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***“Since we live by the Spirit,  
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Galatians 5:25

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# Welcome to the February Edition of LINK

It is wonderful to start a new year and look forward with hope and joy to all that lies ahead. As we reflect on Christmas, there is so much for which to give thanks. I want to thank all of you who have faithfully served the Lord at both Hordle and Tiptoe churches over the Christmas season. It is a very busy time for churches everywhere, but there are many in our two congregations who really have gone the extra mile to serve the Lord and to serve others.



There were so many school events to be involved in over Christmas, ranging from Nativity Plays to the end of term services, as well as a few other special celebrations. Some of these called for a bit of dressing up with Christmas jumpers and silly hats! One tremendous opportunity I had was the privilege of attending a special celebration for Fiona Adams (Head Teacher of Hordle Primary School) as she received recognition for 25 years in education. The staff lined up 25 children who all had lovely things to say about her. I also had

the privilege of being invited to a special 'Thank the Vicar' assembly which was quite a surprise and literally blew me away! It felt like my birthday! The children commented on my love of surfing, guitar playing and hosting BBQs and drew all of these things in one picture on my thank you card!

We are all especially looking forward to Anne Elliott joining us in the Parish this year as she takes on the role of Associate Minister. Anne joins us after spending several years serving at Pennington. We wish her all the best, and the promise of our prayers and support as she begins this new role. There are many exciting times lined up for us in the forthcoming year and it is my prayer that, as we live out our Bible Verse motto for the year:

to '***..keep in step with the Spirit...***'

the Lord will truly enrich our times of fun, fellowship and worship together as we grow closer to one another in love and grace.

Every blessing, *Paul*

## **CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY 2020**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Christopher Knox</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Andrew's</b>	<b>Rev Peter Head</b>
	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Worship Team</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Prayer and Praise</b>	<b>Church Room</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Parish Morning Prayer</b>	<b>St Andrew's</b>	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Rev David Moynagh</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>St Andrew's</b>	<b>Rev Paul Taylor</b>
	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Rev David Moynagh</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Licensing Service for Rev Anne Elliott</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Parish Morning Prayer</b>	<b>St Andrew's</b>	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Ella Taylor</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Communion</b>	<b>St Andrew's</b>	<b>Rev Anne Elliott</b>
	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Ella Taylor</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Parish Morning Prayer</b>	<b>St Andrew's</b>	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Rev Anne Elliott</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>St Andrew's</b>	<b>Rev Carolyn Petts</b>
	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Rev Anne Elliott</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>Memorial Hall</b>	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Parish Morning Prayer</b>	<b>St Andrew's</b>	

### **February's Sermons**

At the time of Jesus, the Temple was at the centre of the Jewish nation. Jesus and his family, being devout Jews, would have appreciated this. In fact Jesus refers to the Temple as 'his Father's house'. So our February sermons are based around Jesus and the Temple.

- 1) Jesus is presented to God as a baby by his parents in the Temple.
- 2) Jesus learns from the Teachers and the Rabbis in the Temple aged 12.
- 3) Jesus' ministry including teaching in the Temple.
- 4) Jesus was angry at the misuse of the Temple by the money changers and trades persons so he clears them out.

## THE PARISH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2020

### Regular events

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 February

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Men's Breakfast in the Memorial Hall
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Lunch Club in the Memorial Hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee at the Potting Shed, Redcliffe Garden Centre
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.50am	Quiet Garden
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Tea @ 3 in the Memorial Hall
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee at the Potting Shed, Redcliffe Garden Centre
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast 96 Stopples Lane
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Quiz in the Memorial Hall
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		Lunch in the Memorial Hall for families with children, following the All Age Worship service - details to follow.

### Competition Time!

If, like Emily Booth, 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?***



## Looking back to 2019

*We gave her away - reluctantly!*  
**... Well actually Paul did ...**

Early in December, Ian and I enjoyed being with Tom to attend Rev Elizabeth Bennett's Licensing as Associate Priest of Batheaston with St Catherine, at St John the Baptist Batheaston. This is only a few miles from their home in the beautiful countryside between Bradford on Avon and Bath.

It was a lovely, ceremonial service led by the Archdeacon of Bath The Venerable Dr Adrian Youngs who preached in a similar style to Elizabeth. His topical theme was "*Jesus is a selfie of God*" - umm... food for thought to bring away with us.

St John's is a large beautiful church with a welcoming friendly congregation, who have already taken Elizabeth to their hearts as she has worshipped with them since her appointment was announced.

She will, as ever, be a busy lady, involved no doubt with community organisations in the village, including a thriving youth initiative.

Tom too is very happy and has already made many friends there when he is not in his garden or walking Sukie over the fields.

Yes, it has been sad for us at St Andrew's to lose her, and from the Hordle Parish; however it is good to feel she has been led by God to do His work where she is obviously a very good fit.

*Heather Andrews*



*Dr Adrian Youngs and Rev Elizabeth Bennett*

### Wise words

Before speaking - think! Is it kind ... necessary ... timely ... true?

## Wonder, Love and Praise

Step away from the commercial Christmas 'hype', come in wonder to consider "the Love that came down at Christmas", and then give praise to His glorious name; that's what many have done at All Saints' during Advent and across the Christmas period of 2019. With over 200 attending the atmospheric Christingle service, nearly 300 present for the wonderful Carols by Candlelight and 250 drawn to the Crib service, the 'clickers' have clicked some 1375 times from 1<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> December.

In the Memorial Hall, Messy Church's Christmas Breakfast was a joyously well attended event, the Little Angels enjoyed a beautifully themed Nativity Party and the Tea @ 3 crew glowed pleasure with their festive fun.

Of course none of the above 'just happens', so a massive THANK YOU goes to our impressively large group of volunteers - carol singers, musicians, 'techies', church decorators, welcomers, sidesmen, food and drink providers, child carers, lift givers, etc, etc - all in all a wonderful team effort. In the relative calm and tranquillity that has followed all this activity, it has been a delight to welcome newcomers to Sunday worship and we look forward to further fellowship with them in 2020.



*A festive family at All Saints'*

**A Happy New Year to you from all at All Saints'.**

*Duncan Argyle*

## Giving at Christmas



A little boy and his father studied a Nativity scene and the father explained to his son that the Wise Men were presenting their gifts to the Baby Jesus. The boy then asked, "Daddy what are we going to give Baby Jesus this year?"

## Christmas at St Andrew's

We enjoyed some memorable services at Tiptoe marking the celebration of the birth of Jesus our Saviour.

**The Service of Light on December 1<sup>st</sup>** was a magical beginning to our celebrations. After a beautiful, peaceful service with pauses for personal thoughts, the community atmosphere in the congregation was very evident. Our 'Coffee Corner' was overflowing with exchanges of good wishes for enjoyable and celebratory days ahead. Our seasonal banner provoked food for thought in the village as they began their busy preparations. **'It's the Festive Season, Jesus is the Reason'** brought favourable comment from Tiptoe and surrounding areas.



**Our well attended Carol Service** was a credit to our Choir, led by Timothy Rice on our very special traditional organ and the handbells just made it Christmas.

**Christmas Midnight Service** welcomed in that very special day.

**Christmas Morning Service** brought new life to the carols we know so well, being full of hope and good will for all.

The New Year brings St Andrew's a new incumbent. We send all good wishes and a warm welcome to Rev Anne Elliott as she takes us forward into 2020.

Heather Andrews

### Mission Giving

**THANKS** to all who donated: the mission month envelopes for November, including the gift aid, amounted to £3632.12 which will be split between the four mission partners Bible Society, MAF, Tear Fund and Leprosy Mission.

Some monies were collected earlier in the year and added in, hence the appearance of unequal amounts. The amounts sent are as follows:

Leprosy Mission:	£1511
Tear Fund:	£1522
Bible Society:	£1301
Mission Aviation Fellowship:	£1234

*The Mission Committee.*

### St Andrew's Nativity

Years ago I went to the Holy Land. In Bethlehem, I purchased a hand-carved nativity scene. Every year since, this has been displayed in St Andrew's Church at Christmas. It was stored in the Organ vestry. This year (2019) when I went to place it in position, it had gone! Please may it be returned. I am too old to go to Israel again so cannot replace it. If you have borrowed it, or know who has, please return it. Bless you.



*Joan Rymell*

*In December, David Moynagh preached about Joseph, and several people asked if the main points could be reproduced in LINK - YES, they can!*

## Six things we can learn from Jesus' earthly father, Joseph

- 1) **God uses ordinary people.** Joseph would have thought himself to be a very insignificant person, just as most of us do, but God used him to fulfil His purpose.
- 2) **God could use Joseph because he was prepared to listen to God** speak to him and then obey. We may not hear God speak to us in such dramatic ways as Joseph did but nevertheless God will speak to us – through the Bible, through our consciences, through other people and maybe through dreams - if we are prepared to listen. The question then is 'Will we obey?'
- 3) **God gave Joseph the courage to obey** and go ahead with God's request. Again, we can believe he will do the same for us.
- 4) We know that Joseph made a judgement call on Mary's pregnancy which turned out to be incorrect. **Do we judge others without knowing all the facts?** Are our personal reputations more important than anyone else's?
- 5) **Actions speak louder than words.** In every reference to Joseph in the gospels we never read that he spoke? But he *did* what God told him to do.
- 6) Jesus had no earthly father. Joseph was asked by God to be Jesus' adopted father. He took on that role, creating a normal family in which Jesus could grow up. In other words **Joseph was prepared to stand in the gap for people in need** and that is what God wants us to do today. If we are willing, God will direct us and give us the ability and courage to do so.

## The New Year Party ...

was fun but most people were 'partied out' so only the select few had fun and frivolity together. It was amazing how many 6's Margaret Honeyman (well into her 90's) was able to throw in the 'Chocolate Game'!



## Candles

A well-known pastor and author from Texas tells a fictional story in one of his books of a bunch of candles that were in a storage cupboard. One night, there was an electrical storm, and the electricity in the house went out.

So the husband went to the candles to get them to provide light during the darkness, but the candles - which could talk - all had excuses for why they couldn't leave the cupboard, or why they couldn't give off light.

One said that he needed more preparation. He didn't want to make mistakes when he finally was sent to light a room, and so he was studying to be the best candle he could be. He said he was in a study on wind resistance, had just listened to a tape series on wick build-up and conservation and was getting ready to read a best-selling book on flame display called *Waxing Eloquently*.

The second candle claimed to be busy meditating. He said that he was meditating on the importance of light and that he couldn't be disturbed because it was so ... enlightening.

A third claimed that he wasn't stable enough and had to get his life together before he tried to light any rooms. He said his main problem was that he had a short temper and people thought he was a hothead.

The fourth candle was a female, and said that while she would like to help, lighting the darkness wasn't really her gift. She was a singer, and her responsibility was to encourage the other candles so they would go out and light the darkness. To reveal her gift, she immediately launched into a beautiful rendition of "This little light of mine."

All the other candles began to sing as well, and nothing the owner could do would make them stop.

When the husband asked his wife where she had picked up the candles, she said, "Oh, they're church candles. Remember the church that closed down across town? I bought them there."

**Candles that won't shine. I wonder if that is how God sometimes views us.**

*From a book by Max Lucado, "God Came Near" - used by Peter Head in a sermon at Tiptoe recently.*



## Thank you for looking after us at Tiptoe!

Since Elizabeth left us, the congregation at Tiptoe has been 'looked after' by an amazing team of clergy. The congregation expresses sincere thanks to Paul Taylor, Christopher Knox, David Moynagh and Graham Fairbairn who have all visited us from time to time.

Carolyn Petts and Peter Head have worked tirelessly on our behalf, keeping us organised and 'in the manner to which we had become accustomed'! Our special thanks to them.



*Graham, Carolyn and Peter relaxed after the service at Tiptoe recently.*

**"Jesus became what we are ...**

**so that we might become what he is."**

*Paraphrased from Athanasius of Alexandria, and used by Joan Lane in prayers at Tiptoe.*

## Now we look forward to 2020 ...

The Licensing Service for

### **Rev Anne Elliott**

is to be on Sunday 9th  
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at All Saints'

All are welcome



Anne has written  
us a letter  
introducing herself.  
You can read it on  
the next page.

***We warmly  
welcome you,  
Anne!***

## Dates for your diaries ...



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## Hello All!

This month, after much waiting, I will be joining you in your worship and parish life. I look forward to this time with you as we journey together through the months and years ahead. The journey for me so far has been one of short phases of activity (mainly emails with the Diocese!) and longer periods of waiting. Life is much like this in many ways, and the future is unlikely to change! But we will find ways forward together as the family of the church, the body of Christ, sharing our sadness and celebrating together in our joys.

Some of you will know that I was ordained in 2011: it seems to be a pattern in our wider family to be 'late developers' in finding our niche! After growing up in Sussex and Kent, I moved to Hampshire in my mid-twenties, married and moved back to Surrey! After 2 years we returned, with our first son, to the New Forest, and have remained here, with our family growing to include our second son, and now our daughter-in-law and two gorgeous grandchildren.

After my early days in banking (which only lasted 9 months – Treasurer, please note!) and a number of fairly short-term clerical posts (admin isn't my scene either!), I trained as a counsellor with a degree in Theology and Counselling, and eventually ran my own practice. I also qualified as a supervisor, and took on a number of associated roles. This period of my career was far more fulfilling and continued for 17 years, until after I was ordained and time limitations meant making the decision to concentrate on ministry.

My husband Richard was ordained in 2006 and after initial resistance in following this path myself, I recognised my own calling and studied part-time at STETS in Salisbury. Throughout these times I have belonged to churches at Sway, Brockenhurst, Milford, Everton and Pennington, and I'm now delighted to complete this list with yourselves at Tiptoe and Hordle.

I hope to meet many of you at my licensing on 9th February and others over the coming weeks and months ahead, and getting to know you all.

Blessings *Anne*

## Meet the PCC - 5

### Tony Cooke



I was born in Croydon, the third of four boys, each five years apart from the next. My Mother was clearly craving a daughter!

I was married to Cheryl, with whom I had forty years of wonderful marriage until she died after a short illness three years ago. She was my office manager when we met and she was very supportive of my career in general management. At one stage this involved extensive global travel and quite a few relocations including one overseas with a three month old!

We have two lovely daughters with equally superb husbands. One is local. The other lives in Warwickshire. We have been blessed with four grandchildren, three girls and one boy whose ages range from four to nine.

A career change for me in 1991 led to our move to this area, and, not before time, some geographical stability entered our lives.

I began my Christian journey rather late, motivated out of curiosity and by a need to be confirmed so I could be a Godparent. Our friends were concerned that I was becoming over-womanised (even our dog was female) and decided I needed a couple of Godsons to compensate (and a Scalextric set too!)

I served on the PCC in Blagdon in Somerset for a number of years and because of a mistaken belief that I was an accountant was appointed Treasurer.

My faith waned for several years although we still occasionally worshipped at St Andrew's in Tiptoe. It was rekindled as a result of personal events and through the support and fellowship we received during my late wife's illness and beyond. It was strengthened through participation in the Alpha Course.

I was invited to put my name forward for election to the PCC in 2018.

## Dear God ... Psalm 23 for Busy People - by Toki Miyashina



***The Lord is my Pace-Setter, I shall not rush,***

*He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,*

*He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.*

*He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind; and his guidance is peace.*

*Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for his presence is here.*

*His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance.*

*He prepares refreshment and renewal; in the midst of my activity, by anointing my mind with his oils of tranquillity,*

*My cup of joyous energy overflows.*

*Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,*

*For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in his house for ever.*

**Perhaps ... if I could read it ... slowly ...**

**I would like us to walk together, at your pace.**

Carolyn Petts

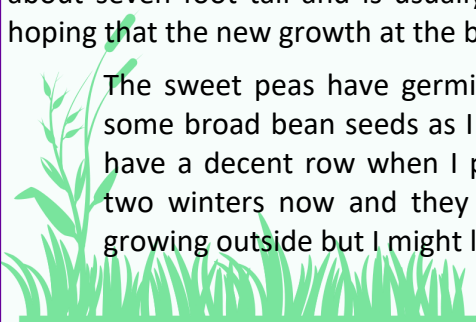
## Thoughts from my Garden ...

Here we are in February and many signs of spring are appearing. Bulbs are growing, hazel catkins can be seen, the days are getting longer and the birds are singing more. I try to plant the first early potatoes in the third week of March when we seem to get a little better weather, but I must go to Beaulieu garden centre where they sell seed potatoes loose, to get them chitting.

I did not do much soil preparation in the Autumn, so I think I will try removing the weeds and putting potatoes in without too much fuss. Judging by the way weeds grow, it should work. My Daphne has blown over; it is an upright one about seven foot tall and is usually covered in sweet smelling flowers. I am hoping that the new growth at the bottom is a replacement.

The sweet peas have germinated well in the greenhouse. I must get some broad bean seeds as I plant them first in pots and then I know I have a decent row when I plant them out. I have left dahlias out for two winters now and they did well last year. I still have geraniums growing outside but I might lose them yet if we get a hard frost!

Spring **is** coming!



## Hordle School

### OUR WONDERFUL GRANDHORDLES!



Here at Hordle Primary School we have so much admiration for our lovely volunteers we call our Grandhordles! They give up and devote their time during the week to read and help the children with their schoolwork. Not only do we value their generosity but we also know how much the children love spending time with them all.

It is so brilliant to see the children connect with them and the respect shown is just amazing.

*"The Grandhordles are really kind and lovely and if I get stuck on a word they always help me to work it out."*

*"I love the Grandhordles! They are really nice and friendly and they like it when I read them stories."*

*"The Grandhordles are very kind and help me when I don't know a word in the story."*



The Grandhordles Team is coordinated by our fabulous Mrs Ursell who has a wonderful rapport with all generations and really has done a great job keeping this tradition alive.

If you would be interested in joining our Grandhordle Team please come to the school office and collect a volunteer pack.

We hope to see you soon!

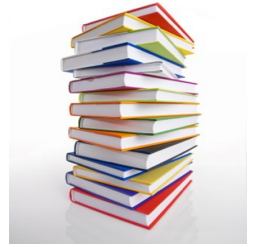
**Team Hordle**

## Book Review – Peregrine Bruce recommends ...

Edward Michael Grylls OBE, better known as 'Bear' Grylls, has long been famous and popular for his amazing feats of survival and daring expeditions which have been well documented and televised. However, this former SAS serviceman and Honorary Lieutenant - Colonel is also a committed Christian who has written a daily devotional book called 'Soul Fuel' which **Peregrine Bruce has chosen to recommend this month.**

This book is a manual containing a year's practical 'thoughts for the day'. In it, Bear shares the stories behind his most incredible expeditions explaining how his faith gave him the purpose and the power to persevere against all the odds. He explores the themes of hope, courage, risk and heaven.

### Bear Grylls Soul Fuel



Peregrine writes: 'It is well kindled with a bright heart, a tested faith, unquenched hope and the ability to tap into the reality of our eternal fountain of love. Bear shares with us the inspiration he has drawn from God's Holy Word to apply as daily guidance so we can be joyful under duress. This is a daily survival pack for active, committed souls. The Bible is often encouraging us to keep the 'light of our lives' burning and Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians instructs us to keep our soul fires burning (Ch 5 v.19a) so this is a positive way to top up our 'Soul Fuel'.

## Congratulations



To John Shea and Barrie Shield who were both 80 in January.

Also to Terry and Janet Read on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Special congratulations to Ron Lane, Ken's father, and to Jackie Nichols who will celebrate their 100th birthdays in the Memorial Hall during February.

## Missionaries protected by Angels

In his book “Angels”, Billy Graham relates the story told by Rev John G Paton - a missionary in the New Hebrides Islands - that illustrates how God provides angels to protect and care for His believers.



One day Rev Paton and his wife found themselves threatened by hostile natives who surrounded their mission headquarters. The Patons thought for sure that the natives would burn the headquarters and kill them both. They prayed throughout the night asking God to protect them from harm. The next morning they were astonished when they realized that the natives had gone away. They had no idea where or why they had left. The missionaries again prayed and thanked the Lord for saving them.

About a year later, the chief of the native tribe who had threatened them became a Christian. He came to visit the Patons. When he was asked about the incident of that night of terror, the chief told the Patons that he and his men were too fearful to carry out their plans of attack. They had seen an army of giant men in “shining garments with drawn swords in their hands” surrounding the mission grounds. Rev Paton and the chief agreed that there was no explanation other than that God had sent angels to keep the missionaries from harm.

There are many similar stories of God protecting His people. Why not look up II Kings 6!!

*Arthur Binns*

**What about you?** How do you react to this extract about angels? Have you ever seen an angel?

If you would like to send your thoughts to the Editor, some could be printed next month.

**Mission Giving from Hordle and Tiptoe** parish is divided between four Missions. So that we are all better informed as to where our money is going, we will focus on one of these Missions each month until May.

## 1. MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

This is the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Mission Aviation Fellowship. After the Second World War, a small number of Christian ex-airmen had a vision of how they could use their flying skills to take the word of God to people who had never heard it. MAF was born. It took three years of prayer and fundraising before Stuart King, Tom Banham and Jack Hemmings secured their first aircraft.

From that acquisition came the first survey flight across central Africa, which took six months. The survey was not without incident, including writing off the original aircraft in a crash landing. Luckily no one was seriously injured.

Seventy five years later MAF now operates in 26 countries with 131 light aircraft. Their mission is to transport missionaries, medical staff, teachers and ambulance emergency services. They carry Bibles in local languages for distribution, and necessary supplies. They have installed computer centres in African villages and internet networks in Papua New Guinea and Ecuador and have been indispensable to emergency services when major disasters, including earthquakes, occur. They are also used regularly by Tearfund and their partners, other charities and government officials.



MAF fly from more destinations than any other airline. There are three major operational centres - Ashford in Kent, Idaho in the US and Cairns in Australia.

MAF came to international attention in 1956 when an American pilot, Nate Saint and four other missionaries were murdered on a beach in Ecuador by members of the Huarani tribe. Subsequently, family members of those killed went back to Ecuador and spoke to the Huarani. As a result a number of the tribe who carried out the murders became Christians.

## Are you up for a New Challenge in 2020?

### Opting OUT

There are 100 members in our church,  
 But 30 are frail and elderly.  
 That leaves 70 to do all the work.  
 But 18 are young people at college,  
 That leaves 52 to do all the work.  
 But 14 are tired businessmen,  
 So that leaves 38 to do all the work.  
 But 16 are busy wives with jobs and children,  
 That leaves 22 to do all the work.  
 But a further 10 have most important outside interests,  
 That leaves 12 to do all the work.  
 But 5 live too far away to come regularly,  
 So that leaves 7 to do all the work.  
 And 5 say they have already done their bit for the church.  
 That leaves you and me ...  
 And I'm exhausted.

**Good luck to you!**

### Messy Church

Our super team need some help. We do activities and craft which need NO extra skills - just a sense of humour, patience, and joy in the Jesus stories we are sharing with our friends. It would be great if you could spare time on 23rd February from 4 pm – 6pm. Excellent tea! We are a friendly and helpful team. Thank you. Viv Binns Team Leader (01425 611379 binnsviv46@gmail.com) Hordle contacts – Nettie Shea and Jackie Brown.



### From the Hordle bell tower ...



2019 has been a very challenging year. Many thanks to our small band of ringers, chimers and Handbell ringers.

We have eight tower bells, but regularly only ring four or five!! We would love to get all of our eight bells ringing.

We need a replacement for Dorothy who has now moved closer to her family. (Two or three would be good!)

Many thanks to Mark Strode who helps change ropes when Tony is away. Could you help with this occasionally?

The Handbells ring at rest homes, day centres and Oakhaven throughout the year but our busiest time is December.

We always enjoy the Carol Service at Tiptoe, and we collected £191.52 for Oakhaven ringing outside Tesco (thank you to Tesco and customers). Another £200 in donations makes a total of £391.52 for Oakhaven this year.

We nearly cancelled some of our December ringing due to a lack of ringers (one person had to ring two bells in each hand to overcome the shortage!).

We do need more ringers, chimers and Handbell ringers to enable us to continue in 2020.

For more information please contact Faith & Tony Webster (01425 611947).

## Where are they now? - 2. Nick Freeman

It was a pleasure to share my experiences at the Men's breakfast a few months ago, and this is a summary of my talk.

I was a PE teacher at Ballard School for six years, and had an amazing time. I left in the summer of 2018, after months of prayer and thought, knowing that God had called me to step into a very different year ahead.

In January 2019, I left for Madagascar with my fiancée, Naomi, to volunteer for three months in a little village school. The school was set up by a British missionary couple. It was an amazing experience. We taught PE, English and



craft lessons, led Bible studies and took part in daily worship. We organized a sports day, a talent show and a craft day that all of the kids loved. We felt very welcome. The trip had taken us way out of our comfort zone but Jesus provided for us every step of the way. The village community didn't have much materially, but they were some of the happiest people we had ever met, and trusted fully in Jesus for him to answer their prayers.

We returned to England for just six days. In that time, a job came up for me from Sept. 2019. This was a total surprise and we just knew it was God's plan!

We then spent three weeks in Peru, before heading to Bolivia where we spent the next two months volunteering in the juvenile prison system. Two of our friends are missionaries in Bolivia, and we worked alongside them. We spent time playing sports and board games with the boys and girls in the two separate prisons, as well as organizing drama sessions based on Bible stories. They responded so well. During our time there six boys had become Christians. What an experience to approach the prison walls and hear worship music coming from within! Jesus provided all our needs while in Bolivia.

The whole year has been all about stepping out in faith. If God is calling us to follow him in a certain area, it's our decision whether we do so or not. We have found that God has provided all we need every step of the way, and when we step out God has such exciting things for us.

*(Nick is Roger and Karen Freeman's son.)*

## 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.

**This magazine is free ... and we hope you enjoy it.**

But, if you wish to make a donation (minimum 50p) that will be gratefully received—or you may like to make a one-off payment of £5-£10. Cheques payable to 'Hordle PCC'.

## Daffodils 2000 - 2020

I thought it would be a nice gesture to plant daffodil bulbs to welcome in the year 2000 at St Andrew's, so I collected £2 per person and bought a sack of bulbs from a local nursery. Michael Anderson (then Vicar) said, "It will be another story getting the congregation to plant them!" But, bless their hearts, on a Saturday morning, they all turned up, including Peter Reece's wife who



was heavily pregnant at the time! All the bulbs were distributed around the grounds ... and we have been blessed with a wonderful show of blooms every year since. I am sure you have enjoyed them. If you haven't, take a look this year, as we celebrate their 20th anniversary!

*Joan Rymell*

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