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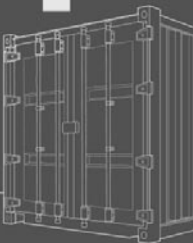
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A LETTER FROM REV RONA

What do the Lifeboats and the Air Ambulance have in common? They save lives every day, and yet they rely almost entirely on donations.

In many ways, your local parish church is the same, if not 'saving' lives then certainly accompanying and enriching them.

People often assume the Church of England is wealthy, but the truth is that no central pot of money keeps our village church open. The wealth sits with the body called The Church Commissioners and funds only flow one way: **from** parishes **to** the Diocese. That means the roof over our heads, the heating that keeps us warm, and the worship and welcome we offer are made possible only through local giving.

Even if you don't come often, we really want to be here for you in life's most significant moments – baptisms, weddings, funerals – and also when you want to ask life's biggest questions. We want to support children and families, offer patterns of worship, prayer, and community, and keep the doors open as a place of peace to sit and ponder, and maybe light a candle.

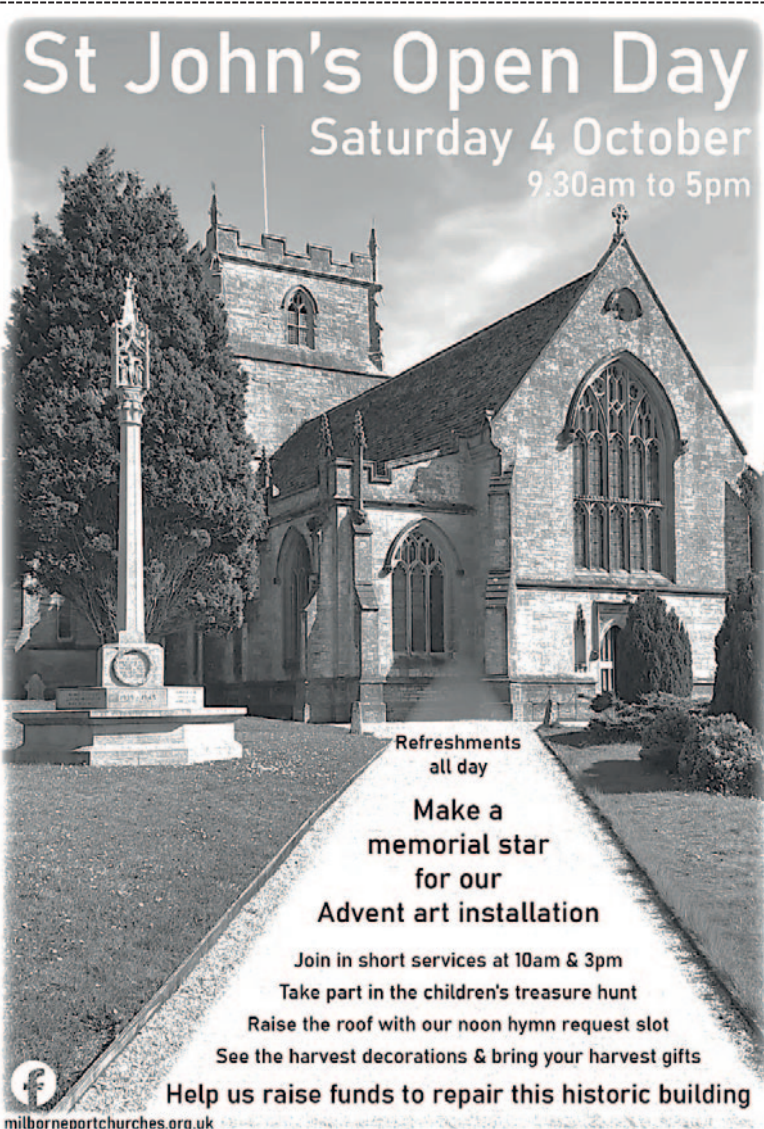
But just as with the lifeboats and the air ambulance, none of this is possible without help. Since Covid, donations have fallen. Now, with a leaking roof and urgent heating repairs, we face a serious challenge.

That's why this year's **Gift Day on Saturday 4th October** is so important. All day, the church will be open – and as part of your visit you can join in creating a beautiful art installation. Craft a star, dedicate it to someone you love or to a hope for the future, and it will shine above the altar at the year's end. Bring your children to join in a Treasure Hunt, come and look at our displays, enjoy refreshments, put your name in my prayer book, and meet your neighbours – I will be in Church all day – please don't make me eat all the cake myself!



This is your church. Please come, give what you can, and help us ensure it remains alive for our community.

With love, Rev Rona



St John's Open Day
Saturday 4 October
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Evie Emily Reeves,
Baptism in Maperton, 13th September

Weddings

Clive and Sally Oliver, Goathill, 6th September

Funerals

Peggy Brook, Milborne Port, 2nd September

Bill Turner, Charlton Horethorne, 5th September

June Fryer, Charlton Horethorne Interment of Ashes, 15th September

John Williams, Milborne Port 25th. September



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Results of the September Draw

1st	£30	Mr J Barker
2nd	£20	Mrs N Henson
3 rd	£10	Anonymous



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Paid opportunities to support the church in part-time roles

Would you like to top up your income with a part-time role in the village?

St John's Church is looking for a Verger (person to get the church ready for services mostly on a Sunday and Wednesday, including keeping it clean and locking / unlocking the church 6 days a week). The role is 12h per week, paid at the national living wage (£12.21 per hour).

This role could be split between two people, one taking on cleaning duties, the other the preparation for church services.

If you would be interested in any aspect of this opportunity, please contact Reverend Rona on 01963 845278, revrona@gmail.com.

Tuesday Lunch Club needs drivers-Can you help?

Tuesday Lunch Club [TLC] is held on Tuesdays during school terms at Church House in Bathwell Lane.

A few of our members need help getting to the lunch club and we try to help if family are not able. We aim to have a rota, so no one is committed more than they want. We collect from home about 12 and take people home about 1:30.

For Further details call: Anne Salkeld 07841434130,

Chris Chiswell 07713030782 or Alison Flynn 07896678267

Turn your clutter into a new roof

Got bits and bobs gathering dust? Maybe that must have gadget you never unboxed, or the bike you no longer ride. Why not sell them and donate the money towards roof tiles, and warm pews?

All monies raised will go towards fixing our leaky roof, sorting out the heating, and giving our electricity system a much-needed upgrade.

So, clear your cupboards, warm the church and light up this community's future.

News from the Parish Council

MUGA works at Springfield

Weather permitting, contractors S&C Slatter start work to create our new Multi-Use Games Area at the recreation ground on Monday 29th September. Please see below the details of the project that will impact directly on members of the public and users of this area of the recreation ground and Village Hall:

1. Site access will be via the north double-bar gate, so this area will be unavailable for public use for approximately 4 weeks. Emergency and groundsman access will be available via the southern gate.
2. The site compound requires space for a dumper truck, 2 pick-up trucks and an excavator, so will be in the north-east corner, away from Camelot Room, with a loss of only 3 car-parking spaces.
3. Site security: Temporary HERAS fencing will be placed around the northern end of the practice pitch and the MUGA site itself. Footpath access to Henning way will be open.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused - but it will all be worth it when people can start using this super new facility. If you need to get in touch about this project, please email projects@milborneport-pc.gov.uk To see a map of the area with these areas indicated, see the September Update on our website.

Somerset's Local Transport Plan

Somerset Council is updating its Local Transport Plan (LTP) and recently carried out a consultation exercise. Feedback will help shape a plan that:

- meets the needs of all users—now and in the future
- supports a range of travel choices, including walking, wheeling, cycling, public transport, freight and car travel
- delivers wider benefits for public health, the environment and the economy
- makes the best use of public money.

(See the September Update on our website for the response of Milborne Port Parish Council.)



Looking after the 'River' Gascoigne in Milborne Port

We have been receiving an increasing number of queries about river and riverbank maintenance, and because there has been much discussion at Parish Council meetings over the last few

months and years on this subject. Whilst the Parish Council tries to be responsive towards those affected by overgrowth and flooding, the main problem lies in the fact that the Gascoigne in Milborne Port is not recognised as a river by the Environment Agency, the body responsible for the designation of rivers and their care; it is instead designated an 'ordinary watercourse'.

Our Lead Local Flood Authority (Somerset Council) is responsible for creating, maintaining, and monitoring a local flood risk management strategy for its area but not for *maintaining* watercourses or their banks. Somerset Council can take enforcement action if the lack of maintenance of a watercourse is in contravention of the Land Drainage Act of 1991, but it is the individual landowner's legal responsibility to do so to prevent obstructions and flood risk.

Somerset Council Highways Department will become involved with a problem caused by poor river maintenance but the circumstances for this would need to be that a poorly maintained river or watercourse either side of a road bridge risks impacting upon the integrity of (or the ability to cross) that bridge. It's not easy to navigate the online system to report a problem like this without going round in circles but it is doable, so please persevere! So where does that leave us? Some riparian (*area which is the interface between land and a river or stream*) owners in the village can certainly be relied upon to fulfil their responsibilities to clear their sections of river of debris and overgrowth - some even going

above and beyond - but where the Gascoigne runs alongside a housing estate, commercial property or some other private property, we need to rely on goodwill.

The Parish Council owns no land for which it has riparian rights or responsibilities, but we are regularly in touch with some that do - with limited success - to request that maintenance or clearance work is carried out. The impact of not maintaining a particular section of the river and its banks might not be felt by the individuals next to that part of the river, but it could well be felt up or downstream during the autumn and winter months. So, to those riparian owners who are already fulfilling their responsibilities, many thanks. To those who are not, a plea from your fellow villagers... A neglected river affects the quality of life of others, the worst-case scenario being that a watercourse where water flow is hampered by blockages can burst its banks and flood the surrounding area. Whilst meadow land is designed to cope with this, residential areas are not.

October Meetings: Planning Committee: Full Council - Tuesday 7th; Planning - Tuesday 21st.

Meetings take place in the Town Hall and start at 7 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can address the meeting with questions or comments from 7-7.15 pm. If you would like to attend but would experience access difficulties, please let us know in advance and we will relocate to the Community Room downstairs.

Please note that our contact details recently changed to:

Simon Pritchard – Parish Clerk parishclerk@milborneport-pc.gov.uk

Nathalie Hetherington – Deputy Clerk

office@milborneport-pc.gov.uk

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Parish Council Website: www.milborneport-pc.gov.uk

Our MP in Parliament

Notes on some of the issues that our local MP, Sarah Dyke, has engaged with recently. Not a party-political pitch, but a record of her actions as our constituency representative.

- recently visited Wincanton Racecourse and has written to the Chancellor to raise her concerns about changes to harmonise single Remote Betting and Gaming Duty.
- hosted Somerset small business roundtable to support local businesses and high streets
- Elected Chair of Women in Defence All Party Parliamentary Group
- serving as vice-chair of the f40 group representing the 43 worst-funded education authorities in England has called for urgent reform of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system during a Westminster Hall debate warning that the current approach is "adversarial" and is failing children, families, and councils.

Contact: sarah.dyke.mp@parliament.uk

Rough Sleeping?

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The Link – Wellbeing and Support Service- 0191 731 2792

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A Fresh Start at Milborne Port Primary School



The school bell has rung once more, and Milborne Port Primary School is buzzing with excitement as we begin a brand-new school year. This September feels extra special as we are thrilled to show off our newly decorated Victorian building. With its beautiful blend of history and fresh updates, the building now shines brighter than ever. Our newly installed hall windows flood the space with natural light, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere that reflects our countryside village feel. But the improvements don't stop there! We have even more exciting plans in motion, including a complete revamp of our school library. Our vision is to create a reading haven that inspires curiosity and imagination, perfectly complementing our school's character and community spirit.

At the heart of Milborne Port Primary School lies our new vision: **“Challenging the norm.”** This is more than just words—it's our promise to foster innovation and encourage positive change, not only for ourselves but also for our community and the wider world. By striving for excellence in everything we do, we are committed to building strong foundations for life.

Already this term, our children are diving into fascinating learning experiences, particularly through science. From hands-on experiments to thought-provoking questions about the world around them, their enthusiasm for discovery is lighting up our classrooms.

We'd love our community to share in our journey. For the latest updates, photos, and glimpses into school life, simply search for **“Milborne Port Primary School”** on social media and follow along with all the exciting things happening here.



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We are very pleased to say our Coffee Shop has had a great beginning, with people of all ages from the village coming in, including mums with their children, people working from home, couples and friends just meeting for coffee and a chat and our Takeaway service has also been much appreciated.

Before we started the refurbishment of our premises, we surveyed local folk as to what facility they would like us to provide for our village, and a coffee shop was a high priority. So that is what we have done. We are family friendly, welcome well-behaved dogs and offer free Wi-Fi.

Our manager is Sam, a young man who bring with him experience of working in various coffee shops. Please do encourage him as he takes up this new position. We are supporting locally sourced produce, serving real Brista coffee and have a wide selection of cakes, pastries and snacks. Please pay us a visit as soon as you are able, you will be made very welcome.

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Milborne Port Football Club

October update - and just like that Football is back!

A summer spent working on the pitches and preparing for the coming season. The hot weather has certainly given us some headaches but thankfully, the recent rain has seen the green grass return to the Rec. We were delighted to host our Summer Soccer School during the holidays, with over 100 children taking part. Huge thanks must go to Marco Ferrari for his work. Marco is hugely passionate about giving local children the chance to enjoy an introduction to football and we are hugely grateful to him for his efforts.

This month, we're delighted to introduce to you our Under 7's team, taking part in their first season of team football. Coached by Marco and sponsored by Quick Plumbing and Heating. We're sure you'll agree that the team look fabulous in their new kit. Thank you to James Quick for his support of the club, as a sponsor, coach and, maybe just one more season as a player!

Ben Tupman

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CHURCH SERVICES

(including the Principal Service Readings)

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at St John's: Weekdays at 9 a.m.

Wednesday 1st October

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

Sunday 5th October 16th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

9:00 am Holy Communion, Blackford

10:30 am Family Service, Charlton Horethorne

10:30 am Harvest Holy Communion, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Harvest Evensong, Stowell

Wednesday 8th October

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

Sunday 12th October 17th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

9:30 am Compton Pouncefoot and Blackford
Harvest Service, Compton Pouncefoot

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Harvest Evensong, Charlton Horethorne

Wednesday 15th October

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

Saturday 18th October

4:00 pm Memory Lane, Milborne Port

Sunday 19th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 3:14-end & 4:1-5, Luke 18:1-8

9:00 am Blackford and Compton Pouncefoot
Morning Service, Blackford

9:00 am Holy Communion, Milborne Wick

10:30 am Holy Communion, Maperton

10:30 am Matins, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Holy Communion, Charlton Horethorne

FOR OCTOBER

Wednesday 22nd October

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

Sunday 26th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 4:6-8 & 4:16-18, Luke 18:9-14

9:00 am Holy Communion, Compton Pouncefoot

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

3:00 pm Evensong or Holy Communion, Goathill

Wednesday 29th October

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

Sunday 2nd November All Saints Day

Ephesians 1:11-end, Luke 6:20-31

9:00 am Holy Communion, Blackford

10:30 am Family Service, Charlton Horethorne

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Evensong, Stowell

Wednesday 5th November

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 & 2:13-end, Luke 20:27-38

9:30 am Compton Pouncefoot and Blackford
Morning Service, Compton Pouncefoot

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Evensong, Charlton Horethorne

Bird Baths

Experiencing one of the hottest summers on record, has highlighted the importance of providing our garden birds with water for drinking and bathing. Although many people provide food for garden birds, fewer provide a source of water. Bird baths are a nice garden feature but you don't need to spend a lot - a shallow plant pot base filled with water does the job.

Bathing is important to birds, helping to keep them cool in hot conditions, as well as removing parasites, dust and excess oil from the feathers keeping them healthy for both flight and insulation. Providing fresh water in winter months is also important when natural water sources are frozen.

As with bird feeders it is important to rinse out the 'bath' and refill with fresh water on a regular basis - this may seem a lot of trouble but the rewards are immense particularly for social species that indulge in communal bathing. The photo shows our garden blue tits having a 'pool party' early one morning in August.



*Jane
Hewitt*

September has been quite a busy month for us, starting with our Macmillan Coffee Morning which took place on the 5th. It was a lovely warm day, so we were able to have some tables outside (courtesy of Martin Else). I'm pleased to say that we raised approximately £750 from selling cakes & coffees, raffle tickets and some generous donations so thank you to everyone who contributed, including Wayne's Butchers, Something Else, Fishy and the Gainsborough who all donated vouchers.



Some of our members attended the annual croquet afternoon at Henstridge W.I. where they also provided a cream tea. Unfortunately, we didn't win the croquet this year, but one of our members, Diane, won a prize for the best decorated 'Mad Hatter' style hat so at least we came home with something!

At our September meeting, Dawn gave us a talk on her life, leading up to becoming a Yoga teacher, which was fascinating. She explained the different types of yoga and how it has benefited people. She talked us through a breathing exercise and I'm sure we all left feeling more relaxed.

On the 17th, about a dozen of us met up at the Udder Farm Shop for tea and scones which gave us a chance to talk and pass a pleasant hour or so and I expect we all bought something in the shop before leaving. From October we will be resuming our monthly afternoon walk-ins - the first one being on 23rd October at 2.00pm in the Community Room in the library which is where we usually hold our monthly meetings.

We will be running our usual trip to Exeter for Christmas shopping or, if you're like me you don't do too much shopping

but enjoy looking at the festive market stalls then enjoying a delicious lunch at one of the many restaurants in the city. The date is Wednesday, 26th November and the cost will be £25 per person with the coach leaving Milborne Port at 9.30am. If you would like to join us, then please pop into the library any Friday morning and add your name and details to the list on the table, or contact our Millie, our secretary, whose details can be found on the contact page of this book.

Our next regular meeting is on Thursday, 9th October when we will be given a talk from Wildflower Nutrition. Visitors are always welcome at a charge of £5.00. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at our regular coffee mornings on Fridays from 10.30am

Christine Porter Glovelies/MPWI

Milborne Port Gardening Club

It is said that October mirrors April as being a busy month for gardeners. It's time to pace yourself and make the most of the good days. You'll be preparing the garden for winter and next spring. So, while the ground is warm and moist you can think about planting bulbs, dividing your perennials and moving shrubs, giving them time to settle in before it gets cold. It will soon be time to be making delicious treats from the store of fruits you have grown, foraged or been given over the lovely summer, bon appetit!

Our guest speaker in September was Abigail Willis, a locally based writer and speaker interested in gardening and the arts, who took us on a wonderful tour. Her talk was a delightful journey to some well-known and lesser-known Somerset Garden gems and was based on a book Abigail had been commissioned

to write. It was so heartening to be reminded of what a fabulously diverse and abundant county we live in.

October sees us have a timely talk being given by Mikey Little entitled "The Sparkle of Bulbs". All in good time to get prepared (and possibly) refresh our spring planting. Micky has years of experience as nurseryman, gardener and head-gardener in various locations, including Killerton, Castle Drogo, Hestercombe and Achamore, as well as being a propagator of bulbs.

The meeting is at 7.30pm, Tuesday 14th October at the MP Village Hall. Visitors are very than welcome.

Should you wish to know more about the Club, or join us in 2025, please do come to any meeting or contact the Secretary (Samantha at samgraham2009@gmail.com). We happily welcome guests to our meetings for a fee £4.00.

Samantha Dean

Milborne Port History & Heritage Group

Our next event will be on

Monday 20th October:

An Audience with Mary Clothier and Ernie Davis.

It would be rude to mention the ages of this formidable duo! Suffice to say, they both have long lifetimes of stories to share, and even though the idea is for them to be encouraged to talk about their memories in a type of chat-show format, we imagine that once they get going, there will no need for prompts! Come



for what will no doubt be fascinating walk down long-memory lane with these two Milborne Port characters...

Join us at Church House in Bathwell Lane for a 7.30 pm start.

Elisabeth Bletsoe,
Curator of
Sherborne

Museum, left us all
feeling very thirsty
after her excellent
talk on **Monday
15th September**



that had the delicious title of **Sweet Sheep's Nose and Buttery Door: The history of our lost orchards**. Elisabeth explored the little-known history of cider-making in the local area, using her own research and oral histories that she has collected from residents of several villages. We learnt that Sweet Sheep's Nose and Buttery Door are the names of cider apples from this area! The first-hand oral history accounts of cider-making and farming life in bygone times added an authenticity to Elisabeth's material that touched us all.

Remember that you can follow us on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/269663891785502> -

for updates on talks and events, and for signposts to articles that are new to our ever-evolving website: <http://milborneporthistory.org.uk>.

We have many people now posting brilliant material onto our Facebook pages, so if you are a Facebooker, it is well worth checking out these contributions.

You can also get in touch by e-mail: mphhgroup@gmail.com

We are a charity and ask for a suggested donation of £2 per member or £5 per non-member to cover costs (please Gift Aid your donation if you can). If you are parking in Bathwell Lane, please do so considerately as it is a bit of a squeeze along there, although less so following the verge clearance than it was! If you wish to become a member of our group, and we very much hope that you do, please email us: mphhgroup@gmail.com

Nathalie Hetherington, MPH&H Group Secretary

Friends of Milborne Port Library

How long have we had libraries? One of the earliest was The **Great Library of Alexandria**, Egypt. It was one of the largest and most significant libraries of the ancient world. The library of Alexandria was not the first of its kind. Greece and the ancient Near East had a long tradition of libraries. The earliest recorded archive of written materials comes from the ancient Sumeria city-state of Uruk in around 3400 BC, when writing had only just begun to develop. Alexandria came to be regarded as the capital of knowledge and learning, partly because of the Great Library. The Romans issued scrolls for people to read during bathing.

In modern times the first library was in America in 1833 in Peterborough, USA. In the UK the Public Library Act was passed in 1850 and the first British library was opened in 1852 (The Campfield Library in Manchester). By 1914, 62% of the England's population lived within a library authority area. The aim was to provide free access to information and literature in response to concerns at the time regarding moral, social and educational needs of the population. The Act allowed local councils to provide free public libraries and museums. Since then many hundreds of libraries have been built in the UK, a

testament to the Act's enduring impact on the cultural and educational landscape. Next time: The British Library

Mary Clothier marydmc38@gmail.com

Report from Millie: This summer we saw an amazing number of children complete the Summer Reading Challenge. 26 children went home with medals and certificates, which is a brilliant completion rate for libraries of our size. It has also been fantastic to see the children continuing to visit the library after the reading challenge has finished.

This month we are hosting book club on the **21st October 2pm**. It was lovely to have some new faces join us in September.

Rhyme time Every Tuesday - EXCEPT 14th October.

Board Games morning: Saturday 11th October at 9.30 – 12noon

Lego club: Saturday 18th October.

Fregil gave the following address in St. John's on Sunday 14th. September. Here is the transcript of what she said. It is sincerely hoped that this village and community continue to be the welcoming and kind place she has found it to be.

My full name is Fregil Jay Galve, but everyone calls me Freg. I was born and raised on the beautiful islands of the Philippines. I've been living here in the UK for just over three years. Back home, I'm a qualified nurse, a profession that I also practice here in the UK. Together with my colleagues Akilah

Rairata, Leilani Segismundo and Riza Silvestre who are also all Filipinos and our on-call staff Thandi from Zimbabwe, our team look after this amazing lady who many of you know — Anne Schreiber. She's impossible to miss. She's so witty, charming, and has a sparkle in her eye that could rival a royal diamond. When I first arrived in the UK, It was the 28th of June 2022. I landed at Heathrow at 7:05 in the morning. The air temperature was rather cool 20 degrees Celsius. For someone born and raised in a country where a "cool" day is 30 degrees, 20 degrees for me felt Arctic. I put on my coat and as I felt like I'd just arrived in the North Pole. Meanwhile, everyone else was wandering around in t-shirts, looking at me as if I'd brought the wrong clothes—which, of course, I had! And from that, my agency assigned me to Milborne Port.

I remember when I first attended the church service here, I felt the acceptance. This Parish opened its arms to me. It's not always easy moving to a new country, but you all made it feel so easy. People smiled and said hello, and they stopped to chat and made sure I felt welcome. You showed me that warmth is more than just the weather.

You provided a sense of belonging that is truly a gift. While I will always miss my family in the Philippines, this community has become a second home to me. The kindness and generosity you have shown me has made me feel secure and part of something special.

And this sense of belonging, is something I've come to realise is deeply rooted in the heart of this church. I've seen so many of you here quietly doing good, without a fuss or a search for praise. You are the kind people who offer a cup of tea to a new face, who notice when someone might be feeling a bit lost, who share stories and laughter, and who are there for each other

during times of sadness, it's a testament to what a community should be.

This church is a sanctuary where we are all one family, brought together by our shared faith. It's a place where every person, no matter where they are from, is given a sense of home. It's a place of kindness, laughter, and acceptance, where people genuinely care for one another. You have all taught me that a church is not just a building, but a group of people who are willing to support, uplift, and share their lives with one another.

So, thank you. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. You are all a true blessing, and I am deeply grateful for this community and for each and every one of you."

Freg



The October Night Sky

We have moved into the astronomical autumn and October's weather conditions can be perfect for starwatching. The nights can be still quite warm; the cold bite of a winter's evening is yet to arrive. Soon after the Autumn Equinox the days become shorter and the nights longer, the Sun will have moved south of the equator. Unfortunately, the constellations visible this month are drab. But look to the east, where the bright lights of winter are starting to appear.

"The sky grew darker, painted blue on blue, one stroke at a time, into deeper and deeper shades of night." – Haruki Murakami

Planets visible this month:

Evening Sky: Mercury (west), Mars (west), Saturn (east).

Midnight: Jupiter (east), Saturn (south).

Morning Sky: Venus (east), Jupiter (southeast), Saturn (west).

October 2025 Astronomical Events

5/6th: the Moon passes over Saturn.

7th: Full Moon (the first of this year's three supermoons). October was the month when people prepared for the coming winter by hunting and slaughtering livestock, the Full Moon was known as the 'Hunter's Moon' or 'Blood Moon'. This year it is also the full moon closest to the Autumn Equinox, so it is the Harvest Moon.

8th: before dawn the annual Draconid meteor shower – poor viewing conditions due to the full moon occurring at the same time.

13th: Last Quarter Moon near Jupiter

14th: Moon near Jupiter

19th: Moon near Venus

21st: New Moon

21/22nd: This year should be an excellent year for observing the Orionid meteor shower, when the debris from Halley's Comet ploughs into the Earth's atmosphere. Runs from 2nd October to 7th November.

26th: at 2am British Summer Time ends.

29th: First Quarter Moon.

31st: Halloween.

Ganymede

MAGAZINE DEADLINES

All entries for the November 2025 issue of the magazine to the editor please by **Saturday 24th. October at 12 noon latest.**



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All email contributions will be acknowledged. If you do not receive a reply, or if you are unable to use email, please ring 01963 250382 (answering machine – please leave name and number and I will get back to you).

Congratulations to Karin Gringod who took this month's cover photo.

We are always pleased to receive new photographs for consideration as future covers. Please send your high-res images of scenes in and around the village to

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