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"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit"

Galatians 5:25

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Welcome to the March Edition of LINK

As we look forward to the spring, it is lovely to say goodbye to the darker winter months! It fills our hearts with joy to anticipate warmth and sunshine.

We have so many wonderful events and services coming up over the next few weeks as we look ahead to Lent and Easter. This is the season of the year when we give thanks to God for the most precious gift of Jesus. We praise Him for His coming to this earth to die on the cross that we might be set free from the darkness of sin, and brought into His wonderful resurrection light.

I hope and pray that you and your family and friends have a wonderful spring!
Every blessing, *Paul*

Bishop Debbie's Sermon at Anne's Licensing

C.S.Lewis had no hesitation as to what sets Christianity apart from other world religions - GRACE - the undeserved, unconditional love of the Father.

One of the last things Jesus said to his disciples was 'Love each other as I have loved you.' We are loved by God the Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, and we feel it through the Spirit.

The Bishop **challenged** us: do we wake up every morning thinking 'I am loved as a child of God.' That is the root of who we are - and yet we don't deserve it.

We need to remain in His love, closely connected at the root of the Vine. This she gave us as a **command** ... that we love one another!

She asked us to love Anne, as she will love us – by being gentle, kind, supporting and challenging - more than just a smile on a Sunday morning.

In a Church, there should be Five Marks of Mission, drawn up so that churches can **check** how well they are loving –

**Proclamation • Discipleship • Pastoral Care • Social Justice
Caring for the Environment**

"They will know they are Christians by their love."

If you would like to revisit the whole service of Anne's Licensing, it is available to watch on Youtube - www.youtube.com/watch?v=f95ynN1aAOo

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2020

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday 1st | 9.15am | Morning Prayer | All Saints' | Hazel Hainsworth |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion | St Andrew's | Rev Anne Elliott |
| | 10.15am | All Age Worship | All Saints' | |
| Monday 2nd | 9.15am | Parish Morning Prayer | St Andrew's | |
| Sunday 8th | 9.15am | Holy Communion | All Saints | Rev Graham Fairbairn |
| | 10.00am | Morning Prayer | St Andrew's | Rev Carolyn Petts |
| | 10.15am | Family Service | All Saints' | Rev Graham Fairbairn |
| Monday 9th | 9.15am | Parish Morning Prayer | St Andrew's | |
| Sunday 15th | 9.15am | Morning Prayer | All Saints' | Peter Reece |
| | 10.00am | Morning Communion | St Andrew's | Rev Peter Head |
| | 10.15am | Holy Communion | All Saints' | Peter Reece |
| Monday 16th | 9.15am | Parish Morning Prayer | St Andrew's | |
| Sunday 22nd | Mothering Sunday | | | |
| | 9.15am | Holy Communion | All Saints' | Rev Paul Taylor |
| | 10.00am | Morning Worship | St Andrew's | Rev Anne Elliott |
| | 10.15am | Family Service | All Saints' | Rev Paul Taylor |
| Monday 23rd | 9.15am | Parish Morning Prayer | St Andrew's | |
| Sunday 29th | 9.15am | Morning Prayer | All Saints' | Rev Paul Taylor |
| | 10.00am | Holy Communion | St Andrew's | Rev Anne Elliott |
| | 10.15am | Family Worship | All Saints' | Rev Paul Taylor |
| Monday 30th | 9.15am | Parish Morning Prayer | St Andrew's | |

Sunday 8th March 6.30 - 9pm United Worship Evening with Lymington Baptist at Hordle

From the January/February Registers Funeral : Paul Browning

Baptism: Oscar Jack Fowler and Murray Tucker

Lent Talks 2020

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| 3rd March | Mission and Church Planting | Tessa Nisbet |
| 10th March | Worldwide Mission | Rev Graham Fairbairn |
| 17th March | Mission in the Book of Acts | Rev Paul Taylor |
| 24th March | Mission in the Workplace | Briony Strode |

*Each talk is on a Tuesday evening at 7.00pm, in the Memorial Hall, Hordle.
We encourage as many as possible to attend.*

THE PARISH DIARY FOR MARCH 2020

Regular events

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| Mondays | 9.15am | Parish Morning Prayer at St Andrew's, Tiptoe |
| Alternate Mondays & Tuesdays | 9.00am | Open the Book in Hordle School (term time) |
| Tuesdays | 9.00am | Open the Book in Tiptoe School (term time) |
| Tuesdays | 9.30am & 1.15pm | Little Angels in Memorial Hall (term time) |
| Tuesdays | 7.00pm | Bell Ringing practice in The Tower, All Saints' |
| Wednesdays | 7.15pm | Village Voices in the Church Hall, St Andrew's |
| Fridays | 8.00am | Coffee Pot for Parents & Carers (term time only) |
| Fridays | 9.15am | Church Prayer meeting in the Church Room All Saints' |

Diary for MARCH

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| Thursday 5 th | 12.30pm | Lunch Club in the Memorial Hall |
| | 7.30pm | Easter Community Choir Practice, Hordle |
| Thursday 12 th | 7.30pm | Easter Community Choir Practice, Hordle |
| Friday 13 th | 10.30am | Coffee at the Potting Shed, Redcliffe Garden Centre |
| Sunday 15 th | | Safari lunch (Details in service sheets in March) |
| Thursday 19 th | 9.50am | Quiet Garden |
| | 3.00pm | Tea @ 3 in the Memorial Hall |
| | 7.30pm | Easter Community Choir Practice, Hordle |
| Saturday 21 st | 10.00am | Strand Coordinator's Meeting, Memorial Hall |
| Thursday 26 th | 7.30pm | Easter Community Choir Practice, Hordle |
| Friday 27 th | 10.30am | Coffee at the Potting Shed, Redcliffe Garden Centre |
| Sunday 29 th | 12 noon | APCM in Memorial Hall, Hordle, followed by Parish lunch |
| Tuesday 31 st | 9.30am - 11.00am | Little Angels Party in Memorial Hall, Hordle |

Competition Time!

If, like Emily Booth at Christmas, you would like your art work to be the front cover of the Easter LINK, now is your chance! Our next competition is seeking suitable designs for our Easter LINK cover from artists of all ages (we just ask that you declare your age if you are under 18). All entries to the Church Office please by 16th March. (The Editor's judging decision is final.)

Remember this?



Anne Elliott - We Welcome You

“Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.” Acts 2:2(NIV)



On Sunday 9th February, to the accompaniment of strong winds blowing (outside), Anne was licensed to be an Associate Priest in this parish by Bishop Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Southampton.

Anne was presented with water to pour, a candle to light, God’s precious words to us in the Bible , and a Chalice and Paten for the administration of Communion. A robed choir led the singing, an abundance of clergy came to celebrate and so numerous were the supporting contingents from neighbouring

congregations, there to encourage Anne and her family, that finding seats for everyone became a challenge. Having previously ministered at St Mark’s Church, Pennington, Anne was commended by them for her new ministry and assured of their prayers for her in this new chapter of her life.

In her address, delivered clearly from the top of the Chancel steps, Bishop Debbie recalled how C.S.Lewis unhesitatingly identified God’s Grace to us as a uniquely identifying element of the Christian faith. Subsequently there was great warmth and much fellowship abundantly evident as the many representatives of the different ‘outposts’ of the ‘people of God’ greeted one another in sharing a ‘sign of peace’.

Commanded to “Go forth and tell ... ” in the final hymn, the congregation gradually adjourned from All Saints’ to the Memorial Hall where a splendid tea and much conversation was enjoyed by all.

Duncan Argyle - Churchwarden

Anne's 'Thoughts from the Tiptoe Triangle'

Thank you all so much for your wonderful welcome to my family and myself at my Licensing service at All Saints. It was so good to meet so many of you there, and to have your support and prayers for the times ahead we will be sharing together. Thank you too to the many volunteers who gave your time and efforts to provide refreshments and to enable the service and time together afterwards to run so smoothly and provide such a welcoming environment.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you again at various events and services, and I hope in due course to remember your names! You are all individuals with your own special gifts, and I am looking forward to sharing with you as we join together as a team in using all our skills to serve God and his people in this place. It's a joint effort, enabled by the Holy Spirit who guides, sustains and energises us.

Picking up on our Bible verse for 2020: "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25), let's be aware that there are times for activity and times for silence and refreshment; times for growth and times to be fed. Looking at the spring flowers around us now, we can be reminded that the bulbs below the ground have been nourished over the long winter with

plenty of water and nutrients from the soil. Without these, we would not see the flowers which we enjoy for a comparatively short period of time now.

As we enjoy the wonders of creation in this beautiful season, let's listen to the Spirit and be nourished so we are ready for the periods of activity which God plans for us, as we build up the church to shine with the light of Christ to all around us and spread the good news in action as well as prayer.



At last, I have found a book to read and meditate on during Lent!

The tradition of using the Lent period of the Christian Year for personal reflection on our individual walk with our Lord (and by inference the collective walk within each of our Christian Communities) seems to have diminished.

The more mature Christians in our Fellowships might suggest that getting (and keeping) our spiritual relationship right with God is paramount and a right attitude/action on other matters are more likely to automatically follow either on an individual level or as Fellowships.

Having stated the above view it was heartening to hear a recent sermon at St Andrew's which included the challenges –

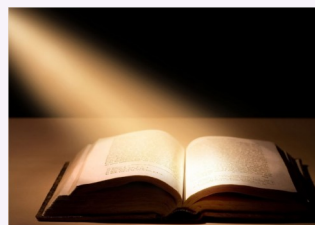
"Maybe we actually need to stop sometimes to see if, spiritually, things are as right as they could be. March is the start of Lent – an opportunity to stop and take stock of our personal spiritual lives."

"For us too as we learn more about God, as we study His word, learn through the Holy Spirit and from each other then, our spiritual journey here on earth will become clearer and we can be encouraged that we are on the right path."

Then, as I was writing this article, I learnt that the Lent series of Sermons have been designed to allow us to reflect "on our spiritual journey and to see where we need to change or perhaps refresh our ideas and service."

Wow! Amazing! Perhaps we are all "singing from the same hymn sheet."

The Church of England has a recommended structured approach to reading the Bible over the year called the Lectionary and, over three years, ensures that you are covering all the parts of Scripture regularly, and not just focusing on your favourite books over and over.



The book I have read is based on the passages for Lent this year as follows:

- Ash Wednesday/First week of Lent - Our Lord's Temptation
- Second week of Lent - Our Lord's Transfiguration
- Third week of Lent - His meeting with the Samaritan Woman
- Fourth week of Lent - His meeting with the Man born blind
- Fifth week of Lent - The raising of Lazarus

The book is entitled **"The Wind, The Fountain and The Fire - Scripture and the Renewal of Christian Imagination"** and there are chapters on each of these themes.

The book is by **Mark Barrett** - a Benedictine monk of Worth Abbey. Some of my close friends will be surprised that I am recommending this book by an author from this background. However over my life-long Christian walk I have learnt to reflect on the views of Christians from varying backgrounds rather than the narrow views pushed by some. As I often say, "think outside the box!"

The individual chapters of the book cover thoughts from both the Psalms and Gospels, laced together in a way that is both encouraging and stimulating in showing how the Bible all "hangs together".

To finish, let me "whet your appetite" by quoting two thoughts from the book:

- From the chapter on the meeting at the well - *"To be close to water is to be reminded of our need for and our potential openness to the divine; sometimes it is the very occasion of a meeting with God."*
- From the chapter on the meeting with the man born blind - *"The one who had appeared to be walking in darkness emerges as the one who sees the great light, and seeing the radiant face of God he is empowered to follow the way of God by becoming Jesus' disciple and by worshipping him."*

May you find time to read this book or a similar one - or at least "dip into a book" with the above themes.

A Binns

Sermon titles for March and April

Lent is the opportunity in the church calendar for reflection on our spiritual journey and to see where we need to change or perhaps refresh our ideas and service. Bearing this in mind our sermons in Lent (March) have the central theme of refreshing our ideas. So we have 'Fresh Generosity'; 'Fresh Courage'; 'Fresh Encouragement'; 'Fresh Perspective' and 'Fresh Faith' leading into (April) Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Day, 'Jesus appears to his Disciples' after the Resurrection and with us today – 'Living as a Foreigner'.

It's nice to be important ... but it's also important to be nice!

Heard on Radio 4 recently

Rwanda Lent Project 2020

The parish link is with Butare Diocese and regular support is given to the Vocational Training Centre



My name is Uwamariya Claudine. I am 24 years old and I finished my training in Tailoring at Mubumbano TVET School.

After the training, I

worked with my neighbour, utilizing one machine, for one year, then I hired a sewing machine and worked alone for another one year, after which I

afforded to buy my own machine and through part time work I was gaining money for my welfare and my family'. I am very much grateful to the Anglican Church, Butare Diocese and its supporters, for having set up Mubumbano TVET School in which I was trained".

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PCC Pickings update February 2020



Early in 2019, preparations and acceptance of the Accounts and the Annual Report ready for the APCM kept the Treasurer, Independent Examiner and Secretary busy!

Under church finances the annual contribution to the Common Mission Fund, the Budget and ways of encouraging increased giving were debated. The PCC agreed to donate the collection from the Christingle service and a further £250 to help children from Hordle school to attend a Venture Camp.

Small group discussion helped to produce our parish Mission Action Plan that was presented to the Diocese.

Preparations for a new House for Duty Minister involved a visit to PCC by the Archdeacon with an introduction to a new style of Parish Profile and Role Description that was produced by the Diocese.

Ongoing problems with external brickwork at St Andrew's have resulted in differences of opinion between architects as to how this should be rectified and is still not resolved!

Having had to replace one of the gas boilers at the Memorial Hall, the PCC have been looking into how they can be proactive in using renewable energy in the future, in the form of solar panels - watch this space!

Recovering the Memorial Hall chairs, fitting a wall-boom for the projector at All Saints', purchasing coffee machines for both churches and a drum kit for All Saints' were Agenda items, some actioned and others in process.

The rotting main doors at All Saints' and the beam across the foyer are too low for undertakers to carry in a coffin, the whole area is looking tired, the toilet is not easily accessible to disabled persons and the coffee serving area is unsatisfactory. These were the starting points for a working party to discuss a complete revamp of the welcome area. An architect has been instructed and plans drawn up. We will need a faculty.

The PCC have been impressed with the re-launch of LINK magazine.

The next APCM is on 29th March followed by a lunch.

Mary Moynagh (PCC Secretary)

Men's Breakfast held at All Saints' Church Hordle

Let's face it – being a Christian man in our society isn't easy. We need all the encouragement we can get!

All Saints' and St Andrew's have been jointly holding Men's Breakfasts for many years. These gatherings are an opportunity for men to meet together informally, to chat and enjoy a full English breakfast, served by our efficient 'breakfast team' ladies and then to listen to a speaker.



Speakers are usually invited guests but have also included members of the group, speaking on a topic of interest to them.

In the past our guest speakers have been Dr. John Parker on behalf of the charity 'Smile', Arthur Binns on his experience of receiving Maundy Money, Andrew Robertson from *Delivering Hope*, a charity working in South Sudan, and Professor Meric Srokosz on the Christian response to Global Warming. Recently Nick Freeman shared his experiences of faith and God's calling. There is a summary of Nick's talk and where he is now in the February LINK.

The February speaker was Viv Carter, the Regional Community Fundraising Officer of the *Honeypot Children's Charity*. She gave an entertaining talk on the charity, explaining how *Honeypot* helps in providing young carers with regular respite breaks, learning breaks and ongoing outreach support.

The group meets three or four times a year on Saturdays from 8.15am to 9.45am. Meetings are advertised in the parish notices. Tickets can be bought from David Moynagh at All Saints' or Paddy Armstrong at St. Andrew's. Make sure you book your ticket or we may run out of sausages! Normally 30 to 40 men attend and the group is open to all (well - men!) You are welcome to bring along friends. It's a good way to introduce new people to the Church.

Next Men's Breakfast 9th May - Wil Horwood, Director of *Mission Direct*.

Charlie Rodgers

Two thoughts on giving ...

From a sermon at St Andrew's

A child was given a 20p piece and a £1 coin by his mother and told he could choose which one he put in the offering that day.

After the service, his mother asked "Which coin did you put in?"

The child replied, "I was going to put the £1 in ... but the preacher said that God loves a cheerful giver, and I thought I would be more cheerful with £1 in my pocket!"



Contactless at York Minster

Contactless collection plates were recently introduced at York Minster. "Four bronze digital plates were offered to the congregation before, during and after the morning worship." "It offered the worshippers the opportunity to give to the Church in denominations of £5 and £10 by simply swiping a contactless card on the receiver."

"The plates, designed in bronze to resemble the traditional offertory, follow a wider rollout of contactless payments across English churches, which has led to 97% more donations."



Reported recently in
The Daily Telegraph



Here is another Lent Book recommendation ...

Dominion by Tom Holland - The Making of the Western Mind

As the author of five major books including *Rubicon*, a Sunday Times Best Seller, one can rightly assume Tom Holland's book will be well regarded. It would appear that many highbrow intellectuals feel that they do not need any outmoded religious beliefs to acquire their superior value judgements for humanity.

Tom Holland's in-depth account does not gloss over the horrors of the Crusades or the Spanish Inquisition – he tries to be as detailed as possible.

Time and again, Tom Holland invites readers to find out how illogical, irrational and yet effective Jesus has been. He asks readers to re-examine the evidence for themselves.

This is a challenging read ... Why not give up television for Lent?

Abridged from Peregrine Bruce's recommendation.

Meet the PCC - 6 Andrew Franklin

I was born in Hartley Wintney in Hampshire, the youngest of four children. It was a comfortable and happy childhood. It was considered quite safe for young children to cross the road and play outside unsupervised during daylight hours. I played a lot of football and cricket on the village common and the passion for these two sports has remained.



I found the right career relevant to my skill set and qualified as a chartered accountant. My working life was based in the industrial sector and I enjoyed managing people and finances. My favourite role was my final one when in 2002 I became the finance and administration director for the Anglican Communion in London. I met a lot of interesting people from many different countries, which widened my horizons. The largest gathering of the Anglican Communion is the Lambeth Conference where, every 10 years, the Archbishop of Canterbury invites all the bishops from around the world plus their spouses to come together at Canterbury University for two weeks. I considered it a huge privilege to be a part of this.

I am married to Leanne and we have three sons, one daughter and two grandchildren. Having lived a large part of our married life in Old Basing, it was Leanne's brainwave to come and live near the sea and the New Forest. We moved in December 2015 and feel truly blessed to live in such stunning surroundings.

Having worshipped at Christ Church Chineham for 28 years, we were a little apprehensive about finding a new church. We are so happy to have been led to, and been made so welcome in, the church family at Hordle and Tiptoe.

Leanne works part time in Lymington, while I retired in 2012 and enjoy playing golf and going for long walks. I became Treasurer in November 2017 and enjoy the varied and sometimes challenging aspects this role involves.

Dear God ...

I'd been watching Oscar, my (then) one year old grandson, wanting things: particular food, certain toys or people, or to go through a door that's closed.



I'm like that. I imagine that, given the right conditions, I'd be perfectly happy. If I had been more musical or cleverer, things would have been different.....if I lived in a different house or place. I'm wanting fulfilment. I seem to be wishing for something or someone to make me feel complete. I want things to be different from the way they are. Sometimes it is wanting to be accepted or special. Food or shopping can satisfy for a while, but there's still an emptiness, a loneliness, a restlessness.

I have read, 'Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.' Is it you I'm wanting, God, when I feel this longing? Are you there, can you hear me?

Dear Carolyn...

I'm here waiting to be found. Listen!

Carolyn Petts

Thoughts from my Garden ...

The odd sunny day gives us the opportunity to do things in the garden; if only we knew when this would happen, the day could be kept clear! I have bought some seed potatoes so that they can grow shoots, a process called chitting. I hope the weather will be kind so that I can plant them in the ground later in March. I have also bought broad bean seeds which I will plant into toilet roll centres to germinate in the greenhouse; they can then be planted out without disturbing the roots too much.

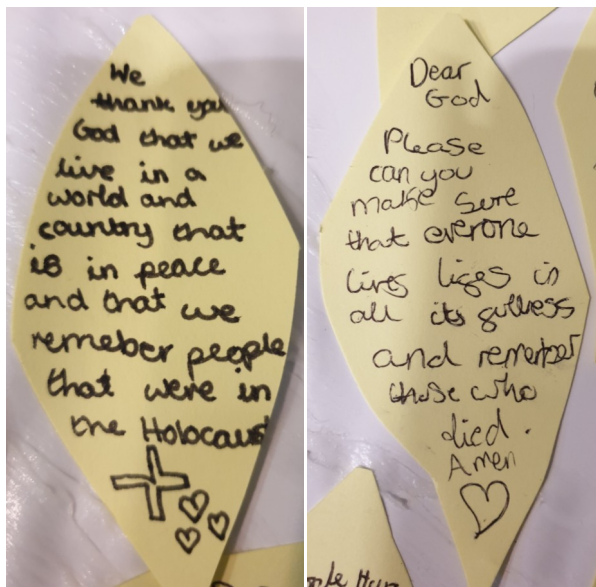
There is not a lot that can be done at the moment, only tidying. The grass could do with a cut but the ground is far too soggy. No doubt it will all come together and then there will be too much to get done! Good job the days are getting longer - at least there is more daylight now.



In the Forest in February, I went to check some water which is highly favoured as a tadpole nursery and, yes, there were frogs there awaiting the arrival of any females. The frogs and toads probably live in the bogs of the Forest for the rest of the year - it would be interesting to know how far they travel to this particular spot. Enough of the tadpoles must survive to return as adults in future years to keep the cycle going. God's natural creation always amazes me when I think of the minutest detail within these little creatures.

Have faith!

Hordle School - Holocaust Flame



On 27th January the children of the Upper Juniors learnt about Holocaust Memorial Day and considered the word 'discrimination' and some stories of Jews who had lived at this time.

The children then wrote prayers and thoughts about peace and love on their flames which we have created as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, marking their 75th Anniversary with a 75 Flames project in schools and around the country.

The children thought this worship linked with our Christian Values because:

Teamship - because together we can all stand up for others when we see something happening that is wrong.

Aspiration - because we are all hoping for a better future.

Identity - because we must respect each other's identity.

Learning - because we all learned something new about the persecution of the Jews in World War II.



Where are they now? - 3. Alice Self

Nine years ago I was sitting my medical school finals and would have laughed if anyone had suggested I'd be back in Oxford working as a clinical research fellow in the Nuffield Department of Women's and Reproductive Health!

I left Oxford in 2011, certain I wanted to pursue a career in Obstetrics and Gynaecology with a focus on Global Health and hoping that one day that might involve using medical training as a way to disciple junior colleagues towards a relationship with the living God. Most of my professional work to date has been in the West Midlands but I have also had some amazing opportunities to work in Pakistan, South Africa and Uganda.



About 18 months ago I was surprised to be offered a research post back in Oxford. Maternal mortality is still a devastating problem and many women around the globe have no access to ultrasound in pregnancy to help assess how risky their pregnancy is. Ultrasound equipment is often very expensive, unportable and requires skilled operators. Artificial Intelligence (or

Machine Learning as we more often call it) in its various guises will be significant in medical care in the future, and imaging technologies are arguably leading the way. My role is part of an exciting, cross-disciplinary and international team of engineers and doctors who are working to develop a low cost, point-of-care ultrasound tool that would provide basic information about a woman's pregnancy to health professionals, who have no training in performing ultrasounds.

It is wonderful to be back among the 'dreaming spires' for two years and my current job provides me with an interesting interlude in what is altogether a seven year training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. I have trained to a high level in ultrasound and have the joy of showing parents their babies, as part of collecting videos of scans with which we can train a computer algorithm to interpret images. I hope to publish several papers over the next year or two and am benefiting from a job that allows "thinking time" to ponder research questions and analyse published papers, which will make me more proficient at interpreting research and applying it effectively to my clinical practice. For a brief time, I can enjoy the regularity of a 9-5 job, enabling me to get more involved in my new church in Oxford. Furthermore I have had the privilege of travelling – teaching ultrasound in Peru, and visiting our collaborative partners several times a year in Delhi, both of which allow for a little added on holiday...!

*Alice is Helen and Tony Edmonds' daughter
- do pray for her as she faces big decisions over 'what next'.*

Mission Giving from Hordle and Tiptoe - the second Mission which we regularly support is the **Bible Society** ...

Bible Society are extremely grateful for the support and prayers of this community, and would like to share with you some personal accounts of the work that it does.

From the Gulf region Dr Hrayr Jebejian writes: Bible Society in the Gulf is responsible for seven countries; Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Yemen and the United Arab Emirates. We have 15 full time staff and many volunteers. We publish and distribute the Bible in 60 languages. We organise Bible engagement seminars and partner with churches to help people read and understand the Bible.

Migrant workers leave their families, primarily in Asia and Africa, to come and work in the Gulf for as little \$200 - 250 a month. Housed in labour camps outside the city they have heart-breaking stories of violence, abuse, loneliness and suicide. To offer hope to these workers the local churches run trauma healing programmes providing Bibles and Scripture resources for them. We are involved in literacy work to help migrant workers, using, very effectively, programmes of scripture based storytelling. We also train people across many different churches to tell Bible stories creatively. The word of God is generating hope for these people to sustain them through their difficulties.

In China, Preacher Ci Liheng has very few Bible resources. For Ci, born in poverty in a remote area, Bible training is almost impossible to access. However, thanks to the generosity of people like you, Ci received teaching from Bible experts, sponsored by Bible Society. 'It was a real blessing to soak in the word of God, studying under the guidance of experienced teachers' said Ci, who serves a congregation of 250 people.

Open the Book, our Bible story telling programme in primary schools, celebrated its 20th birthday in 2019. An army of 17,000 volunteer storytellers take God's message into schools nationwide. 10 years ago the first handbook and the Lion Storyteller Bible were translated into the Welsh language!

Ghanaian Headteacher Jocelyn Agordo agrees. 'Even though the Open the Book time is short, the children are very happy. When it's Wednesday, you can see them running towards the building. They can't wait to see it.'

Bible Society Chief Executive Paul Williams writes, 'The Bible is an incredible gift that God has given us and one of the ways that we love God with our mind is by applying it to understanding the Bible.'

'We believe that when people engage with the Bible it has the power to change lives for the better.'

Tim Cosby



Bible Society



PSALM 23 GARDEN

This year, among the lilies and roses, celebrities and royalty, Bible Society is working with multi-award-winning designer, Sarah Eberle, to create a garden that will bring Psalm 23 to life.

The well-known biblical text has been the inspiration for art and music down the centuries. Also known as 'The Lord's my Shepherd', Psalm 23 includes references to 'green pastures', 'still waters' and a place of destination at the end of a journey. All of this is conveyed in Sarah Eberle's design.

Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23 Garden design



Prayer requests -

Psalm 23 Garden

The show: Thank God for the opportunity that the RHS Chelsea Flower Show affords to take Psalm 23 to a global audience. Pray for a positive impact on the judges and the media and, through them, the public and visitors.

The team: Please pray for good health, safety, protection and inspiration for all the members of the team creating the garden, especially the designer and contractors.

Inspiration: Pray that communities, churches and schools would be inspired to develop their own community gardens based on Psalm 23, using Bible Society resources.

'The Psalm is quite clear in its description of landscape', she adds. 'Most people can understand that and get their own interpretation out of it. It's relevant whether you are a churchgoer or not. That's nice. It makes you think about it!'

After the Show, the Psalm 23 garden will find a new home at Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, which is set to open later this year.

If you find yourself visiting the Chelsea Flower Show this summer, do please visit the Bible Society Psalm 23 garden ... take some photographs ... and then share with other LINK readers your impressions of it. We would love to hear from you! Ed.



The owners of these boots have all gone up to **Coffee Pot** in the Upper Room at the Memorial Hall Hordle.

Coffee Pot meets every Friday during term time from 8 am and caters for all sizes - mums, dads, grandmas and granddads, carers and child-minders - everyone welcome.

Great real coffee and yummy chocolate biscuits !

Wordsearch - the hidden words are all somewhere in this magazine! >>>

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bible bishop boots breakfast coffee
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If God brings you **to** it,
 He will bring you **through** it.
 Happy moments, praise God.
 Difficult moments, seek God.
 Quiet moments, worship God.
 Painful moments, trust God.
 Every moment, thank God.

Shirley Goodnest

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son Timmy walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. Then she had an idea of how to handle it.

She asked a neighbour if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. The neighbour said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbour and her little girl set out, following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbour's daughter. She did this for the whole week.

As the two children walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, because she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says,

"'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it."

HORDLE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Hordle W.I. meets on first Tuesdays at 2pm in the W.I. Hall, Ashley Lane, Hordle.

Contact: Lesley Hogbourne, **01425 627942**

Hordle Gardening Club meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ashley Lane, Hordle. Contact: Secretary, Sue Winter, **01425 610171**

Hordle Flower Club meets 2nd Wednesday in the month at The Pavilion, Vaggs Lane. 7pm for 7.30pm. Contact: Denise Gibb **01590 642804**

Hordle Photographic Club meets on 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Church Room at All Saints'. Contact: Ian Blundell **01425 629838**

Hordle Voluntary Care Group provides transport for people in Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton to medical appointments when they cannot use public transport and for relatives to visit in-patients at hospital. We take clients to the St John's Ambulance bathing service at Gordleton Industrial Estate. We urgently need more drivers to support our clients. Can you help with just a couple of hours a month? Contact our co-ordinator on **0845 388 9063** to book a driver or find out more about volunteering.

Dial-A-Ride provides a door to door shopping service for people who find it difficult to use the bus service. Lymington on Tuesday and New Milton on Friday. To book the service ring **0845 602 4326** (local call).

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Tiptoe Brownies (term time only). 4.30-6.00 for girls 7-10 years. Meet in the school. Contact: Rachael Garman, 01425 615683

SCARF Youth Club, 6.30-8.00 for children with special needs aged 11-16. Contact: Lucinda, 07874 221249

Young Farmers' Club, Tiptoe Contact: brock.hantsyfc@gmail.com

Tiptoe Community Coffee Morning 10am - 11.30am on Wednesdays at Life Centre.

Mobile Library. Young Farmers' Club, Wootton Road, 4th Thursdays, 2-2.30pm.

If you know anyone who would appreciate receiving **LINK by post** ... please contact Christine Warren or Pat Perkins with details.

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How about these for Hordle and Tiptoe?

The Daily Telegraph reported in January that ... “the Church of England wants to reduce its carbon output to zero by 2045. The plans indicate a change away from gas and oil heating, which for a church building can be a very large bill.” In mid-February, the DT reported that the General Synod had passed a motion to achieve that by 2030. The 'climate emergency paper' says that part of the solution will be to "heat people not buildings" ... **by using chargeable heated cushions placed on pews.**

"The battery operated cushions were developed by a Dutch inventor and cost about £100 each. They produce heating for up to four hours and members of the congregation are able to adjust the temperature."



Maybe something like this?

The paper listed three churches which are already using these cushions. **Should we be the next on the list?**

Grace

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace ...

Only that it meets us where we are

But does not leave us where it found us.

Anne Lamott



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