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## **Every hour counts**

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Many of us feel we don't have enough of it – our lives are so busy that there is never enough time to do all that we want to do. Others feel that time moves too slowly – that there is too much of it to fill.

I've been reflecting on time since the sudden death of my father at the end of April. I ask myself whether he would have done anything differently that day had he known it would be his last. And, of course, I'll never know the answer to that question. But we do know that all of us will one day reach the end of our lives here on earth. I wonder whether that makes any difference to the way we use our time.

It's not something I imagine most of us spend many minutes thinking about until, perhaps, we are faced with our own mortality either because someone we love dies or our life changes dramatically through illness or injury or frailty or something else that knocks us off course.

I've been asking myself whether I am happy with the way I spend my time, the balance of priorities and the things I fill my days with. And I have a mixed response to that. I get it right sometimes but not at other times. So what would help me to make better choices?

First, I think being more aware of my own mortality. Facing the truth that at some point my life will come to an end, that my days are limited, so I should use them in the best possible way.

Second, remembering that rest is as important as busy-ness – taking time to be rather than to do is vital if we are to flourish. Sabbath rest has been an important part of Christianity and its Jewish roots before then, first introduced in the Bible as a concept in the story of creation as told in Genesis and found in the Ten Commandments.

Third, seeing each day as a gift to be treasured. Even bad days can be turned around when each day is seen as precious. Sunshine gladdens our hearts but let's remember that rain is also a gift without which we would not have life.

The Psalmist asks God to “teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom” (Psalm 90.12). The wise person knows that every hour counts.

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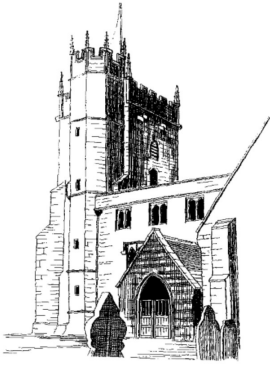
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**Cards** Rosemary will bring her cards to the pop-in coffee morning on 20th June

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> June @ 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.

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**Craft Group** this will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30. If you would like to book your place then please contact Margaret [margaretmary227@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmary227@gmail.com) or 01305 849332

**Cream Tea** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2.30pm – 5pm at 1, Athelhampton Rd., Puddletown. To be held in the church room if raining. More details to be found further on in the magazine.

**The Village Lunch** will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon. We shall be serving baked salmon 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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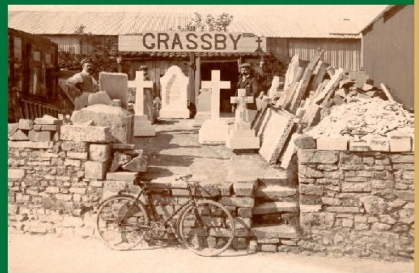


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Over the years, here at the Parish Magazine we have had several volunteers who would proof-read each month's copy before we send it to the printer. At this time, we are reduced to one person who independently carries out this task, and ideally, we need one or two more. Would you be prepared to help out please?

When you create a written piece, no matter how many times you read and re-read it, after a while you just don't see spelling and phrase mistakes do you? That is where a person unconnected to it can help us, and we can then continue to produce a magazine of quality for the readership.

So, perhaps if you love to thoroughly read this magazine each month, you might offer to thoroughly read it prior to publication? It is all done online within a regular time-frame each month, so if you could help, please contact Emma Hughes the Collator - details on page 3 of each magazine - and she will explain what is involved.

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This year is two of the fields we then ploughed the fields, turning the soil over and burying the muck and at the same time pulling along the press to help firm the surface and so break down the lumps. The other field will have a couple of passes with the heavy cultivator which lift the ground and mixes the muck and the soil together as it is pulled through the field. We then pull a set of discs and packer rollers across the soil to prepare the seed bed in front of the drill. The maize likes a nice deep seed bed so that when it germinates it's roots can push downwards to find the moisture in the warm dry days of summer! The drill then follows placing the seeds individually into the ground about 2 inches deep, we then roll the fields to firm the soil helping to get a good seed to soil contact and keeping in the moisture.



We still have a lot of the younger cattle indoors as the grass has not been growing fast enough to keep ahead of them all if they were all grazing outside. At the end of the last week we managed to cut and round bale some grass and made a few bales of high quality silage ready for feeding when they have gone through the conversion process from grass to silage in the autumn.



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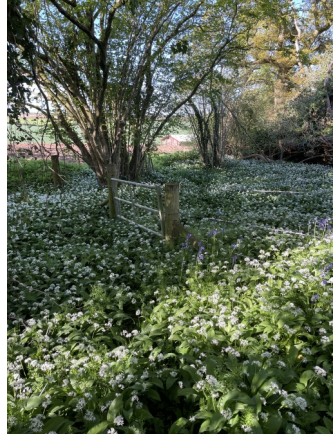
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The cereal crops are growing well, the hot days and nights earlier in the week certainly sped things along with the winter barley very close to the awns (spiky hairs) coming through and needing its final fungicide applied to make sure the grains are kept free of disease through to harvest. The oil seed rape has all finished flowering with it's bright yellow flowers, and the pods are filling up. Next week we are having our 6 monthly TB Test of all the cattle, so lets hope for some cooperative cattle and some good weather to help the big job go easily.

*Wakely Cox*

*12th May 2024*



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I have been driving for the scheme for about 7 years and find it rewarding and enjoyable. Aside from the fact that doing something to help out other people always gives one a little glow of self satisfaction, I've met some really interesting people with amazing life stories to tell.

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From the comments I've received from clients, I know how much the scheme is appreciated and valued and I sincerely hope that it will still be running if I ever need its services! However we are currently struggling with a shortage of drivers, particularly now that holiday season is approaching. If you have a car and a bit of spare time I would really urge you to consider joining the team. Please do contact me if you would like a bit more information or I can put you in touch with one of the coordinators.

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	2023 Rainfall for the month 2023 Cumulative for the year	78.30 mm 312.60 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 18.50° C Min. 1.90° C
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## St John's Church Tolpuddle June 2024

Summer is now well and truly with us, but whether the sun will be shining, who can tell - certainly not those of us who have to write their articles in advance. For us in Tolpuddle at least we do know that the church flowers will still be beautifully arranged by Marion using both wild and garden flowers and the altar

frontals will be green.

Unfortunately the camping in the church has had to be cancelled for this year. We very much hoped that drier weather in April and May would dry out the church to enable the team to get the camping season off to a late start. .... but the continued damp meant that our ethos of **camping in comfort in St John's** - a calm and peaceful experience much appreciated by our previous guests could not be guaranteed - and we were unwilling to damage our history of good reviews by offering a poorer experience.

Although the team organising it has been somewhat depleted in recent months, we are still very enthusiastic about our Lay lead service **Go Fourth**, on the fourth Sunday (next one June 23<sup>rd</sup>) which offers a relaxed worship with the help of our live band. Do join us to see if it suits you and we welcome anyone who would like to become more involved with our team. A more traditional **Parish Communion** is held on the first and third Sundays and then on the second Sunday we offer **Sunday Reflection** at 1730, a quiet compilation of music, poetry and readings - a perfect end to a busy summer weekend!

And of course the church is open every day between dawn and dusk for those who are looking for a quiet space to sit in the cool, away from the heat of the summer and the fuss and noise of life. We have to thank Jane Keenor for her commitment as the main key bearer in opening and closing the church each day. We are always looking for more volunteers- whether in the churchyard, the church itself or during one of the services- please contact Jayne 07739 100181- or Hilly 0787557367.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held during May when the PCC members and church wardens were elected. At the beginning of June the church wardens will attend a service to formally licence them in their role.

As usual the village in summer is buzzing and TEC will be planning various events - for details of these see adverts in other parts of this magazine or look on the Village Website or Facebook.

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The concert of light classical music in the church that had to be postponed in April has now been rescheduled for 2nd June. The previous evening when recorded music was substituted was greatly enjoyed, as were the wine and canapés. Tickets are available from Hilly Cobban.

The TUC Festival is imminent and we hope the weather is kinder for it this year. All these events rely on Volunteers- do please put your name forward to keep our community alive.

So we will finish this report on a positive note, as summer approaches, the roses are blooming and the vegetable gardens are beginning to produce goodies. We see many visitors wandering around our lovely village and they all say how fortunate we are to live here- and so we are.

It is with very heavy hearts that we write about the death of dear Philippa Francis, who died on May 13th with her family Julian, Celia, Guy and Hope at her side. Her family had always meant everything to her but she will also be sorely missed as a friend, an active member of St John's, a Deanery Synod Representative, and a Trustee of Dorset Historic Churches Trust among many other interests.

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We believe in the strength of diversity and inclusivity, and we're committed to ensuring our Council represents all facets of our vibrant community. We welcome anyone over the age of 18 who is eager to contribute to the betterment of our area, regardless of background or identity, **YOUR VOICE MATTERS TO US.**

If you're passionate about shaping the future of your community, we encourage you to consider joining us. Together, we can make a real difference. If you're interested in becoming a part of our team and making a positive impact, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Clerk for more information on how to get involved. Your community needs you!

**PUBLIC TOILETS** – For those who recall the unfortunate incident at the end of last year when the Puddletown Pavilion public toilets fell victim to vandalism, resulting in their closure, I bring glad tidings. I am delighted to announce brand new commercial-grade steel doors have been installed, protecting the facilities against any future misfortune. As a result, I am pleased to declare that the doors of convenience are once again open to serve the community.

**BINS LOCATION** – Residents have recently reached out to the Parish Council with requests regarding the relocation of several bins within the parish. Here are the proposed changes: In Puddletown: Relocating the bin adjacent to St. Mary's School bus shelter from its current position in front of the shelter to a location on the side. Moving the bin across the road from the Antique Map and Bookshop to the opposite side, near the bus shelter. In Tolpuddle: Shifting the bin opposite the Martyr's Museum, next to the bus shelter, to the other end of the shelter for better visibility from the layby. After careful consideration, the Parish Council has undertaken to investigate these requests.

**PLANNING APPLICATION:** This month the Council received no planning applications. 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>

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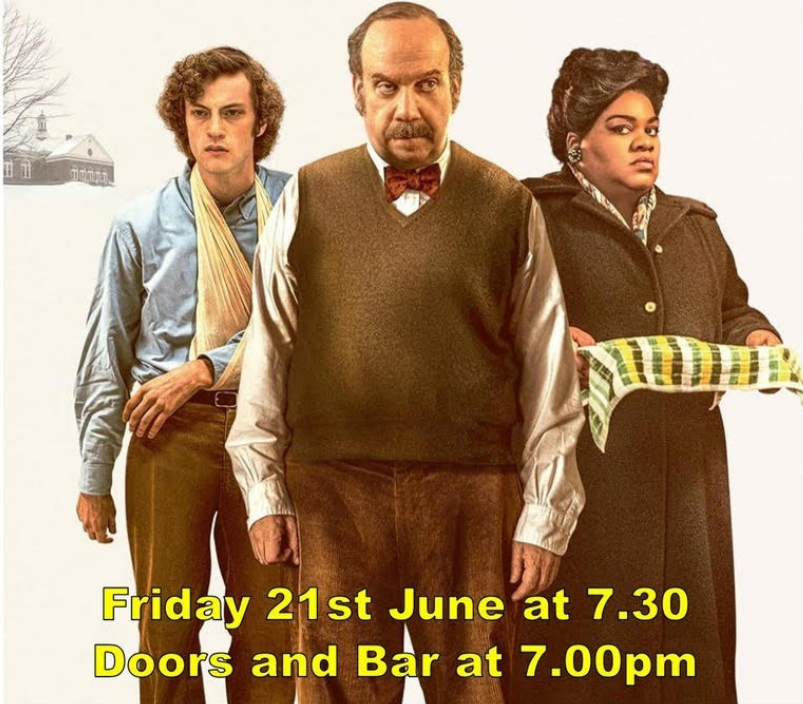
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As well as the daily breakfasts at the Martyrs' Field, we are, as usual, planning refreshments at Tolpuddle village hall throughout Sunday. Proceeds from these, together with carparking on the Sunday, contribute significant funding for St John's Church 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](mailto: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.


We look forward to hearing from you and many thanks in advance.

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## Notes from St Andrew's

Recently we were lucky enough to have a new member join our Open the Book team. Although the team has only a few dedicated people, what they perform is always welcomed by the children. We have been visiting our village first school for many years reading Open the Book stories and acting them out. The latest book we are using is called Christian Values. The stories are ones from the Bible but written in a way that is appealing to children who are invited to become part of the telling. There is the opportunity for new team members and if anyone is interested just get in touch with one of us.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> May St Andrew's with All Saints, Dewlish, held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Pam and Tony were elected to be churchwardens for St Andrew's church and Jim and Sue were elected to be churchwardens for All Saints. Other members of the Parochial Church Councils were elected.

*Pam & Tony (Churchwardens)*

## Big Dorset Apple Cake Day

Milborne St Andrew Village are holding a 'Big Dorset Apple Cake Day' to be held on

Saturday 1st June 2024 between 10.00-12.00 at the MSA Village Hall, DT11 0JX

The villagers will attempt to create the biggest Dorset Apple Cake - 100 cakes will be baked and then assembled on Friday ready for the unveiling on Saturday morning when the cake will be formally cut and sold in slices or as whole cakes at the Community Cafe. Come and join the extraordinary event and feast on Apple Cake on Dorset Day! (Don't forget to order your clotted cream!)

Decorations will be made by local school children.





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# Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

## - Plant sale success!

On the second Saturday in May, the sun shone, queues formed and the gardening club opened the doors of the village hall for another hugely successful plant sale.

There was a wide range of plants, gardening accessories and books. Customers were able to pause, relax and chat over coffee, tea and delicious homemade cake. We are delighted to say that for the second year running, we raised over £600 for the gardening club.

This month, as a club, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, we are going to Cerne Abbas to visit their Open Gardens.

Our next meeting in the hall will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, when we will learn how to make a butterfly friendly garden. Why not come along? We start at 7.30pm in the village hall. Cost is just £2 for non members and includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

*Angela & Mark Johnson*



# Puddletown Pumpkins

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## Dorset Art Weeks

Dorset Art Weeks runs from 25th May to 9th of June 2024, a variety of artists open their studios. With 266 venues across Dorset, it's a perfect excuse to have a day out with friends, visiting local studios, and enjoy a cuppa in one of the cafes en route. In Puddletown there are two studios open:

163 - Paul L Matthews at 23 High Street, Puddletown. Contemporary wildlife art and portraiture. Mainly working in oils and watercolour.

164 - Sarah Gabrielle and Meriel Ensom at The Coach House, The Green, Puddletown. Both artists are inspired by the natural world. Sarah works in oils, acrylics, collage and mixed media. Meriel paints detailed images of wild creatures on found wood.

If you are out for a walk or bike ride in Puddletown forest you may like to visit the Duck Farm Collective, Duck Farm Workshops at venue 165, found a little way past the end of Rhododendron Mile. A range of studios with jewellery, pottery and painting.

If you walk in the other direction through the forest to Hardy's Cottage you will find venues 155 to 159 at Mellstock Farm, just a few minutes walk from Under the Greenwood cafe (a good selection of cake there). These consist of 155-Carol Anne Savage, mixed media, photography. 156- Kevin Moore, painting and print making. 157 - Alison Moore, drawing painting printmaking. 158 - MooniGooni Glass, fused glass. 159 - Creative Clay for All, pottery.

For more information on opening hours and other studios open in Dorset please go to [www.dorsetartweeks.co.uk](http://www.dorsetartweeks.co.uk)



# St Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

## *Inspire today to shape tomorrow*

It has been a busy few weeks at St Mary's with theatre visits, sporting successes and a trip to the farm!

The Spring term came to a close in spectacular fashion with a trip to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton to see a performance of Jesus Christ Super Star. The visit, organised by Mrs Rogers, music subject lead, was excellent and a memorable way to end the term.



Our students have enjoyed continued successes in both football and netball. Huge congratulations to our girls football team who have made it through to the Under 13s Dorset Girls' Football Finals. The girls have played some amazing football and fully deserve their place in the tournament. Both St Mary's Key Stage 2 and 3 netball teams have also made impressive progress in recent county tournaments and we wish them the best of luck in future fixtures.

From collaborative sports to collaborative writing! A group of students from Years 7 and 8 have recently taken part in an annual collaborative writing event at the Thomas Hardy School, organised by Wessex Trust. Mrs Monro and Mrs O'Rourke organised for the budding St Mary's authors to participate at the event where students from schools across the trust worked together to create a 500 word story that had to include a worm and a canoe!



And finally, persistent rain and ankle-deep mud couldn't dampen the fun of the farm for Year 6! Chrissy Hancock of Wessex Wild Grazing did a terrific job of showing the students around her farm in Tincleton, explaining how the business works and the science that underpins the landscapes and ecosystems they support. The children returned to school damp and dirty but bursting with enthusiasm and new learning from an invaluable hands-on experience.



# Milborne Petanque

Hello MSA sporty Villagers.  
MSA Petanque activity info's & updates.

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Information  
Inspiration  
Invitation

This is an initial informative "heads up bulletin" to get all of us thinking and excited about the MSA boules/ Petanque activities starting in spring -24.

When:

First official game and event is tentatively planned to start on Saturday 13th April 24 coinciding with and after the Milborne St Andrew cafe morning.

!!!Date to be finalised as yet!!!

Who can play:

Everyone and all ages are welcome.

Want to play already ?

The court is available NOW, and to borrow boules please contact Rich Hawker at the Corner Cottage on 07393 309037

For all other questions or input please contact us at:  
[milborne.petanque@gmail.com](mailto:milborne.petanque@gmail.com)

Regular updates and more in depth details will follow shortly via:

MSA Reporter  
Milborne Petanque FB  
MSA Community FB

Barry Andrews Property Maintenance has already kindly donated £200 to the cause, and further sponsors are welcome and appreciated .



## CONTACTS

**For further information, admission details or to arrange a visit,  
please contact the school office**

Head of School: Tim Ennion

Chair of Governors: Martin Kimberley

St Mary's School Association: Chairpersons: Briony Hosford & Marie Chappell

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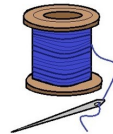


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[margaretmary227@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmary227@gmail.com)

01305 849332

If you wish, you are welcome to bring your own crafts and enjoy the company

# 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.

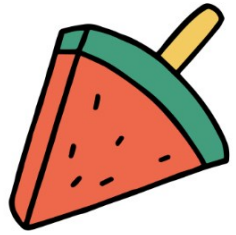
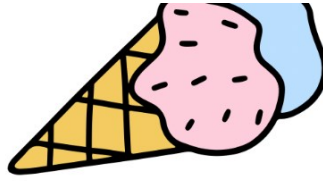
We work and share skills in order that our young members have fun, adventure and skills for life.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.

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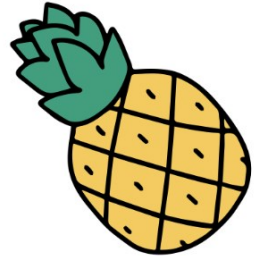
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## Knit and Natter for Charity



at Tolpuddle Old Chapel

Our 'Knit and Natter for Charity' group

at the Tolpuddle Old Chapel

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from 10:30am – 12:30pm

Our 'natter dates' for 2024 are:

12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April,

10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August,

13<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November

and 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Come and join us for a knit, natter, coffee and a warm space.

Want more information?

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## Traditional Sample Quilt at The Old Chapel Tolpuddle



Workshops led by Matt Wilding

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Rail Fence, Grandmother's Fan, Rob Peter to Pay Paul, Log Cabin, Dresden Fan, Trip Around the World, Strip Rail, Spider's Web, Wild Goose Chase and Drunkard's Path.

Starting on Wednesday 3rd April from 10.00am - 1.00pm

Total cost £250

Dates: 3/4, 10/4, 17/4, 24/4, 1/5, 8/5, 15/5, 29/5, 5/6 and 12/6 (No session on 22/5)

**What's included:**

- Comprehensive step-by-step tuition
- Fully illustrated workshop notes
- Matt's homemade cakes and pastries

**What to bring:**

- Your sewing machine
- Basic sewing kit (hand sewing needles, thread, scissors etc)
- Your choice of fabric (Matt will email you the full fabric requirements to make the quilt)

To book your place on one or more workshops, please email: [deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org](mailto:deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org)

You will then be invoiced for the full amount before the workshop.

**About Matt:**

Matt is an artist, crafter and baker. After studying Fine Art at university he opened an artisan bakery. During a period of ill health he started crafting to improve his quality of life – he is particularly interested in sewing, quilting and papercraft. He has run a number of workshops before on baking and various crafts.



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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.

If you are interested or would like more information, email [deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org](mailto:deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org)



Historic England

Tolpuddle Family Lives is being funded by Historic England's Everyday Heritage Grant Programme, celebrating working class histories.







## Tolpuddle Old Chapel - Survey

As you may know, Tolpuddle Old Chapel was restored using a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant in order to create a space where people can drop in, attend workshops and events and learn about its connection with the Tolpuddle Martyrs story.

As part of our final evaluation report to the Heritage Fund, we are keen to capture the views of people who have visited the Old Chapel, as well as people who live nearby. We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey, which should take no more than 10 minutes and will enable the Trust to develop plans for the Old Chapel once the Heritage Fund grant ends.

Please note that the survey is anonymous; however we will be using the results in our evaluation report.

To access the survey please click on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TOCTcommunity>



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**30th June - Trinity 5**

**Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43**

11.00am

Farm Service followed by a bring & share lunch

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Dewlish

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On Zoom, please contact Sarah Hillman ([sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com](mailto: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 1st June

12.30pm	Marriage of Barrie Lovelock & Phoebe Cox	Tolpuddle
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### 2nd June - Trinity 1

**Psalm 98; Acts 10.44-48; John 15.9-17**

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
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9.30am	Milborne Praise	Milborne
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11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
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11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer	Dewlish
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4.00pm	Bubble Church	Puddletown VH
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### 9th June - Trinity 2

**Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-35**

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
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11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
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11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish
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5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle
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### Saturday 15th June

1.30pm	Marriage of Michael Booth & Sophie Collins	Dewlish
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### 16th June - Trinity 3

**Psalm 92.1-4,11-14; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17; Mark 4.26-34**

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
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9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
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11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
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11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish
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### 23rd June - Trinity 4

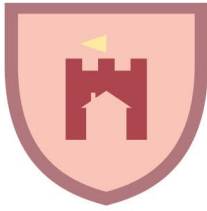
**Psalm 107.1-3,23-32; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41**

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