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THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF...

Rev. Jean Saddington

Allehuia Christ is Risen! But if you are reading this before Easter Day (9th April) then we haven't quite got there yet but, before we get to the glorious celebrations of Easter Sunday we turn our attention to Holy Week and 'the way of the cross'. Palm Sunday is the start (2nd April) and at the end of Holy Week we enter the 3 days known as the Tridyuum – Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, concluding on Easter Sunday evening.

On Palm Sunday we journey with Christ commemorating his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, celebrating with palms in procession and hearing the passion story in its entirety. On Maundy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper when Christ gathered with his disciples and washed their feet, thereby setting an example for them of how they should be with others. As we continue our journey with Christ we reflect on the awful events of Good Friday. And nallly, we journey with him to Holy Saturday, a quiet day, a day to meditate on the Lord's death and passion.

The wonderful thing about this journey with Christ through Holy Week is that, though we focus on the suffering and death of Christ, we know we have the hope of the resurrection to come and the promise of newness and life. It is only by walking through the shadows and darkness of Holy Week and Good Friday, only in realising the horror and magnitude of sin and its consequences in the world, only in contemplating the ending and despair that the disciples felt on Holy Saturday, that we can truly understand the light and hope of Easter Sunday.

Before he leaves his disciples Jesus gives them a new commandment – to love one another. It's not a new commandment of course until the next sentence – love one another just as I have loved you, you should love one another. Everything he taught them, and his example of how to take God's love for his people into the world is encompassed in this sentence. In this week of journeying and symbolism and re ection it is Christ's new commandment at his last supper that we should take forward with us to the celebration of Easter Sunday and his rising in glory – love one another just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

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

Yours in Christ • **Jean**

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CHURCH SERVICES during... APRIL 2023

SUNDAY 2nd • PALM SUNDAY

11.00 Holy Communion – Winterbourne Steepleton

SUNDAY 9th • EASTER SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY 16TH • 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00 Worship Together – Winterbourne Abbas
11.00 Worship Together family service – Martinstown
17.00 Church@Five – Martinstown

SUNDAY 23rd • 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.00 Worship Together – Martinstown

(See separate list for services during Holy Week)

The Parishes of the Winterbournes & Compton Valence

Team Rector - Rev'd Keith Magee (07766 645135)

The Winterbournes and Compton Valence Ministry Team
Team Vicar - Rev'd Jean Saddington (01305 889992) Available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and 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)

Permission to Officiate - Peter Wilkinson (01305 889077)

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Nigel Power - Martinstown (01305 889910)
Peter Wilkinson - Winterbourne Steepleton (01305 889077)
Laurie Reading – for music at Winterbourne Abbas (01305 889693)
For Compton Valence please contact the Church Wardens

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)
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 a involved is assured.

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church @five

at **5pm**

An informal service centred on worship, prayer and the bible. We will begin with light refreshments, followed by music led worship at 5.15pm.

All welcome...

Holy Communion and Watch
Thursday, 6th April, 7 pm
St Martin's Church Martinstown

Food Bank

Thank you for the generous donations placed in our Food Bank collection points. There is a box in the shop, thanks to Michaela and Keith, and also a box in the church.
We are all subject to the recent alarming cost of living rises but some families are more vulnerable than others. If you are able, please add an extra item to your shopping and place it one of our collection boxes. It will be greatly appreciated. Any tinned and packet foods are most suitable.

Many thanks - Helen

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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Good Friday

7th April

11.00 – 11.45 at St Martin's, Martinstown

Family Service

Come and learn about the Easter story
in a fun interactive way.

Story , singing and hot cross buns!

Choral Services and Musical Events at St Peter's Church, Dorchester

Music at St Peter's will be presenting two events during April. Firstly, on Good Friday 7th April at 6pm there will be a performance of Stainer's 'Cruci xion'. The choir will be accompanied by the organist Chris Dowie and we welcome Colin Howard and Stefan Oakes as tenor and bass soloists. The performance is offered as an act of worship, so admission is free and all are welcome.

Later in the month on Saturday 22nd April, Choral Evensong for Easter will take place at 4.30pm. The music includes: Parry 'My soul there is a country', Sumsion 'Preces & Responses', Howells 'Gloucester Service' and Stanford 'Ye choirs of new Jerusalem'. Graham Scott is at the organ and Ian Davis directing. Do join us for a glass of wine after the service.

You can keep up with events via our website: www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk/musicatstpeters or by following us on social media: Facebook: www.facebook.com/musicatstpetersdorch Twitter: @musicatstpeter

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VALLEY CLUB NEWS

By the time this edition of the V&V is published, the AGM will have taken place and we'll report on that and the talk on Eweleaze Farm next month.

In the meantime, a reminder of the next 2 events:

On15th May at 19:45 we'll be learning all about the German occupation of the Channel Islands, with military historian Lieutenant Colonel (retired) James Porter.

And then, following the hugely welcome arrival of Spring at last, on 3rd April we'll be at Poundbury Garden Centre at 18:00 for a talk, tea and that amazing 25% discount shopping opportunity.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Chris Evans, Secretary.

VILLAGE OUTING

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Thursday, 22nd June

Cost £35 (Payable to The Valley Club)

Includes entry to all attractions -

National Motor Museum, Palace, Abbey,

Grounds & Gardens, Monorail & Veteran Bus and more

Pick up at bus stop by village hall at 9.00 am

Return around 6 pm

Trip organised by The Valley Club - **All welcome**

For tickets contact

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Merchant of St. Martin... so much more than a shop!

We're celebrating our rst year! And what a steep learning curve it's been and still is…

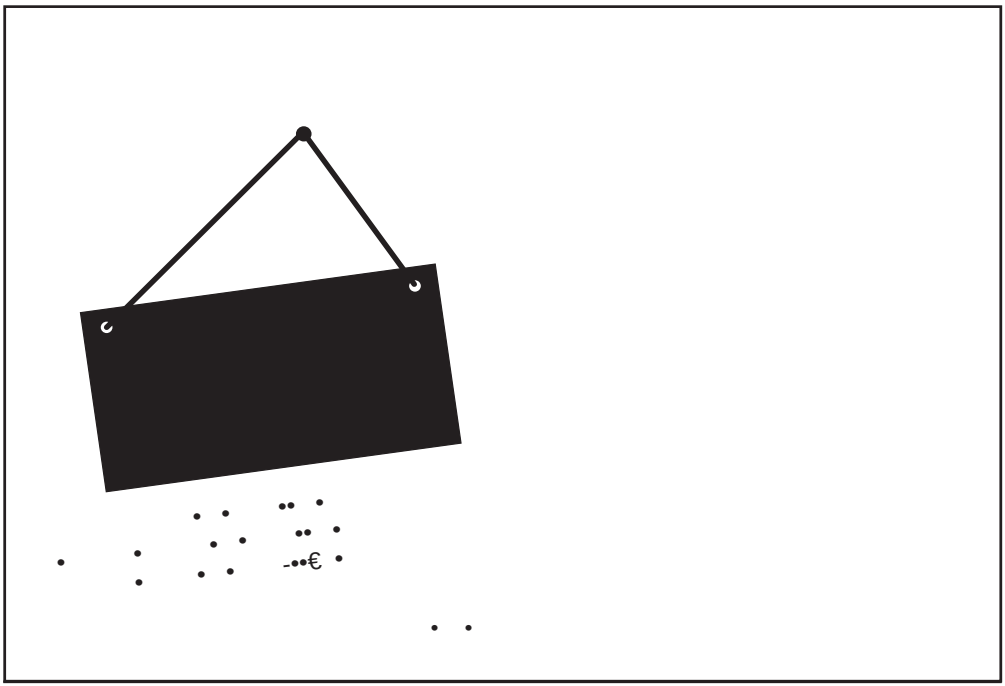
We hope we have achieved our initial goal, which was to develop the shop to become an integral part of village life. Not only by providing a convenient range of merchandise, from basics to more luxury items, but equally as important, becoming a meeting place for the community. The response from folk throughout the Winterbourne Valley and beyond has been overwhelmingly positive.

A vibrant shop, a social hub in the centre of the village adds value to the community, even capital value if you're a homeowner. We often have groups of cyclists, walkers and holiday visitors stopping by for a drink and a munch. We've had fun being part of the various festivities in the village - the military parade, the Jubilee celebrations, Halloween (…who can forget the green slime?), Christmas (…what a coup getting Father Christmas to stop by the shop!), and more.

But we couldn't do it alone. We would like to take our anniversary as an opportunity to rstly thank our absolutely amazing team in the shop. You can ll a shop with items, but people make a place and create memories. We would also like to thank our initial supporters who helped with nancial donations and/or their time and ideas; we don't name you, you know who you are.

And then we would like to thank the businesses in the valley who supported us: John Stiles Painting, Barry Cheffey Electrical, P.R.ELFORD PLUMBING & HEATING, Tom King, Stockley Builders Ltd., Colin Tracey, J W Finding (Farms) Ltd., Geoff Bowker and Handyman Mike.

Thank you all.
Keith and Michaela



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Playground hedge
Many thanks to the 15 or so people who helped plant the hedge around the playground. What a community effort! Well done all! This was a collaboration between the Village Hall committee, the Parish Council and Green Martinstown. The hedges are beech on the east side by the road; and mixed on the north side by the car park - hornbeam, beech, hazel, guelder rose and maple; plus some larger stand alone apple trees - about 200 trees altogether.

The River Winterborne
Green Martinstown are about to embark on a Citizen Science project to test the water quality of our precious chalk stream. This will involve taking samples from 10 designated sites along the whole course of the river - from Winterborne Abbas to where it joins the River Frome at West Stafford. Testing will take place once a month at each site. We will need volunteers to do the testing so if this interests you please let us know at greenmartinstown@gmail.com

There are 2 new recycling bins outside the village shop; 1 for medicine blister packs that used to be in the shop and one for milk bottle and tetra pac tops. These will be taken to a toy maker who sells the toys in aid of the air ambulance.

'Who's Been Using Our Garden?' - Wildlife Mornings
The first of a series of Green Martinstown mornings on 'Who's been using our garden' was the Hedgehog Morning on Saturday 11th March. This was a great success: undeterred by a last minute glitch the beautifully prepared talk and slide presentations went ahead as planned, after which the children were able to play, read stories, do art work and even to create their own clay hogs complete with colourful spikes! We then finished off by singing the Martinstown hedgehog song.

Dorchester Poverty Action needs YOU...

Dorchester Poverty Action is a friendly local charity working in DT1 and DT2 giving out grants to those in financial need by referral from professional agencies eg nursery equipment for a new baby, replacement washing machine for a family with continence issues, school uniform, a fridge freezer to store donated food items, help with heating costs.

The charity is looking for a volunteer book keeper to work with the treasurer to set up BACs payments promptly for grants allocated and to maintain the financial records. Good IT skills, especially knowledge of spreadsheets are essential. Approximately 0-3 hours per week depending on number of grants and up to 4 hours per month on accounts. This is an ideal opportunity to make a real difference in your local community, learn new skills and improve your CV.

The job pack can be downloaded from the www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk. The closing date is Sat April 22nd with interviews on Thurs 27 April. If you would like an informal chat about the role please e-mail info@dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk with your name and phone number and a trustee will get back in touch.

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Martinstown Women's Institute

At our March meeting we brightened up a gloomy wet afternoon by trying on hats during a visit from Sue of Snooks Hats. She brought a colourful display of hats and umbrellas and talked about the different styles from panamas and sun hats to wedding hats and fascinators and how to wear them. The shop is in Bridport and was originally founded in 1896 as a gentlemen's out tters and is now advertised as "the largest little hat shop in the land!" They are the organisers of the Bridport Hat Festival which will be held on 2nd September this year.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 12th April will be our AGM, starting with cheese and wine. Now the clocks have gone forward we are reverting to evening meetings at 7 pm.

Don't forget to book your place on the Village Outing to Beaulieu on Thursday 22nd June.

Angela Barrett - Secretary

MARTINSTOWN JUMBLE TRAIL

Sunday 21 st Ma y 2023 • 10am - 4pm

Hello all, just a quick update about the forthcoming **Martinstown Jumble Trail** on Sunday 21st May. I currently have about **40+ households** on my list so it's promising to be an excellent event (ngers crossed the weather is on our side!).

It's not too late to get involved - either **email me** with your details (I need to know your address and contact details) at **elaineherbert@btinternet.com**, message me via **Facebook** or put a note through my door at **1 Cowleaze Martinstown**. The cost is **£5**, all takings on the day are yours.

Although any latecomers will be welcome it would be advantageous to know sooner rather than later then **your 'venues' can be marked on a map/flyer** to be included in next month's Parish magazine.

Thank you, Elaine Herbert

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