

## **A LETTER FROM REV RONA**

April brings with it the promise of new beginnings. As spring unfolds around us, the lengthening days, blossoming flowers, and singing birds remind us of renewal, hope, and life. How fitting, then, that this April also marks the beginning of something new for our church communities!



From 1<sup>st</sup> April, we are delighted to welcome the parishes of Blackford, Compton Pauncefoot, and Maperton into the newly formed Milborne Benefice. We look forward to getting to know one another, to worshipping together, and to seeing God's Kingdom grow in this beautiful part of the world. Our churches, each with their own rich history, gifts, dedicated and traditions, now have the opportunity to journey forward together in faith, service, and fellowship.

This month, we also walk together through the most sacred time of the Christian year—Holy Week and Easter. As we remember Jesus' journey to the cross (*do look at Milborne Port Churches Facebook page for the daily quote and photograph of a cross*), we reflect on the depths of God's love for us. And then, on Easter morning, we rejoice in the Good News that Christ is risen! His resurrection brings hope, transformation, and the promise that, in Him, all things are made new.

As we step into this new chapter as an eight-church Benefice, may we do so with the joy and expectation of Easter. Just as Jesus called His disciples into community, we are called to walk this path together, supporting, encouraging, and learning from one another.

May this season of resurrection and renewal inspire us all.

*With every blessing, Rev Rona*