

A LETTER FROM REV RONA

I'm a new convert to Parkrun and was delighted to complete my first one last month. I'm so grateful for the local support I've received, especially from the Fitness Group who meet at the Village Hall each Monday - their encouragement has meant a great deal. Nothing quite prepared me, though, for the camaraderie of the run itself. The sense of community among runners and marshals carried me all the way round, helping me finish faster than I expected.



During Holy Week, the Milborne Benefice held services across our churches, and it struck me how similar that felt: we achieve far more together than we ever could alone. This same idea lies behind our school value this half term at Charlton Horethorne - friendship. When we have people alongside us, through thick and thin, we flourish in ways we simply can't on our own.

Recently, I heard about a church which was building a brand-new building. In the brochure the Vicar invited the community to dream about the ways they could develop through the use of this building. That invitation feels right for us here too. Imagine what could be possible through collaboration.

So to Milborne Port, Goathill, Milborne Wick, Stowell, Charlton Horethorne, Blackford, Compton Pauncefoot and Maperton - let's do that: imagine what we can do together. Not just as churches, but as communities. Working together, we can help build a community of kindness, love, peace and integrity (which is just what God's Kingdom is).

Thank you everyone. I was drawn here because of the strong sense of community - let's continue to nurture it. *With love,* **Rev Rona**