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Happy Easter to you all!

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It would be much appreciated if copy is supplied electronically as a text doc. (Microsoft Word etc.) with any accompanying images as JPEG les to the address BELOW.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF...

Rev. Jean Saddington

I am writing this article on Tuesday, 8th March, some three weeks away from the April issue of the Valley and Valence dropping through your letterbox. Three weeks – how might things have changed by then? Will the dreadful situation in Ukraine be resolved and peaceful or will we see yet more upsetting pictures of refugees eeing from their homes to nd safety?

How do you manage your anxiety around world events such as wars and pandemics? Do you avoid watching too much television news or do you have other ways of keeping your anxiety at a manageable level?

Many things may prey on our minds, troubling us by day and disturbing our sleep at night. So does God have an answer? Yes… and no. He is not some celestial bodyguard, protecting us from danger and misfortune. Jesus asked his followers this: "Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?" He doesn't tell us not to worry because there's nothing to worry about, but because our hope lies in the love of God. God doesn't promise immunity from the things that go wrong in life but whatever life may bring, he's in it with us, able to strengthen, comfort, bless, enrich – bringing joy even in sorrow, hope in despair and light in darkness.

Hope is such a small word that has big expectations. No matter what is going on for us in our lives and in the world, hope can make a difference. Hope may be all we have to cling on to when times are hard. Hope is faith that things will get better in the future – tomorrow, next week, next year – that what af icts us now is not permanent.

On the rst Easter day the disciples of Jesus moved from despair to hope. They had lost a friend, a teacher, a special man who could perform miracles, a man who stood up for those marginalised by society, who was an advocate for those whom society rejected. But on that rst Easter Day their despair in losing him turned into joy when they met him again as the risen Lord. What they thought was the end was just the beginning – a new hope offered for all people.

As we celebrate Easter with all its symbols of newness and hope let us not forget that the reality of the Easter message is that, because he died for us, in Christ we too can be made new - and not just at Eastertime but at anytime.

The Churches of the Winterbournes and Compton Valence wish you a blessed Easter and we look forward to welcoming you to our Easter Services.

Jean Saddington
Team Vicar

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CHURCH SERVICES during... APRIL 2022

SUNDAY 3RD • 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown

SUNDAY 10TH • PALM SUNDAY

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) – Martinstown
9.30 Worship Together – Compton Valence
11.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Steepleton

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

MONDAY 11TH

6.00 Taizé – Winterbourne Steepleton

TUESDAY 12TH

7.00 Winterbourne Abbas – Iona service
7.00 Eucharist (said) – St Peter's Dorchester

WEDNESDAY 13TH

7.00 Tenebrae – St Mary's Dorchester

THURSDAY 14TH • MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00 Holy Communion and the Watch – Martinstown

FRIDAY 15TH • GOOD FRIDAY

11.00 Family Service – Martinstown with Hot Cross Buns
3.00 Good Friday Liturgy – Winterbourne Steepleton
6.00 Fauré Requiem – St Peter's Dorchester

SATURDAY 16TH • EASTER EVE

7.00 Easter Vigil - St Michael's Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 17TH • EASTER DAY

9.30 Holy Communion – Compton Valence
10.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Holy Communion – Martinstown

SUNDAY 24TH • 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.00 Martinstown – Worship Together

Find us on Facebook

Did you know that the 3 churches in the Winterbournes Parish are now on Facebook?
You can 'like' and 'follow' for news and photos from St Michael's, St Mary's and St Martin's.

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The Parishes of The Winterbournes & Compton Valence

TEAM RECTOR
Rev'd Keith Magee (07766 645136)

TEAM VICAR
Rev'd Jean Saddington (01305 889992)
Available on: Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
On other days please contact one of the Church Wardens for all parish matters.

ASSOCIATE PRIEST
Rev'd Jo Lacy-Smith (01305 889476)

LICENSED LAY MINISTER
Allen Knott (01305 267217)

The Parish of the Winterbournes
There is a single Parochial Church Council for Martinstown, Steepleton and Abbas but each parish church retains its own local church committee.

Churchwardens – Dick Corbett-Winder (889410), Ellie Sturrock (07980 089470), Joy Parsons (889611), Roddy Kilpatrick (889238)
PCC Hon. Secretary – John Crawford (01305 889377)
PCC Hon. Treasurer – Tom Webb (01305 889097)

The Parish of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Compton Valence
Churchwarden & Treasurer – Jeremy Russell (01308 482227)
Churchwarden & Secretary – Peter Steel (01308 482782)
Dorchester and The Winterbournes Team Website: www.dorchesteranglican.info

Any of the above can be approached in the first instance for Baptism, Marriage, Home Communion or just a visit and th when anybody has been bereaved or is ill. They have answerphones for you to leave a message.

If you want us to remember anything or anyone in the public prayer of the Church, we would be glad to do this as long involved is assured.

Join us at Messy Church

Tuesday 5th April
3pm till 5pm

At Winterbourne Abbas Churc

(Always the 1st Tuesday of the
Messy Activities: games, songs, stories

F R E E

Winterbourne Singers

Do you enjoy singing? If so, why not come and give us a try? There's nothing quite like making music with a group of friends to lift the spirits! We meet on alternate Fridays (this month on 1st, 15th, 29th April) at 7 p.m. in St. Martin's church. A varied programme of music and lots of laughs too.

If you're interested, please contact **Peter Wilkinson** (889077 or p_wilkinson@hotmail.com)

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...for the kids to colour in at Easter!

100 CLUB DRAW

MARCH 2022
£25. Adrian Shaw
£10. Margaret Ashworth
£5. Pat. Marsh

COMPTON VALENCE 100 CLUB

FEBRUARY 2022
£25. Joanna Chalker
£10. Chris Roberts
£ 5. Sparkes Family

MARCH 2022
£25. Antony Matheson
£10. Malcom Smith
£ 5. Guy Kelsey

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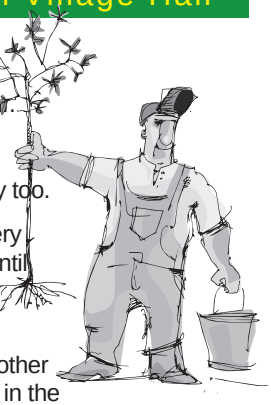
Garden and Craft Show

Sunday 21st August 2022 • Martinstown Village Hall



Because last year's Garden Show was such a fun event, with the longest, the heaviest and the tallest vegetables and fruit that Martinstown could offer, a similar schedule has been devised for the produce section this year. Seeds for many vegetables and owering plants are sown in March and April, so think about what you might want to enter now; the longest runner bean is always popular and perhaps you could get a giant onion underway too.

Don't forget to collect your free seed potato from Sally Webb at Old Brewery House. Just leave your potato chitting in a cool place with plenty of light, until the risk of frost is over and then it must be planted in a container to qualify for the competition. The entry with the greatest weight of potatoes wins.

Thanks to the lifting of Covid restrictions at last, we will be expanding into other familiar areas and the cookery section, including preserves, will be judged in the old-fashioned way. Look up your favourite fruit cake recipe and save some of that lovely fruit gin in your cupboard. It could be a winner!

The ower classes are back and always very popular - no doubt there will be a brilliant display of roses, gladioli and dahlias. Floral art this year will be an arrangement of owers in a tin can and it would be wonderful if we could please have some men and children arranging owers too.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is in the Crafts Section because this year we are asking you to exhibit an item made from any recycled materials that is no larger than a metre square. This could be a challenge for all the family. The theme for the Photographic Competition will be 'Green Martinstown'.

So, clean up your greenhouse, start planning your vegetable plot and think about what you might want to enter into this year's Show. Get gardening & crafting. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st August.

Winterbourne Valley PTFA News

A super total of **£213** was raised by **PTFA** members selling raf e tickets for the **Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club Christmas Draw 202**1.

THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets from any of our PTFA members (which includes all parents, carers, staff, governors and friends of the school). The money raised will be donated towards the Space Dome which visited the school in February.

After a great **World Book Day 2022** at school, on Thursday 3rd March, the children were then invited back to school in their pyjamas for bedtime stories with their teachers. The PTFA helped to organise and serve up biscuits and warm hot chocolate drinks.

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to **Eweleaze Farm** in Martinstown for their kind donation of milk! And a very **BIG THANK YOU** to **Morrisons** in Weymouth and **Tesco** in Dorchester for their kind donation of biscuits and hot chocolate!

Next meeting for all PTFA members: **TBC**

Thank you to **The Coach House Inn** for hosting PTFA meetings. Thank you to **Martinstown Village Hall** and **The Coach House Inn** for their continued support in PTFA events.

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JUBILEE STREET PARTY

...to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Sunday 5th June from 1pm. Martinstown Village Green.

A really good turn out for the rst Street Party meeting, thank you to all who turned out for it. Some lovely ideas have come to light. So here are a few of them to wet your whistle.

Some tables and chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring picnic rugs or your own chairs. We ask that everyone brings their own picnic to safe guard any allergy or food intolerant issues. The children attending can make their very own crown for a small parade around the green . There will also be the chan to make a crown from natural products at the time. The children will have the chance to take part in ' nd a corgi' like a sort of treasure hunt.

All will be invited to take part in country dancing and some fun races. It wouldn't be a proper street party without music and a good old sing a long!

There will be more updates as-and-when.

The Winterbourne Steepleton Fuel Allotment Charity

would like to help Winterbourne Steepleton village residents who are in need. If you live in Winterbourne Steepleton and require short term support we'd like to hear from you!

Unemployed? Living alone? Struggling with your heating costs?

Need help with hospital or medical transport?
Finding additional costs of education a challenge?

This charity may be able to help with small grants for those more vulnerable in our community. Not sure if you would qualify? Email: steepletoncharity@gmail.com or call: 07916 626561 to enquire if the charity can help.

Your call or email will be regarded in complete con dence.

This charity is a registered charity under the Charity Commission for England and Wales No 262828.

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THIS MONTH'S NEWS FRO

Martinstown Women's Institute

At our meeting in March Colin Tracy spoke to us about "Green Martinstown"and some of the ways we in this village can help the enviroment and combat climate change. Projects they have initiated include the compost heap in the churchyard, recycling of aluminium foil and tetra packs outside the shop, refurbishing of the phone box for books or seed swap and planting bulbs by the bus stop. £700 was raised in 10 days for tree planting for Queen's Green Canopy. There are plans to improve the cycle path into Dorchester and the possibility of a solar farm is being explored, also a community orchard if a suitable site can be found.

OUTING TO EXETER with trip on River Exe on Friday, 8th July. Tickets are now available from Lesley Pemberton (889643) lpemby@hotmail.co.uk **cost £27** (non-refundable) - cheques payable to Martinstown WI. Organised jointly with the Valley Club and open to all in the village. Book your place now!

As the clocks spring forward we will revert to evening meetings so our next meeting will be the AGM at 7 pm on Wednesday 13th April.

Angela Barrett • Secretary

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Help us to celebrate by knitting and crafting!

Are you a keen crafter looking for your next project? Why not join in and help us to create items to celebrate the big event of the year! You can knit, crochet or sew members of the Royal Family, their pets, crowns, 'houses', bunting, tea cozies or other items for a Royal Tea Party – no limits to your imagination! Think of sunny days in June when we will celebrate by organising a special event or two to show off your donated creations, and let your imagination take over.

All items will then be sold to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service and our work in the community.

So please spread the word, get started and let me know what you are making; photos are always great and look good on our Facebook page.

Any questions please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager Dorset Home Library Service, tel. 07786 635154 or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

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The MILEATERS out and about...

"Spring's around the corner" by Mike Beesley

A small, but select band of Mileaters, dogs and a guest walker enjoyed a very enjoyable 5 1/2 mile walk through the heathland area north of Moreton. Despite a gloomy forecast the weather was particularly kind - quite mild and NO RAIN!

The walk started at the Culpepper Dish car park just south of Briantspuddle and proceeded through to Moreton Church, where we had a pleasant coffee break amongst the beautiful daffodils and snowdrops. Of course, the Whistler windows in the church are worth a look and a number of our party took the opportunity to go into the church.

The walk back took us, for a while, alongside the tank training grounds, where there was considerable activity, with heavy tanks thundering by. Most of us had moments of re ection, considering the terrible trauma being in icted in Ukraine by similar weaponry used by the Russians.

Those thoughts were undoubtedly still with us as we made our way back to the car park.

We did manage, however, to have a very nice lunch at the Blue Vinny pub at Puddletown.

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Earth Day – 23rd April

Green Martinstown and Dorset Climate Action Network (www.dorsetcan.org) are teaming up for Earth Day on Saturday 23rd April, partnered by Dorchester Town Council, for an event with other organisations on the Great Field, Poundbury. It will offer exciting ways to show how each of us can help in dealing with the climate and ecological emergency we face.

There will be music, talks, activities for families and children and many stalls from local groups, all with environmental issues to the fore. Dorset CAN will have a stall showcasing the projects we are involved with. This includes the Great Big Dorset hedge, the Round Dorset's Boundary event, information about Green Martinstown and much more. Do come along to learn about what's happening locally: and if you would like to help out on the day, please let us know.

Cycle and footpath upgrade

Good News! The cycle/footpath to Dorchester through Clandon Farm is due to be resurfaced around Easter. This will make it much so more pleasant to cycle to Dorchester and back - so get your bicycle dusted off and ready to go!

Treasurer

We are looking for someone to ful l this crucial role for Green Martinstown. Would you like to? Or do you know anyone who could? If so, please do get in touch. (greenmartinstown@gmail.com)

Community composting

This month, some of our volunteers will be bagging up compost in St. Martin's churchyard ready for collection (or you can ll your own bag). We're requesting a small donation of 50p per bag (see the Donate page at www.greenmartinstown.org.uk)

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