpful if you could reconfirm your willingness to do so again and your availability etc.


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I write this in “Flaming June” as the rain falls steadily outside. It reminds me of a friend's comment recently, “I love summer; it's my favourite day of the year!”

At a lovely Eucharist in St. Mary's, Dorchester, celebrated by our Archdeacon, who gave a challenging address, Pam and I were sworn in as Churchwardens for the coming year. The Diocesan Registrar reminded those present of the duties of Churchwardens, hoping that amidst the challenges and responsibilities, some joy would be found!

On the first Sunday in June, Tony led our Milborne Praise Service which commemorated the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. We listened to a reading of Laurence Binyon's “For The Fallen”, read by Bernard Cribbins, set against the music of Elgar's “Nimrod”. Our final hymn, sung with gusto, was “God is our strength and refuge,” based on Psalm 46, to a tune adapted from Eric Coates' “Dambuster's March.” We were unable to raise the Union Flag owing to damage to the flagpole halyard. However, we improvised! A new halyard is being sourced and fitted.

Milborne Church was full as we said our goodbyes to Alan Herridge, a much-loved and respected member of the Community and former Head of Milborne School. Sarah conducted the Service, family members read the lessons, and Tony Fox read the Eulogy. The hymns included “One More Step Along the World I Go,” particularly associated with Alan's time at the School.

Later in the month, we held a Thanksgiving for the Life of Harry Pearce. In honour of Harry's Cornish roots, the strains of “Trelawney” were played at the conclusion of the Service.

We assure Veronica and her family, and Penny and her family of our love and prayers.

As we enter the Church's ordinary, or “Green” season, we thank all those who keep the Church running “behind the scenes.” As a visiting Priest said on entering the Church recently, “This is immaculate!” Thank you, to all who enable such comments.



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“I suppose we all want the Church building to be here for occasions such as this (it was after a funeral), but we don’t support it.”, was a comment made recently. So, we are considering the possibility of setting up a “Friends of St Andrew’s”. We hope that a Friends’ group will be a way of ensuring that St Andrew’s is viable for the future and is there when needed, be it for a Christening, Wedding, Funeral, School Service or any other occasion. Some also value the building for its historic role in the village. Watch this space, and thanks to the person who made the comment (you know who you are!).

In this distracted and broken world, we remember the psalm quoted above, “God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Tony & Pam, Churchwardens.

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Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Ascension Day Service, held in the churchyard, was led by Sarah on a really lovely morning. It was good to see people turn out so early (6.30am)! However, Sarah suggested that maybe next year we should start at 7.00am – which sounds a good idea!

If your magazine arrives before the end of the month, please don't forget our **Farm Service** which is to be held at Parsonage Farm, Dewlish (the home of Mrs Sue Britton) on Sunday 30th June at 11.00am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

We are having a **Pet Service** in the churchyard on Sunday 21st July at 11.00am. We look forward to meeting your pets, and the chance to be thankful for the joy they bring us.

A big thank-you to Tim, Ethan and Patrick for raising £200 for church funds at their Eastertide coffee morning. The boys are all pupils at Puddletown Middle School, and put on the coffee morning as part of the school's Young Leaders' Community Initiative. Thank you all so much; we are very proud of you.

Finally, a note for your diary: we are hoping to hold a **Pop-up Market Stall** with tea and cakes in the Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August, starting at 2.30pm. More details next month.

Daphne Burg

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

In June we had a wonderful group visit to Cerne Abbas for their Open Gardens event.

This month, Martin Young returns and his talk will be giving advice on how to attract butterflies and other beneficial insects to our gardens. We meet in the village hall on Thursday 18th July, starting at 7.30pm. Cost is just £2 for non members and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Do come along, you will be very welcome!

Angela & Mark Johnson



The only thing missing from the Puddletown Scout Group team is you!

<https://www.puddletownscouts.org.uk/join>
#SkillsForLife

Due to the forthcoming retirement of two of our leaders, we are looking for some new volunteers to join our team.

We have three active sections consisting of around 80 young people from 6 to 14 years of age.

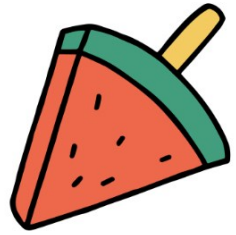
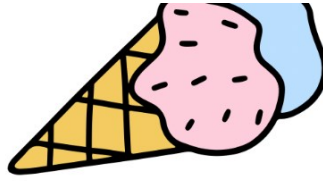
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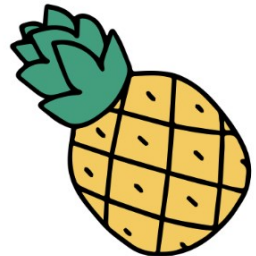
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from 10:30am – 12:30pm

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12th January, 9th February, 8th March, 12th April,

10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August,

13th September, 11th October, 8th November

and 13th December.

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Tolpuddle Family Lives

Everyday Heritage – Celebrating Working Class Histories
at Tolpuddle Old Chapel

TOCT is about to commence an exciting project to collect stories about the lives of people living in the past and present in Tolpuddle and surrounding villages.

As part of this project, we are looking for local crafts people who would like to create cushions for Tolpuddle Old Chapel that reflect these stories.

A range of crafts can be used such as tapestry, patchwork, embroidery, applique.

All materials and guidance will be provided.
There is no cost to take part in this project.

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Saturday 20th July at 4:00pm

In this talk Philip will present a reevaluation of George Loveless’s writings as well-worked and intellectually rigorous attacks on the political status quo of the 1830s.

Much neglected, and commonly used only for biographical purposes, Loveless’s pamphlets are substantial underminings of the establishment hypocrisies of his time, which reveal his close ties with the London ultra-radicals and other influential political writers. He will also examine Loveless’s early years and the development of Tolpuddle Methodism. The talk will take place in Tolpuddle Old Chapel (1818) – the first material trace of the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

Tickets £5 at the door.

Please **book a place** by registering your name with

deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org as numbers are limited.

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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

Saturday 6th July

4.00pm Holy Baptism Tolpuddle

7th July - Trinity 6

Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle

9.30am Milborne Praise Milborne

11.00am Parish Communion Puddletown

11.00am BCP Morning Prayer Dewlish

4.00pm Bubble Church Puddletown VH

6.00pm Hymns & Pimm's Puddletown

14th July - Trinity 7

Psalm 85.8-13; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne

11.00am Puddletown Praise Puddletown

11.00am Parish Communion Dewlish

5.30pm Sunday Reflections Tolpuddle

21st July - Trinity 8

Psalm 23; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

9.30am Worship in Stillness Milborne

11.00am Martyrs' Songs of Praise Tolpuddle

11.00am Parish Communion Puddletown

11.00am Family Service Dewlish

28th July - Trinity 9

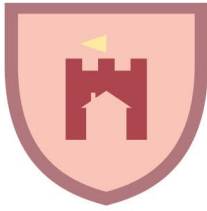
Psalm 145.10-19; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne

10.00am Go Fourth Tolpuddle

11.00am BCP Matins (traditional language) Puddletown

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