

## A LETTER FROM REV RONA

“It’s been a good year for the roses,” sang George Jones, and then perhaps more memorably Elvis Costello. Gardeners might tell you it’s been a good year for lots of flowers – my lupins, Astrantia and foxgloves are particularly healthy.

The reason, I overheard a gardening friend saying recently, is the very wet later winter and spring. The ground was saturated. The poppies at the top of Wheathill Lane by the new development have been stunning.



All this beauty has come from the rain which caused so many problems, and so much misery. From the irksome (I remember meeting a lady walking two little dogs every day and she said the fields she was walking in were flooded, so she had to take them on the road, which they didn’t like) to the catastrophic (homes and businesses flooded and lost).

It can be hard to see that good things can always come from hardship, pain and difficulties if we maintain our behaviours and attitudes with positivity, kindness and love for others.

I have written here before about the Spiritual Community which I am a part of – <https://www.nazareth.community> .

On this new website there is a manifesto which begins by reminding our Community that: **“Our calling is to imitate the way God is”**.

Simple, yet profound. We act with love for the other, whatever ‘rain’ has fallen on that relationship or interaction.

This month I wanted to share with you the fourth point: **“A community seeking regeneration has already within it most of what it needs for its own transformation.”**

Good things can always come from bad – look at the roses after all the rain. In our community, there are so many things that can be complained about. However, if we want regeneration, or even restoration to the charming community Milborne Port used to be, we have the means, the skills, the care and potential living here right within our lanes and streets.

Every time you walk or drive around our village, and see the beautiful roses this month, remember that you too can be part of the transformation. If we imitate the God of love, justice, generosity and forgiveness, what a wonder this village will be.

*With love*  
*Rev Rona*