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## **Looking at the view**

March this year is full of special times for Christians. All of it is in Lent, with Mothering Sunday, Holy Week and Easter itself in its 31 days. Our perspective shifts from penitence to gratitude, to harrowing sadness to great joy. It's going to be a roller-coaster month.

How we view these events can have a lasting effect on our lives.

We can choose to ignore them completely, in which case there is likely to be no effect at all, except for mothers missing out and eating rather less chocolate than others may consume.

But we can also look at them from a different perspective. For Christians Holy Week and Easter are pivotal points in the faith. Without them there would be no Christianity. For it is at Easter time that the depth of God's love is revealed. At Christmas we remember Christ entering our world; at Easter we celebrate his saving power. Christmas is about life; Easter brings new life.

For those who look at the resurrection in a more positive light, whole lives can change. It is about more than an empty tomb. It is about an encounter with the risen Christ, whose love is strong enough to overcome death.

God's invitation is to receive hope, forgiveness, healing and wholeness, and to know that even in the darkest times, we are not alone.

How we approach life depends much on our perspective of it. We can believe that this world is all that there is, or we can decide that we are part of a much bigger story that started at creation and continues on into eternity.

The Creed which we say at many Sunday services has these words: "We look to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." God invites us to be part of the big story, the story that always brings hope, the story that has love at its heart.

I can't imagine Easter without a chocolate egg or two, but chocolate doesn't last – at least certainly not in the Vicarage. But Easter viewed only through a chocolate lens misses the point completely.

Easter viewed through a resurrection lens brings hope, a way of seeing life differently and a promise of love and life for ever.

Which view will be ours this year, I wonder.

With best wishes Sarah

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**Warm Space** This continues every Wednesday from 10am to 3pm in the Church room. Do come and join us for a cup of hot coffee or a warming bowl of soup at lunchtime.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 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 7<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30. If you would like to book your place then please contact Margaret <a href="margaretmary227@gmail.com">margaretmary227@gmail.com</a> or 01305 849332

**The Village Lunch** will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon. We shall be serving sausage casserole 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.

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

**A Benefice Games Afternoon** will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 – 4.30pm in the church room. There will be an assortment of games to play and we hope to provide some light refreshments.

**The Lent Course** continues on Monday evenings at 7.30pm. This year it is based on the film Chocolat and is titled 'Christ and the Chocolaterie'. It uses the film as a starting point for exploring issues about God, the world and what it is to be human. Sessions will end by 9.00pm.

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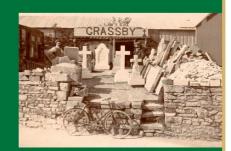


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10th March Puddletown Praise Team		n	
17th March	Dawn Loveless	TBA	
24th March	Margaret Rickard	Ursula Pomeroy & Geoff Hawkins	
31st March	Bob Todd	Heather Mears	
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Lent		Dorchester Poverty Action	
Mothering Sunday		Mosaix	
Easter Day		The Salvation Army (Homeless)	
Harvest		Water Aid	
Christmas		The Children's Society	

### **The Difference**

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day: I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. he answered, "You didn't ask." I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on grey and bleak, I wondered why God didn't show me: He said: "But you didn't seek." I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

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The Magazine Group who produce and oversee the monthly Parish Magazine, have just taken ownership of a fair few old Visitors Books. They were previously held with the Puddletown Society whose members have searched them for their own historic purposes, and have now extracted the information that needs to be known by them to keep our community history alive. These books are now on their way to the Dorset Archives for posterity.

But, before they leave the village, some of us have seized the opportunity to have a look ourselves and my goodness, what a tale they tell.

To begin, the first one dates back to 1909, and through the times of King Edward VII, King George and Queen Mary, and the sinking of the Titanic. Even back in those days people visited St. Mary's Church in Puddletown from other parts of Dorset and the South, but also from London, Newcastle and South Africa

Is that not mind-blowing to some of you? It was to some of us! On 3 June 1912 an entire 1st Battalion Gloucester Regiment, 'the Glosters' all set foot in there together, and later on that year people came from New Zealand.

What stands out also is the beautiful style of hand-writing used by many people throughout the years, and the style noticeably changes as we move up through the decades.

We are thinking that some of you may like to have a look at these books yourself before they finally leave us, and if that is so, please contact one of the Group. Our contact details are all on page 3 of each magazine. We may hang on to them a while longer and put them out on show at a coffee morning during the next few weeks.

There is always some person who thinks they are being funny to sign the book with a well-known name such as Charlton Heston, Hollywood USA on 3 July 1962, but Eleanor Bron, London on 29 December 1967 we are tempted to believe. Why was she in Dorset between Christmas and New Year back then?

Fascinating stuff!

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soil.



This year we have shorn the ewes as we brought them in ready for lambing, something we have not done before. This was done about a month before they are due to start lambing. Obviously with the wet and cold nights they have to be inside to protect them, but their fleece will soon grow back and when they lamb they will go back outside. By shearing them it makes it easier to see when the ewes are bagging up and close to lambing and the lambs will be able

to find the teats much more easily rather than sucking on some wool, but without the wool much harder to catch and hold onto if there is a problem. Now they are inside they are eating some hay, straw and minerals and, as they get nearer to lambing, we give them a protein nut to help the lambs and ewes in the later stages and also they will hopefully have plenty of milk when the lambs are born.





As we head towards spring and hear the birds singing earlier in the morning, we start to think about the coming season and it will soon be time to apply some nitrogen fertiliser to the grass on the dryer fields to get it growing ready for the cattle to graze at turnout.



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Wakely Cox

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# The Septic Tank Revolution: The Dorset Firm Helping Wildlife, Homeowners and Developers

In a bold and visionary move, Burrow Environmental, a local company with a commitment to environmental stewardship, has introduced an ambitious scheme to combat nutrient pollution and enhance the health of local ecosystems. This pioneering initiative, designed to offer free septic tank upgrades, is particularly tailored for homeowners residing in river catchments impacted by phosphate pollution. Its significance is underscored for residents within the Poole Harbour river catchments of the Piddle, Frome, Sherford, and Corfe in Dorset.

Poole Harbour's Ramsar Site stands out as the largest and most exemplary barbuilt estuary with lagoon features in Britain. Diverse habitats including swamps, fens, salt marshes, and peatland mires make up this unique environment. Within this ecosystem there are nationally rare plants as well as invertebrates on the Red List of threatened species and, crucially, it supports substantial international populations of waterfowl, such as Terns and Mediterranean gulls.

Nutrient pollution stemming from various sources such as agricultural runoff, urban areas, sewage works, septic tanks, and inefficient treatment plants, poses a significant threat to the health and sustainability of river ecosystems. The fertilising effect of nitrates and phosphates contributes to the growth of algae and invasive plants leading to oxygen depletion and disruption to the food chain, ultimately harming the wildlife in affected habitats.

For homeowners without connections to mains sewers, the necessity to upgrade septic tanks has become increasingly urgent. Recent environmental laws in force since 2015 emphasise the critical need for compliance to prevent pollution, prompting Burrow Environmental to step up. Recognising the challenges faced by septic tank owners and house builders, the company offers essential assistance by facilitating planning permissions and providing cost-free septic tank replacements. The innovative scheme strategically operates in areas impacted by nutrient pollution, offering a solution by replacing septic tanks at no cost to the property owner.

For homeowners within the Poole Harbour river catchments of the Piddle, Frome, Sherford, and Corfe in Dorset, applying to be included in this scheme is a crucial step toward not only environmental responsibility but also costeffective septic tank upgrades. Registering on Burrow's website not only opens the door to potential installation but also provides homeowners with a cash payment, making the entire process more appealing. The approved scheme focuses on phosphate mitigation, working closely with homeowners and local authorities to expedite developments and address concerns related to nutrient neutrality.

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Developers seeking permission to build new homes must now demonstrate that their developments won't adversely affect the ecological status of protected sites, for example by causing an increase in nutrient runoff. Europe-wide laws known in the UK as the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, express that planning permission should not be granted if a proposal affects the ecological status of a protected site that is in an unfavourable condition.

Burrow Environmental's commitment to addressing these challenges becomes evident in their installation of modern septic systems proven to treat wastewater to exceptionally high standards, minimising phosphate release. This crucial distinction facilitates the mitigation of negative environmental impacts, enabling planning permission and the construction of new homes.

To qualify for a fully funded upgrade to a new wastewater treatment plant, interested homeowners can register on the Burrow website and receive a comprehensive document pack by post as the next step in the process to getting the installation work schedule agreed. With the homeowner on board, Burrow Environmental matches mitigation requests from developers and secures funding from them. Following necessary arrangements, the installation is arranged, and the Council plays a role in signing off the project to ensure compliance with building regulations, with Burrow paying fees to the Council on the owner's behalf.

Upon completion homeowners not only receive a fully upgraded system but also a payment to address landscaping or ground restoration work. They also receive an owner's guide, warranty document, and product brochure for their records, with a follow-up a year later to arrange the first service.

The company eagerly anticipates contributing to cleaner rivers and healthier ecosystems through this innovative initiative. This visionary approach not only transforms homes but also sets the stage for a greener, more sustainable future for Dorset's wildlife. Burrow Environmental expresses gratitude for the community's engagement and encourages more homeowners within the specified catchment areas to register for this environmentally friendly and cost-free upgrade scheme.

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	2023 Cumulative for the year	114.00 mm
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# St John's Church Tolpuddle March 2024

Lent is now with us and although it means a certain amount of deprivation, we are aware that we have Easter to look forward to, with spring around the corner. The evenings are getting lighter and bulbs are bravely pushing up - indeed the daffodils were out so very early this year. As Christians, the church calendar

seems to unfold so regularly because it is a very important part of our life- we know that Easter is always followed soon after by the APCM - please note the date of ours: Sunday May 12th at 4.30pm - with Tea and Cake - (Before Sunday Reflection). Do join us for this as you will discover what has taken place through the year, look at the church accounts and also become aware of plans for the future of our church.

2023 was a very successful year for the fund raising events with lots of support for Tolpuddle Events Committee - but the next event is actually in the church - the concert on **Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm-** do join us – you can buy tickets in advance from Hilly <a href="mailto:hlcobban@gmail.com">hlcobban@gmail.com</a> or Marion <a href="mailto:66mregan@gmail.com">66mregan@gmail.com</a> or Julie Bonner or at the door.

What of other events? Following on a very successful film showing of The Great Escaper in January, there is to be another film night on February  $27^{\rm th}\,$  - Gosford Park - and another in March, after which there will be a break until the autumn as the evenings lengthen and there will be other distractions . TEC are arranging a Bingo night on Saturday March  $16^{\rm th}$  which will be a lot of fun.

Our church has survived the winter storms, though there have been some rather dramatic leaks from the roof! We are unable to raise the sums required to repair the roof but have to rely on buckets in strategic places and the use of a mop! We realise though that we are very lucky to have such support from the village-Anthony and his churchyard team are doing a splendid job- thank you one and all. Thanks to the clearing of the ivy we have identified that the west wall behind the graves of the King family needs attention- perhaps we might even find a volunteer for this?

And of course we need CONGREGATION- do come and enjoy and share our services-

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Which will bring us to Easter Services:

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Another request please- we need help at Go Fourth- perhaps to help with the coffee or sing or play with the band- this is such an uplifting service – do please offer your help to make it YOURS.

Let us all support each other through Lent.

Hilly and Jayne



# <u>TOLPUDDLE TIDY AND LITTER PICK –</u> <u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</u>

Please join us for the next Tolpuddle tidy and litter pick on Sunday  $3^{rd}$  March 10.00 - 12.00. We will meet outside Orchard Meadow.

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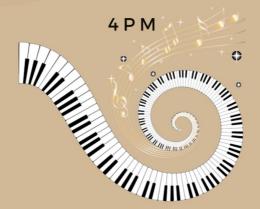
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### Milborne St Andrew Church News

I'm writing this on a lovely spring-like day, with snowdrops, primroses, and daffodils in bloom in the garden, and it isn't raining for once!

Easter is "early" this year, so by the time you read this, we will be nearly three weeks into Lent, that annual 40 days when we accompany Jesus in the wilderness to prepare ourselves for the Holy Week, the most sacred week in the Church Calendar, culminating on Easter Day. Compline (Night Prayer) with hymns continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at St Andrew's.

We can relive the Holy Week events with several Services throughout Holy Week, beginning with our Parish Eucharist at 9:30 on Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> when Palm Crosses will be blessed. (If you are unable to get to the Service but would like a Palm Cross, please let one of the Churchwardens know.) On Wednesday in Holy Week (27<sup>th</sup>), we have our final Compline, and then on Maundy Thursday (28th), we commemorate the Last Supper and the Institution of the Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. in Puddletown. On Good Friday, we meet at the foot of the Cross at 12 Noon, the first of the traditional "Three Hours", when Tony will lead the Liturgy of the Day – Hymns, Readings and Prayers. On Easter Day itself (31<sup>st</sup>), our Festal Communion will be at the usual time of 9:30 a.m.

To quote St John of Damascus writing in the 8th century A.D.

"Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise,
That best and greatest shinest;
Fair East-er, queen of all the days,
Of seasons, best, divinest!
Christ rose from death; and we adore
Forever and for-ev-er-more."

On a more prosaic note, the floors in the two toilets at St Andrew's are rotting and require urgent attention. So, for our visitors and regulars to continue using our facilities, we must spend rather more than a penny!!

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Candlemas Day, marked the end of the Church's celebrations of the Christmas Season, and it is traditional for Christmas decorations and wreaths to be removed from graves around that time. As the grass grows, and the "first cut" is in sight, a respectful reminder to remove anything that may get caught up in the mower.

All of us at St Andrew's wish you a very Happy and Blesséd Easter, a reminder that even in the darkest of times, light and love will conquer.

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Throughout the year, there comes a steady trickle of requests for information relating to figures from Milborne's past. Some relate to where someone is buried in the Churchyard, particularly if no gravestone exists. I was recently contacted by a lady in Ireland who owns a Grand Piano "delivered to the Reverend F.G.M. Powell at Milborne Vicarage in 1887." The piano wouldn't have been here long, as the Reverend Frederick Glyn Montagu Powell was Vicar for just over six months in 1887/1888. It's such a short time that he is missing altogether in some lists of Vicars! He came to Milborne having been a Vicar in Gloucestershire and, more recently, Vicar of St Matthew's Church, Dunedin, New Zealand. He was ordained following a career in the Royal Navy. He left Milborne to become the Private Chaplain to the Duke of Buccleuch, responsible for the Episcopal Chapel of St. Mary's, Dalkeith. He died in Southbourne, Bournemouth, in June 1921. As well as being a pianist, he was also an author, publishing several Theological treatises.

Another inquirer was surprised to find a strong link between the Stuarts, Earls of Moray, and Milborne.

The Honourable Archibald Stuart, "Of the Dragoons", son of the 9th Earl of Moray, married Cornelia Pleydell, youngest daughter of Edmund Morton Pleydell of Milborne House, in 1793. Archibald just missed out on becoming Earl of Moray, as his twin brother, Francis, emerged into the world a few minutes before his brother. One of Archibald and Cornelia's sons, The Reverend George Gray Stuart, was Vicar of Milborne 1834-35, dying of "a rapid consumption" at the age of 30. Another son, Edmund Luttrell Stuart, became the Vicar of Winterborne Houghton. All are buried in the Churchyard here, and several of them have memorial tablets in the Church. Francis, the Ninth Earl of Moray, was responsible for the magnificent Darnaway House in Perthshire, although, at one time, it was said that the family owned as many houses and castles as they held Titles! As a result of a family without a direct male heir for many generations, all three of The Reverend Edmund Luttrell's sons inherited the Title.

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**Road safety:** Puddletown Area Parish Council would like anyone who has been involved in a near miss or collision either as a pedestrian or vehicle user at the junction of Dorchester Road, Kings Mead, High Street and Blandford Road to come to the March Parish Council meeting starting at 7pm in the Puddletown Village Hall.

Playpark Updated: BUTT CLOSE – Puddletown. This playpark is currently owned by Magna Housing; however a lease has been agreed which will see Puddletown Area Parish Council taking on the Lease. Once PAPC have signed the lease, work will commence to improve the area, with a lot of new play items. If you would like to see a particular piece of play equipment in the play park, please contact the clerk with your suggestion. Email <a href="mailto:clerk@puddletownareaparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@puddletownareaparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> PUDDLETOWN RECREATION PLAY PARK – The equipment in this play park is faring well - with regular maintenance and the odd bit of general upkeep we hope this area will last for some time to come. ORCHARD MEADOW (Tolpuddle) – The play park in Orchard Meadow is about to undergo a considerable update, and the Parish Council would like to hear from residents about the project. There will shortly be a public consultation, so please keep an eye on our website and have your say.

**PSCO Report:** Each month PCSO Alison Donnison from the Dorchester East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team compiles a report for Council, giving a breakdown of crimes/incidents that have occurred in our area during the previous month. For the month of January there were no reports logged with Dorset Police throughout the Parish. If you have been affected by any crime, no matter how small, please report it to Dorset Police; the more reports, the more we will see a police presence in our parish. You can report small levels of crime through the Dorset Police website https://www.dorset.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime.

**Annual Parish Meeting for Puddletown & Athelhampton:** The Annual Parish Meeting for Puddletown & Athelhampton will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from 6.30pm in the Puddletown Village Hall. Please come and speak to the Council about any issue you have within the Parish, we cannot help if we do not know!

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**The Coome:** As you may know, work in the Coombe to stabilise the bank has begun. The trees which were seen as high risk have now been removed, and further work will continue shortly.

**Planning Application:** 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 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at 7pm in the Puddletown Village Hall. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

**Parish Council contact details:** (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors, but note your details will NOT be shared with anyone else)

Clerk: Michelle Harrington, Telephone: 01202 670105, Email: clerk@puddletownareaparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Write: 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, Facebook: https://

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www.puddletownareaparishcouncil.co.uk

## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

On Thursday 21st March, starting at 7.30pm in the village hall, we have a speaker from The Gardens Group, because MSA Gardening Club is a member of the Gold Club. Benefits for our gardening club include discount shopping visits to three garden centres, discounts on spring bulbs, free plug plants for growing competitions and discounts on pre-spring compost orders. Members savings at the three garden centres more than offset the cost of our gardening club subscriptions!

The talk this month will be 'Growing your own'. Topical tips on growing your own vegetables, maximizing space and different planting combinations to try.

Do come and join us, as a guest for £2 or membership is just £12 FOR THE WHOLE YEAR. Everyone welcome, free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Angela & Mark Johnson





## Join Puddletown Area Parish Council

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To find out more contact: Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk.

e: clerk@puddletownareaparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Milborne St Andrew Village are planning a <u>'Big Dorset Apple Cake Day'</u> to be held on

Saturday 1st June 2024 at the MSA Village Hall

1st June is in fact DORSET DAY!

We are planning to have 100 cakes which in turn will be displayed as one massive Dorset Apple Cake and are looking for bakers (do you have an old recipe stashed away? Or try your hand at a recipe found by other means).

On the day we will display the cake and have a Grand Cutting Ceremony followed by a cafe where you can buy a slice or a whole cake to be eaten over the days to come (don't forget to order your clotted cream!)

Please follow the links in the poster for more details or ring on the mobile provided. We would love to see you there, so Save The Date!



### St Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

#### Inspire today to shape tomorrow

## Polar explorers, returning alumni and open mornings – the excitement of a new term at St Mary's

Following the over-indulgence of the Christmas break, Spring term 2024 got off to a terrific food-related start as our kitchen staff were awarded a coveted 5 star rating by the Food Standards Agency! Following an unannounced inspection of our catering facilities, staff were praised for exceptional hygiene standards, quality of staff training and food storage facilities. Congratulations to our cook, Marie Amey, and the rest of the catering team on this impressive achievement!

In January we welcomed back to St Mary's two of our ex-students, Noah G and Kevin H, to complete a week of work experience with Mr Bingham in the PE department. The boys, who are now in Year 10 at Thomas Hardye School, were excited to be back with us and spent the week assisting the PE teachers in lessons and during after-school clubs. They both said how much they are enjoying life at THS, but also how good it was to be back at their old school!

Sports fixtures are now well underway with St Mary's football, netball and hockey teams competing across the region. We are particularly proud of our Year 8 girls' netball team who recently won the Under 13 area tournament! The girls were outstanding in every game, beating teams from Woodroffe, Beaminster and Budmouth, before thrashing St Osmund's 10-2 in the final! Well done, girls!





Students in Years 5 and 6 have been entertained by the fascinating tales of real life polar explorer, Al Sylvester MBE. Al described to the children how he survived average temperatures of -35C while crossing Antarctica to the South Pole. He talked about the challenges of sustaining frost bite and how he found the mental resilience to keep going in one of the most hostile environments on the planet. Al demonstrated to the children how anyone with positive belief can achieve their dreams. It was a treat to have Al with us – he certainly inspired children and staff!

We have been busy showing prospective new parents around our wonderful school, in fact we have had so much interest in our open mornings we added two extra events to the calendar! Most of our parent visitors have children who are currently in Year 4, but we have also welcomed several families to our open mornings with children in other year groups. Visiting parents are always grateful to have the opportunity to see the school in action and they are consistently impressed by our students' commitment to learning in lessons, the

dedication of the staff and the range of facilities on offer. Having the opportunity to experience subjects like food technology, textiles, resistant materials and computing in Year 5 is always an exciting prospect, as well as being able to learn in fully equipped science labs and sports facilities. We always welcome the opportunity to show families around our school; if your children are currently in Year 4 and you would like to visit St Mary's, please don't hesitate to let us know by contacting the school office: office@stmaryscemiddle.uk



Dr Tim Ennion (Head of School)

#### **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

e-mail: office@stmaryscemiddle.uk

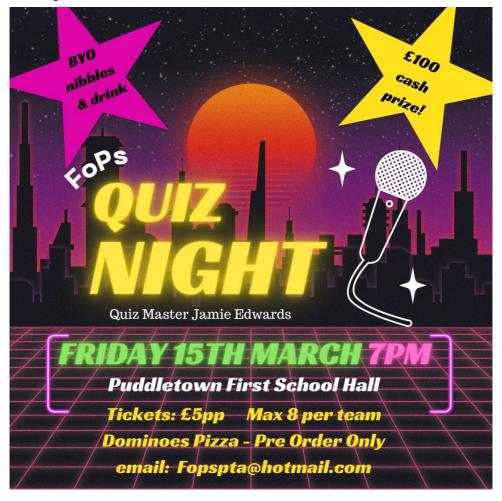
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## **Church Mouse Stock**

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



### **Dewlish Church Notes**

As I write these notes Lent is fast approaching, and the Easter period is so early this year! **Evening Prayer** continues each Thursday at 6.30pm in the church, the services being led by Jim.

Sarah is heading up a **Lent course**, based on the film, Chocolat. A different issue is discussed each week, all based around personal reactions in the film. This is

being held each Monday at 7.30pm in the Church Room at Puddletown.

Next in the series of **Lent Lunches** is at Uptop, Dewlish on Tuesday 5th March at 12.30pm, with the final one being in Dewlish Village Hall on Thursday 19th March, also at 12.30pm. All donations go to WaterAid, so please do come along and enjoy the food and congenial company on offer, while supporting a most deserving cause.

Our **Mothering Sunday service** is on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am when, hopefully, there will be posies to give to your Mum, or to enjoy yourself. It is such a special time to give thanks for all Mums, and our Mother Church, so please join us.

Our **Spring Sale** will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Dewlish Village Hall, starting at 10.30am. Refreshments will be available, also various stalls (including one for Easter), toys and books, raffles and - not least! -cakes and produce. We would very grateful for some of you talented ladies to make a cake for us!

At present we don't know the times of Easter services, so please keep a look-out for information on the noticeboard.

Daphne Burg

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#### About Tamasine

Tamasine Price is a skilled silversmith and silver clay artist. She holds a degree in sculpture and diplomas in both silversmithing and silver clay. As a qualified teacher, she passionately shares her expertise. She sells her work online and at artisan markets.

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Services in the Benefice						
3rd March	· Lent 3					
Psalm 19; E	xodus 20.1-17; John 2.13-22					
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				
10th March	- Mothering Sunday/Lent 4					
Psalm 127.1	-4; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35					
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne				
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown				
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish				
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle				
17th March	- Passion Sunday					
Psalm 51.1-	13; Jeremiah 31.31-34; John 12.20-33					
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle				
9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne				
11.00am	Parish Communion + Holy Baptism	Puddletown				
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish				
24th March	- Palm Sunday					
Psalm 31.9-16; Mark 11.1-11 (Liturgy of the Palms); Isaiah 50.4-9a; Mark 14.1-15.47 (dramatised version - no sermon)						
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne				
10.00am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle				
11.00am	BCP Matins (traditional language)	Puddletown				
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish				
Tuesday 26	th March					
1.45pm	Milborne First School Easter Service	Milborne				
Wednesday 27th March						
9.30am	St Mary's CE Middle School Easter Service	Puddletown				
11.00am	St Mary's CE Middle School Easter Service	Puddletown				

28th March - Maundy Thursday							
Psalm 116.1, 10-17; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35							
7.30am	Holy Communion	Puddletown					
29th March - Good Friday							
10.00am	Good Friday Service - music, prayer, reflection	Tolpuddle					
12noon	The Good Friday Liturgy	Milborne					
12noon	Good Friday Service for all ages	Puddletown					
6.oopm	Good Friday Service - music, prayer, reflection	Dewlish					
31st March - Easter Day							
Psalm118.1-2, 14-24; Acts 10.34-43; Mark 16.1-8							
9.30am	Easter Holy Communion by extension	Tolpuddle					
9.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Milborne					
11.00am	Easter Holy Communion by extension	Puddletown					
11.00am	Easter Holy Communion	Dewlish					

#### LENT

During Lent there will also be: Wednesdays Compline in St Andrew's, Milborne at 6.00 p.m. Thursdays Evening Prayer in All Saints', Dewlish at 6.30 p.m.

#### MORNING PRAYERS (Mon. - Thurs. 8.30 a.m.; Sat. 9.00 a.m.)

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



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