

# St Gregory's Church, Marnhull invites you



## LOVE YOUR CHURCHYARD

SATURDAY 6th- SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2026

**In June we will be joining the national 'Love your Churchyard' week, 6-14 June and invite the whole village of Marnhull to get involved!**

**Children and adults** are encouraged to look for plants, insects, birds and mammals which live in our churchyard **anytime during this week.**

Our village churchyard has a **rich natural diversity** and we aim to make an annual record of what we have, including some rare lichens.

There will be **reference booklets and record sheets** to use at the back of the church which is open every day **9am - 4.30pm.**

In addition, because it is the churchyard where in Thomas Hardy's *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* novel, buried her infant son and marked his grave with a **jar of flowers**, we encourage anyone who would like to mark a grave in the same way to do so during the week- in remembrance.

The **new benches** at the bottom of the historic churchyard provide a quiet place to reflect and a jar of flowers will be placed there at the start of the week.

Anyone who has experienced the loss of a baby or child is especially welcome to come and sit there for a while.

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