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## **Love and Lent**

This year, as happens occasionally, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall on the same day.

At first glance there may not seem to be much they hold in common, but the link can be summed up in one word – love.

Not much is known about St Valentine, other than that he was executed in the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius for converting people to Christianity. One story says that on the night before he died, he wrote a letter to a girl whom he had converted to Christianity and signed it “from your Valentine”; this led to the custom of writing love-letters and sending cards on Valentine's Day.

In his time, married men were excused from fighting in the army, because the Emperor saw wives as a distraction. Legend has it that Valentine married people in secret so they could avoid army service, which antagonised the authorities, and associated Valentine with love.

For Christians, Lent too is about love – responding to the love of God by self-discipline and prayer. This aspect often gets overshadowed by the idea of penitence and fasting, which can turn Lent into a time of misery and deprivation rather than one which has love at its heart. But even the penitence and fasting have a positive purpose – to get back to basics with one's relationship with God and to be people for whom God's love is the most important part of life.

In the temptations in the wilderness, Jesus responded three times that loving God was the most important thing, above satisfying physical desires (turning stones into bread), worshipping others (worshipping the tempter) and testing God (jumping off the Temple). Each time he was tempted, he responded by putting God first.

When we love, we aim to put the other first. Lent is a time that helps Christians to put God first in everything – hence the tradition of giving up things that distract us from that. Rather than a negative time of deprivation, it is a positive attempt to grow in faith and trust.

Lent also teaches us how to live out the love of God in practical ways, as we follow Jesus in the way of the Cross. We see this clearly demonstrated in the life and death of Saint Valentine.

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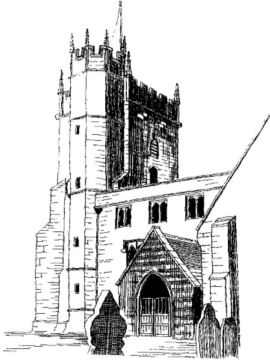
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**Warm Space** This continues every Wednesday from 10am to 3pm in the Church room. Do come and join us for a cup of hot coffee or a warming bowl of soup at lunchtime.

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

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**Craft Group** this will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm. This month will be needle turn applique, if you are able, please bring some fine pointed scissors and a small needle. If you would like to book your place then please contact Margaret [margaretmary227@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmary227@gmail.com) or 01305 849332

**The Village Lunch** will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon. We shall be serving steak and ale pie 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 February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Church decoration** We must thank our flower arranging team for decorating our church over the Christmas period. It looked lovely for the Christmas services. It seems rather late to be mentioning it now but the magazine dates were early last month.

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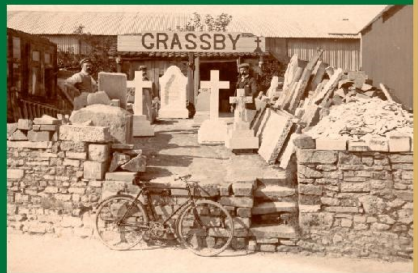


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25th Feb	Cynthia Metcalfe	TBA & Pat Sparks
Charitable Giving 2024		
Lent		Dorchester Poverty Action
Mothering Sunday		Mosaix
Easter Day		The Salvation Army (Homeless)
Harvest		Water Aid
Christmas		The Children's Society

## Tower News

### Puddletown, Dorset

St Mary the Virgin

Sunday, 17 December 2023 in 10m (16–1–18 in E)

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1 Emma Hughes

3 Fiona Thomson

5 Nigel Pridmore

2 Roger Thomson

4 Ian Bishop

6 Robin J Mears (C)

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With all the wet weather we have been having, the cattle in the sheds have had to have copious amounts of straw as bedding to keep them dry. The combination of muck, damp straw and the mild weather is a recipe for the pneumonia bugs to breed and infect the cattle. To try to alleviate the need to treat the cattle we regularly clean all the muck and straw out of the sheds before it heats up too much. The muck is hauled to various

locations and tipped in the field. This has needed a bit of planning as to where we go or if we are not careful a lot of mud can be carried back out on the roads which then needs the bucket brush to clean up.

The wet weather has obviously meant some very waterlogged soils with the meadows flooding, which is normal in winter. But some of the autumn sown cereal crops are patchy where the seed is rotted or eaten by the slugs, some fields will need a bit of patching up when the weather improves.



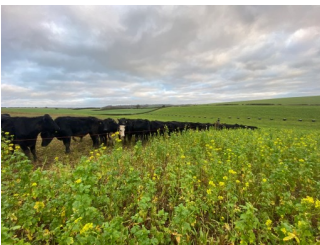
We have moved some of the malting barley, which was cut in August and kept in the grain store with just some air blown through the heap to make sure the grains do not deteriorate, if there is any drop in the grain germination then we get a penalty price wise. The lorries took the grain to Poole where it was loaded straight onto a boat with one load getting a £4/tonne deduction. Some of the wheat has moved off and been taken to Cullumpton to be processed for cattle feed. Over the past 12 months the grain price has altered considerably as below:

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*Wakely Cox*

*10th January 2024*



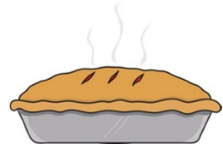
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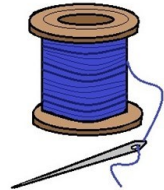
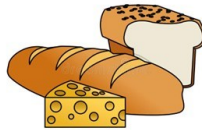


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<b>December 2023</b>		
	Rainfall for the month	156.60 mm
	Cumulative for the year	1065.00 mm
	2022 Rainfall for the month	119.40 mm
	2022 Cumulative for the year	807.50 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 14.30° C Min. -2.70° C
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	2022	20.60 mph



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## St John's Church Tolpuddle February 2024

Sitting here on January 1<sup>st</sup> and looking out at the rain lashing down, I am only too aware how very fortunate we are to have a roof over our head and food on our table. Christmas and New Year were able to give a bit of respite from all the grim world news, as friends and family gathered together. We are reminded of all the

work that was involved in planning events and so grateful for all those who gave of their time, most particularly Sarah who managed to take so many services.

Perhaps we can now focus on plans for 2024, with fund raising events organised by TEC under the excellent chairmanship of Ian Cray. We need so much support and help with these- it helps so much if we can spread the load.

Do save these dates in your new diary:

Thursday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>- Live Music in the Village Hall

Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>- Film Night in the Village Hall

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>- Certificated First Aid Course in the Village Hall

Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>- Bingo in the Village Hall

Etc etc.....

ALSO please note-

We have a very exciting event in the church on **Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm**- when Dr Richard Hall and two of his colleagues from Dorset Rural Music School are presenting a concert of classical and light classical music with something to suit all tastes – lively, elegant and dramatic. Tickets will be £8 to include a glass of wine and canapes- please book in advance from Julie Bonner [julie.bonneroo@outlook.com](mailto:julie.bonneroo@outlook.com), Marion Regan [66mregan@gmail.com](mailto:66mregan@gmail.com) or Hilly [hlcobban@gmail.com](mailto:hlcobban@gmail.com). Proceeds will be divided between the church and Mosaic – a local charity that supports bereaved children.

May I remind you all that the church requires funds to support the fabric but also needs to have a congregation – to ensure that our services continue. It is so disappointing when Sarah, Richard and others spend so much time preparing for a service to find that they are only addressing a handful of people. We really hope that one of the services might appeal to you- let us remind you of the times

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Third Sunday of the Month- 9.30- Traditional Parish Communion

Fourth Sunday of the Month- 10.00- Go Fourth- an informal meeting with a band and coffee

The church is open daily if you want to just pop in and sit and think- or just wander around the churchyard- the snowdrops are already bravely showing their heads. Anthony Gould will soon be calling on some of his volunteers to assist with a garden spring clean.

Yes- we will be looking at spring....

*Hilly and Jayne*



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

Please join us for the next Tolpuddle tidy and litter pick on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.00 – 12.00. We will meet outside Orchard Meadow.

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# Tolpuddle Events Committee (TEC)

The Christmas Light Up and Market on 9 December went very successfully, with the Village Hall filled to capacity with stalls and visitors. The Hall was beautifully decorated and feedback was very positive. £665 was raised and split three ways between the Church, Village Hall and Ducks and Drakes. It is hoped that this event will run again in 2024. The children's party on the following day also went very well and a good time was had by all.

By the time you read this our first Film Night will have taken place with a showing of *The Great Escaper*. If this goes well we intend to have another film night on 27th February - film to be announced (check the village website for details).

On 22 February we will host a live music night with Daisy Chute and James Walker, tickets available via [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

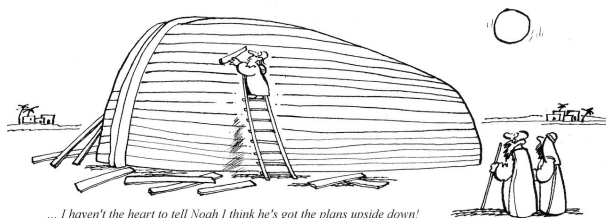
We are fortunate to be able to offer a certificated emergency first aid course on Saturday 2 March at a much reduced rate of £50 (thanks to qualified local resident Kieran Williams). This is proving to be very popular but check availability of places if interested.

Other events planned are:

Computer and Online help morning in March  
Talk on handmade soap making  
Casino Night with cocktails and jazz on 22 June  
Traditional Summer Fete on 25 August  
Live Music in October  
Murder Mystery evening - date to be decided  
Quiz and Chilli night - date to be decided

As always, details for all events mentioned above can be found on the village website <https://www.tolpuddlevillage.co.uk/>

*Mandy*



*... I haven't the heart to tell Noah I think he's got the plans upside down!*

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## **Unite branch commemorate anniversary of Tolpuddle Martyrs arrest**

Before sunrise on the 24th February 1834 farm worker George Loveless left for work - it would be 3 years before he would be back with his wife and children again.

George, and five fellow workers - James Brine, James Hammett, James Loveless, John Standfield and Thomas Standfield - were arrested, charged with making an illegal oath and transported to Australia. They only returned following a public outcry over their treatment. Though the real reason for their treatment was that they had made a stand against poor pay and wage cuts by forming a trade union.

To commemorate the 190th anniversary of the arrest of George Loveless and the Tolpuddle Martyrs the Unite Tolpuddle Branch, which represents food, drink, agricultural and transport workers across Dorset, will be holding a free event in the Village Hall.

The Martyrs Arrest 190 event will be a chance to hear speakers highlight the links between the Martyrs story and the experience of workers today and listen to music from local socialist choir, Dorset Red, and singer songwriter Neil Duncan-Jordan.

Unite event organisers are also in touch with a project in Canada, where most of the arrested Martyrs settled after gaining their freedom, that is in the process of restoring George Loveless grave in his final resting place of London, Ontario. It is hoped that this group will talk about the project via zoom.

Former farmworker and Unite Branch Chair John Burbidge said: "The arrests were calculated to create fear and isolation after pay cuts that left workers unable to feed and house their families. Today the government is using the law again to stop workers resisting the massive hit to our living standards for the sake of the same unbridled greed of the same class."

Unite South West Deputy Regional Secretary Donna Williams will be speaking at the event and said: "As we reflect on the Tolpuddle Martyrs legacy, the struggles of the past continue to resonate with the challenges workers face today as we continue to fight for jobs, pay and conditions."

The event takes place in Tolpuddle Village Hall on Saturday 24th Feb from 12.30 to 3.00 pm.

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2023	1st (£20)	2nd (£15)	3rd (£10)
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	1st (£50)	2nd (£15)	3rd 9£10)
December	Margaret Walton	Alan Filbey	Madison Fry



## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

In January, Gardening Club started the year with a very interesting insight into the recent changes at Athelhampton under new ownership.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 7.30pm in the village hall, we have Martin Young back with us to give advise on the best plants for our Milborne chalk soil and plants to attract pollinating insects. Hopefully, some plants will cover both bases!

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## Milborne St Andrew Church News

It seems appropriate to be looking back to Christmas as we are in the throes of a “bleak midwinter” at present. Attendances over the Christmas period were up on previous years, and the Carol Service by Candlelight was beautiful. It was good to have the choir singing; we hope to build on that success, singing at festivals. We welcomed the Rev’d Jo Lacy-Smith as our Celebrant and preacher for the First Eucharist of Christmas on Christmas Eve, and Sarah led our celebrations on Christmas morning. The pipe organ was pressed into Service after the electronic instrument gave up the ghost shortly before the Carol Service. Our thanks go to Sarah and Michael Shorrocks for providing the refreshments after the Carol Service; they were much appreciated and enjoyed! Our flower arrangers did a wonderful job of making the Church look festive., and thanks to Becky for putting the Christmas Tree in place.

The Feast of the Epiphany was celebrated with our latest Milborne Praise, led by Tony. It was good to welcome so many, especially a family visiting for the first time. The Kings were placed in the Crib, and Iona helped with the offering of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Thanks to all who contributed in any way, not least to Angela for providing the delicious cake which we enjoyed with our refreshments after the Service. Our next Milborne Praise is on February 4<sup>th</sup>, and Worship in Stillness continues the third Sunday of each month, led by Pam.

With Easter being early this year (Easter Day is March 31<sup>st</sup>), Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday. The Ash Wednesday Eucharist for the Benefice is being held in Milborne this year, at 6:00 p.m. Tony will lead Compline on Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for this short act of devotion. As one Lenten prayer states: “As the earth spends longer in the light, so may we spend longer in Your presence, Lord, as we prepare for Easter.”

A kind donor has made three items for us: a new Pulpit Desk, a noticeboard for the side of the Londis Shop, and a “Church Parking” sign. We are very grateful for these items and the skill that has gone into them. Thank you!

At the Epiphany Service we were reminded of the custom of marking our homes at this time invoking a blessing on them during the year ahead.

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The letters signify the traditional names of the three Wise Men (well done, Cate!), but can also stand for the Latin phrase, “Christus Mansionem Benedicat.” – Christ Bless this House, As I sit by the fire with a glass of Eggnog, may that be our prayer this year. May God bless us all!

*Tony & Pam,  
Churchwardens*





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## Milborne St Andrew First School

The Bluebell class have kick started their Victorian topic with a trip to Shire Hall in Dorchester.

We became detectives for the morning exploring artefacts to help us decide whether Harry Parker was guilty of his crime.

Piecing all the clues together, the class decided he was guilty. The children then stood in the courtroom where Harry Parker was sentenced.

They even visited the prison and holding cell where criminals would wait in small dark rooms.

We then discovered Harry Parker went to a Reformatory School which once stood where Longmead farm is, but the children have decided they would not like to go to school in the Victorian times and prefer how things are today.



## MSA May Fair Has a New Home



Friends of Milborne First School have decided to change the location of their May Fair event on 25<sup>th</sup> May. This change has mainly been brought about by concerns relating to parking provision at the school.

We were worried that, in order to really give the event the opportunity to reach its full potential, we needed to ensure that people can come from far and wide to experience all the fun of the fair.

The event will now be held at:

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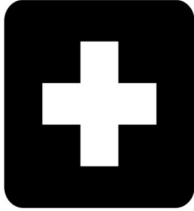
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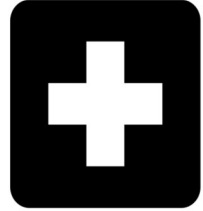
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Spaces are limited so please book your place by contacting

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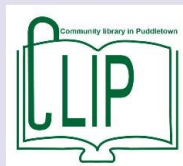
This is a small lottery with 200 tickets entered into a monthly draw at the library on the last Saturday of each month.

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- 3rd Prize £10

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## Dorchester Poverty Action Thank You

Dorchester Poverty Action would like to thank the very many individuals and organisations that have donated to the charity over Christmas. The response has been amazing and we should be able to cover all the potential grants for the rest of this financial year. However the cost of living is not going away and the need is growing year on year as more people cannot afford to replace their broken cooker, fridge or washing machine and risk getting into debt because of this.

As the thank you letters below show just £250 can make all the difference.

A thank you from Dorchester Food Share (foodbank) says “We're very privileged to have Dorchester Poverty Action in our community and just a week or two ago you helped out one of our Food Share families with a grant for a cooker - they had been moved for safeguarding reasons and their new home had none. Because of our food bank we have been able to see first hand just what a difference your amazing grants make to a family. Thank you for all DPA is able to help with local need.

Margaret Barker vice Chairman of DPA got a phone call on Christmas afternoon from a lady the charity helped during the course of their application process to obtain asylum in this country. They eventually got full residence rights and are all now working and looking prosperous. Margaret said “She wanted to deliver a Christmas present to me – it consisted of biscuits, cakes, sweets and a card plus an envelope containing £50 in cash to repay some of the help that had been given.”

For over 30 years the charity has been helping local people living in DT1 and DT2 when there is a financial crisis that could lead to debt problems. With the amazing support locally the charity can continue to help. For further information about the charity or to donate go to [www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org](http://www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org).

### Crossword Solution

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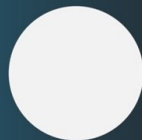
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## Dewlish Church Notes



WE WERE delighted to see so many people at our Carol Service – 100, including children! It was such a joyous occasion; the children acted out the Nativity beautifully while the readers did so well too. Aiden (on organ) and Beccy on saxophone accompanied our singing. Thank you so much. Beccy started the service by playing

“Walking in the Air” from *The Snowman*. Well done! It was beautiful!

A big thank-you, as always, to Jim who organised the whole service. He’s been doing the Carol Service for so many years we have lost count of how many times!

The church looked wonderful for the Christmas period with its colourful decorations, the two Christmas tableaux and the candles alight in the windows. Thank you all.

The Christmas Day service was led by Sarah, and we were so pleased to have such a good congregation again. It was a lovely and fitting service to begin our special day! The collection taken at the service amounted to £205 and this has been donated to the Children’s Society.

January will be a quiet month for us, but after that we shall be very busy preparing for Lent and Easter. All details will be included next month.

*Daphne Burg*

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

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**Saturday 13 April 2024** 10:30am – 1:00pm

Session 2 – Uncial script used in Greek and Latin scripts during the Dark Ages, dating back to as early as 4<sup>th</sup> Century. Cost £25

All materials and equipment will be provided. In the event of a lack of interest, workshops will be cancelled and fees refunded.

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

### **About Mel:**

Mel attended Roehampton University and obtained a degree in Calligraphy with first class honours. Since graduating, she has created commemorative works, undertaken commissions and run workshops. See her work on Instagram at [Melanie.bartlett.calligraphy](https://www.instagram.com/Melanie.bartlett.calligraphy).

**Did you know?** The Uncial script was the first to include lower case letters.

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## Services in the Benefice

### 4th February - Second before Lent

**Psalm 104.25-37; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14**

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

### 11th February - Sunday Next before Lent

**Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9**

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

### 14th February - Ash Wednesday

**Psalm 51.1-8; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-219**

6.00pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	Milborne
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### 18th February - Lent 1

**Psalm 25.1-9; Genesis 9.8-17; Mark 1.9-15.2-9**

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

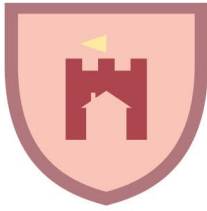
### 25th February - Lent 2

**Psalm 22.2-30; Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Mark 8.31-38**

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

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