



**All Saints' Church, Hordle
with
St Andrew's Church, Tiptoe**

**Annual Report
2020**

Aims Of Our Parish

- » Worship God in Spirit and Truth (John 4:23)
- » Growth in Faith and Fellowship (Eph 4:16)
- » Reach out with the Gospel (Matt 28:19)

2019 Motto

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. John 15:9

2020 Motto

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galations 5:25

ELECTORAL ROLL

There are 144 members on the Electoral Roll (218 at the 2018 APCM) of whom 82 live outside the parish.

WORSHIP

VICAR'S REPORT



The past year has been a time of growth and development in many aspects of our worshipping life together. We have had new musicians joining the worship band and other people serving in a variety of ways across our service and events that we run; both at All

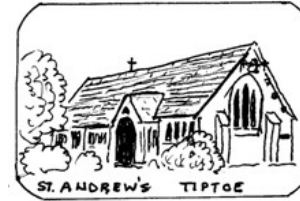
Saints', Hordle and St. Andrew's, Tiptoe

We have been challenged to develop and grow in our determination to communicate better and also challenged to invite a wider range of people to all the events and services in our parish. This has been greatly helped by developments in our use of social media.

Thank you so much to all of you who have contributed to our worship and fellowship. There is an incredibly high level of commitment shown at both Hordle and Tiptoe. We every much look forward to the leading and prompting of the Holy Spirit as we continue to grow in faith and fellowship with one another.

Revd. Paul Taylor

ST ANDREW'S, TIPTOE



During my last six months in the parish, there was the usual raft of Sunday services, as well as home communions, small group studies, hospital visits, staff meetings each week, and the occasional chapter meeting with other ministers in our deanery.

Following the resignation of Alex Pugh as warden, Ian Andrews ably filled the post and took care of the fabric of St Andrew's. A persistent leak in the newest part of the roof was finally conquered, the pipe organ has had regular tuning and is appreciated by many when it is played.

Among funerals, there were two in particular; one for Pat Fisher who had made all the embroidered banners and altar cloths at St Andrew's, and one for Joy Stephenson who was a long-standing member and was instrumental in starting the Butterflies pre-school in the church hall.

There was the annual Pet Blessing service on Tiptoe Green, and I continued to attend the Tiptoe Community Coffee each week as well as take part in the Open the Book sessions at Tiptoe school. The Garden Office at Church Cottage was visited often by members of the congregation for pastoral visits, business matters, tradesmen who needed to get into the church, etc. I believe it was a very worthwhile investment, thanks to the generosity of members of both churches in the parish during my first year.

I take this opportunity to state how much I enjoyed my almost five years at Tiptoe, and I wish God's richest blessings on St Andrew's and on All Saints in the years to come.

Rev Elizabeth Bennett

Elizabeth left her post with us to return to her country home in Holt then to pastures new at Batheaston. Paul, Tom, Heather and myself were able to join her at her Licensing Service. Paul handed her over with some reluctance as we were sorry to see her move on. She has however found new challenges and her

new congregation are, so I believe, learning the lesson that we learnt; don't suggest something because if you do you will find yourself running it! I am still wondering just how I became Warden at St. Andrew's Tiptoe.

Well God was with us, and the numbers attending each Sunday has not diminished. All are pulling together and the comradeship is increasing, helped by a marvellous area at the back of the Church where many of the congregation stay for a chat and coffee after the service.

Between Elizabeth leaving us and Anne joining, the congregation has been looked after by an amazing team of clergy. Carolyn Petts and Peter Head have worked tirelessly on our behalf keeping us organised and "in the manner to which we had become accustomed". A special thanks to them both.

The congregation also expresses sincere thanks to Paul Taylor, Christopher Knox, David Moynagh and Graham Fairbairn who have led us for a number of services.

Christmas was a busy time with The Service of Light, Carol Service, Midnight Service and Christmas morning all of which were well attended. Christmas also saw a series of banners on the Church fence which has made many more aware of our presence.

We are supported by many enthusiastic groups that have formed to help make the church a warm and friendly place. I would like to thank not just the leaders of these groups but all who join them and polish the brass, make sure that the flowers are fresh, the coffee brewed and many more contributors in other ways. It would be unfair of me to name those involved in the many activities as I would be sure to miss someone out; there are so many! However, my thanks goes to you all.

All this has contributed to a vibrant church for Anne to lead when she joined us in February. We all welcome her and look forward to the new chapter for St Andrew's.

Ian Andrews.

WORSHIP GROUP



Youth and Worship. The Youth Band have continued to grow in leading us in a closer walk with the Lord. They have been practicing together regularly every week, learning new songs and gaining in confidence with their playing.

Personally I feel very proud of them and I hope they are proud of themselves. They have put in a lot of effort and are a joy to work with. The keyboard and guitars have been joined at different times by youngsters on Saxophone, Trumpets, and a recorder. More recently, drums have been added to the mix, which has been very special. Keep up the good work guys you are amazing.

Prayer and Praise.

Prayer and Praise happens on the first Sunday of the month from 6:30-7:30. It is a very informal time of singing and praying, leaving space for the Holy Spirit to speak to us, it has grown with new faces appearing which has been lovely.

Pat Hood

The All Saints worship band has been growing over the past year, both in number and confidence. We have more guitarists, pianists and now a drummer, with many of them being young people who started gaining confidence in the youth band and now starting to play with the rest of the band on Sunday mornings. We have been blessed to have bigger and better sound equipment.

Highlights for this year have been going "on tour" to Sway for a worship evening, and hosting our own at All Saints, which brought people from churches in Brockenhurst, Sway, Tiptoe and Lymington to join us. We love learning new worship songs and creating an atmosphere of worship in church on a Sunday where we can experience the presence of God. Please continue to pray for the worship band!

Briony Strobe

ALL SAINTS' HORDLE



We have celebrated another fantastic year at All Saints' with the growth and development of our worship and activities in a variety of ways. We have seen a small influx of new people joining our worship services at both the 9:15am and 10:15am services and this

has been encouraging and exciting to see.

The worship band at the 10:15 is continuing to grow and change with new members joining the band and the continued introduction of fresh, new worship songs as we seek to develop that more contemporary and modern approach to worship at this service.

Our All Age Worship Team has really grown in confidence at leading these times where people of all ages can worship and engage together with one another. The number of people attending these All Age worship services has been very encouraging.

We also continue to have wonderful times of fellowship at the more reflective 9:15am service. This caters for those who prefer a more traditional and reflective format to their worship on a Sunday. We have so many people serving and helping at both of our services; something that has been very encouraging to note over the past year.

Revd. Paul Taylor

MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church is a congregation to meet people where they are, with a message they can connect with. Crafts Activities Prayers and a Celebration. A strong support team and helpers. Our numbers have increased and stretched our resources! This is not a congregation for children only, but for everyone. It is a circle of folks of all ages meeting together to enjoy learning about God in a way that works for them. We continue to look for innovative ways of presenting the stories sometimes we stray out of the box. The main empathise is to have friendship, trust, fun and enjoying a meal together.

What is there not to like ? Have you given it a try, it is fairly chaotic and noisy but well worth all the effort, it takes is mind blowing, but the rewards of smiley happy faces make it worth well.

Please keep us in your prayer as we continue on our way with our mission to reach folk with out any church experience.

Thank you

From Viv Binns and the Messy Church team

FELLOWSHIP

SMALL GROUPS



When meeting regularly with others in small groups we deepen our relationship with God and each other. We grow in love and knowledge of God and learn how best to support one another in the Church.

All the groups, from both Churches, continue to thrive and we have been able to find places for new members of the congregation within our existing groups. If anyone feels they would like to lead a new group we would love to hear from you, as many of the current groups are full to capacity. Please contact Christina Rodgers or the Church Office.

Charlie and Christina Rodgers

Our Current Small Groups

Milford on Sea - Gill Morris
Every Tuesday 7.00pm

New Milton - Tony and Helen Edmonds
Alternate Tuesdays, 7.00pm.

New Milton - Charlie and Christina Rodgers
Alternate Tuesday 7.30pm

Hordle - Ed and Pat Hood
Alternate Tuesdays 7.30 p.m.

New Milton - Louise Booth
Alternate Tuesdays, 7.30pm

New Milton - Ilse Ritchie
1st Wednesday of the month, afternoons

New Milton - Maureen Westlake
Weekly Wednesday evenings

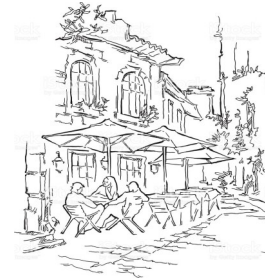
Everton - Tim and Rosie Cosby
Thursdays 9.30am
Young Mums group - friendship, support and bible study with coffee and biscuits

Everton - Tim and Rosie Cosby
Thursday 6.00pm, starting with a shared meal, then bible study

Hordle - Hazel Hainsworth
Alternate Thursday afternoon.
2.15pm

COFFEE AT THE POTTING SHED

At Redcliffe Garden Centre



A number of us meet fortnightly on a Friday at this pleasant venue to chat and relax over coffee and 'naughty nibbles'.

Folk from all congregations enjoy meeting informally and whether there are just 4, or as many as 16 of us, there is always a warm buzz of conversation. There is no need to come every time - just drop in and out as it suits your diary. The only event which needs prior booking is the delicious Christmas lunch which we share each December. Lifts can be arranged.

Netty Shea

CHURCH VISITORS



The Church Visitors group continue, on behalf of the Parish, to visit and support people who are housebound, lonely, or unable to attend church in the long or short term.

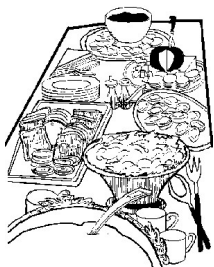
As Christians we are called to 'love one another' and do this willingly in the name of Jesus. Our Church Visitors, in addition, visit when asked by the clergy or leader and are supported by the parish.

At present there are fifteen visitors as part of the group and approximately 31 people who receive a visit, some as friends. Thank you visitors for all you have done this year!

Please pray for this ministry, and for the appointment of a new leader. If you would like to join as a visitor or know someone who would benefit from a visit please speak to one of the clergy.

Rev Carolyn Petts

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS



In the past year we provided four receptions in All Saints Memorial Hall which have saved families from one part of the worries and stress at a sad time. Some were for dearly loved members of our congregations, others for local people to whom we can reach out to giving help and support.

The costs of these meals is always well below the commercial level to the amazement of our treasurer as many people bake as their way of saying goodbye. However overall we have made small profits contributed to some new kitchen equipment and tablecloths.

Our bakers and contributors of food have done us proud as always and enhanced our reputation. Often the family would like a theme; a flower, a colour, a cake or sweet which was a favourite, we always provide this if we can.

Thanks and praise is always abounding; sometimes leading to pleas to provide catering for other occasions but only one or two 'in house' events have seen the team jump into action. 'Team' is the word, the kitchen is amazing a hub of efficient business. But we cannot, and would not wish, to call ourselves a 'business' even if we provide a spread for over 100 [people] which would never make a profit!

One interesting point is the development of encouraging families to bring items for a 'memories table'. Which helps people to remember in their own way their relationship with the deceased. Apart from photographs - even of the dog - and items such as knitting, tapestry, lace, paintings, and garden tools, it is always good to have souvenir items from family events and past gatherings to promote.

Thanks must be expressed to Netty and the whole kitchen team, the barman, the front-of-hatch workers, the set up team, our treasurer and all others who may have contributed to us being able to give this wonderful service.

Heather Andrews

OUTREACH

THE LINK MAGAZINE



This time last year Brenda Hipkin was Editor of LINK and I would like to pay tribute to the years of service she gave to the production of LINK, first with her husband Trevor, then with Gail Giles and latterly on her own.

After Brenda's retirement, in September 2019 LINK took on a new look. Two main changes occurred – it is now printed in full colour, and

it is free.

LINK aims to underpin the **link** between All Saints' and St Andrew's, to celebrate our **links** with our church communities and to raise awareness of our **links** with the wider community.

I have been hugely encouraged by the support and enthusiasm being shown for the new-look LINK. I am ably supported by a whole team ... there are ideas people, sounding boards, proof readers, publicity people, distributors and (where would I be without them?) the tireless technical support team.

This *is* a team effort ... and the team includes you! I often say that the magazine will only ever be as good as the material that is submitted. So, please keep it coming!

LINK is now advertised as free, and free it is, but we do ask that the Church family continue to make donations towards its costs – then we can continue to make its distribution free within the community.

Christine Warren (Editor)



WORLD MISSION

The parish continues to support the Bible Society, The Leprosy Mission, Tearfund, Mission Aviation Fellowship and the Anglican Diocese of Butare in Rwanda.

Giving to Mission – the amount given in 2019 was £8,792. This figure includes the (non-covenanted) collection on Mission Sundays, the Lent Project and the November Gift 'Days'.

The gift for Rwanda, £1,810 was split equally between Butare where it will support their Centre for Training Young People, and the Lyndhurst Deanery projects.

The support and donations were greatly appreciated by the recipients. See the Parish's annual financial account for a breakdown of how much was donated to individual charities/ organisations

COFFEE POT



We have to have an early start so those with band practice can be dropped off early and enjoy our Fresh Coffee and yummy chocolate biscuits. Friendships are formed and vital links are made with our community, as we share their good news and bad. We have a group of children who come with their carers regularly, we share their fun and laughter - a real tonic for us all.

Thank you to Judith without whose help it would be harder for us all. This is primarily a church group, but keeps us in touch with what makes the world tick. Praise the Lord for his goodness to us all.

Gill, Susan, and Viv

LITTLE ANGELS

(Parents, Carers and 0 – 5 year olds)

Little Angels continues to be very popular on Tuesdays in term time in the Memorial Hall, particularly in the mornings. Numbers vary each term depending on ages of children, daytime sleep patterns, acceptance to pre-school etc.



Toddlers and their accompanying adults come to enjoy the toys, craft projects, singing, refreshments and friendship and for the children to have the space to run around. It is lovely to see previous members coming back with their next child.

Please ensure that any neighbours or friends with pre-school children or grandchildren know about Little Angels and encourage them to come along.

All helpers have done the necessary level of Diocesan training for safeguarding. We now use a tablet for GDPR forms which the younger generation find easier to use than the volunteers! This transfers all the information straight to Church Suite.

We have had challenges on the team front this year due to ill health and I am grateful to those who have filled in and done extra to cover the gaps. The on-going help of all our volunteers is vital and I want to say a big thank you to all those who currently make Little Angels happen week by week.

Anyone interested in joining the team to chat to the Parents / Carers or to help make tea & coffee please speak to me.

Mary Moynagh

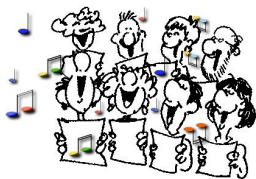
SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again the churches rose to the challenge of filling shoeboxes for children in Third World countries. We donated over 100 and also sent extra hats, scarves and tennis balls. Many of the congregation are already knitting for this years boxes. Thank you everyone for your generosity.



Gill Morris

VILLAGE VOICES



We have seen more growth in our Choir over the past year and regularly have 25 people each week

it's a wonderful outreach with more people from the community than Church. Several new members have come via Hordle

Community Centre, I think this is from working closer with them which is good.

Jo Powell continues to support me with the choir, and I couldn't manage without her.

We had a concert last November in aid of 'New Milton Dementia Action Group'. We sold tickets for this event and served a ploughman's lunch, it was extremely successful and raised

£575. We then sang at the church Christmas lunch, The Wheel pub one evening, Otters Garden Centre, and the HCA switching on of lights. We raised a further £200 from all of this.

We sing a variety of songs, and it isn't necessary to read music. If you would like to join us just come along. We meet on a Wednesday night in St. Andrew's Church hall Tiptoe, from 7:15-9:00 pm. All welcome.

Pat Hood

HORDLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Once again the Church had a marquee on the Rec for the Annual Hordle festival. Church activities were displayed, and crafts and games were available for children.

The following day the Church held an Open Air Service of Praise on the Rec.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



We meet, once a quarter, on Saturday morning at 8.15am for coffee or tea, and a full English Breakfast is served from 8.30. At approximately 9.00am a guest speaker speaks for about half an hour, followed by questions.

This past year we have had talks from Professor Stephen Evans on "Surviving an air crash", Nick Freeman on his experiences in Africa and South America, Graham Fairburn on "Tearfund" and Viv Carter representing the charity "Honeypot".

Recently our numbers have increased and we now get 30-36 men at each Breakfast.

Once again it is very much appreciated that some of the church ladies have been willing to cook for us. This has resulted in being able to reduce the cost and having more money to give to charities that our speakers may represent.

We try and finish promptly at 9.45am. So if you fancy a full English breakfast, some interesting company and stimulating talks why not join us for breakfast.

David Moynagh and Paddy Armstrong

NEW FOREST BASICS BANK



Over the last year we have been collecting tins and packets of food for the local Basics Bank. The Basics Bank is run from the rear of the United Reformed Church in Lymington and supplies a food box each week to needy families who have been nominated by local Social Services, Citizen's Advice, or Doctors. Universal credit started in the New Forest in September and this has resulted in a 25% increase in the number of referrals. More than 180 food parcels are now given out each month helping more than 360 people. This help is much appreciated by those in need and if you want to contribute then please leave tins, cereals, milk etc (no perishables please) in the box you will find either in the Church Room or in the Vestibule. Many thanks.

Jill and Mike Peace

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S GROUPS



At Hordle All Saints' we want to see children come to knowing a loving God who wants the very best for them and through the example of Jesus we can learn more about this. The Children's Club forms one part of the ministry here at All Saints' for children.

Every Sunday morning we meet for the Children's Club. After 15 minutes of church worship the children leave for the hall to meet together as a group, with some of our older children now becoming helpers. Additional toys and books for children can be found in the church room for those staying in the services as well.

Children's Club is a lovely time of playing games, singing songs, listening to YouTube clips, reading stories from the Bible, sharing our news of the week and making wonderful crafts to take home. Highlights have been bread making, decoupage crafting and our own obstacle course through the hall!

Once a month we all stay in Church for All Age Worship. New visitors are always welcome to come and join us. *Alex Reece*

OPEN THE BOOK



We continue to visit Tiptoe school every Tuesday. We are an enthusiastic group who will dress up and act the part. The children enjoy this and we do use them as often as we can as extras, dressing them up as well. Sometimes they get small speaking parts. They are eager to volunteer and will tell you how many times they have! Let's hope the children will remember the stories as they grow up. *Daphne Vaughan*

Every other Monday and Tuesday mornings, in Hordle, you will see a small group of people going into school to tell and act a bible story with the help of the children who love to take part and dress up. The stories are very easy for them to understand and we love their enthusiasm. *Pat Perkins*

ALL SAINTS' LUNCHEON CLUB AND TEA @ THREE



The Luncheon Club provides a hot lunch for up to 40 of the senior members of the Church and community on the first Thursday of each month in the Memorial Hall. The objective is to provide company and fellowship to those who attend especially those who are housebound or live on their own. Jill Peace leads the cooking team and a team of drivers collects those who need transport. 'Tea at Three' is also held on the third Thursday of each month and both functions are enjoyed by all who attend.

We have recently raised £120 at Tea at 3 for Toilet Twinning and the toilets in the Memorial hall have now been 'twinned' with toilets in Malawi and Myanmar. The certificates giving details of the twinned toilets are now displayed in our toilets. Toilet twinning enables communities in the poorest countries to be provided with the basic essentials in life such as a toilet, clean water and hygiene education.

We have a loyal band of helpers, who also enjoy these occasions, a huge thank you to them all. *Jill and Mike Peace*

CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE

Outreach in the village



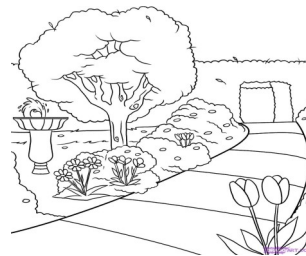
The first weekend in September is always busy on the Rec. From 8am on Saturday morning the Recreation Ground is transformed into a bustling Fairground for **Hordle Festival** with rides, competitions, displays and attractions. Some 50 church volunteers contributed their efforts to erect the church tent, marshal the Car Park, serve refreshments, welcome visitors, assist with crafts and then dismantle everything before sunset.

The theme in our tent was Superheroes: masks, colouring and pipe cleaner people. When the rain fell, which it did, the church tent was crammed to capacity with activity and chat. As the sun returned, folk relaxed on the chairs outside and played tabletop games.

And then we do it all again on Sunday setting up for **Hordle Praise**, welcoming the village to sing songs of praise in the sunshine, - which it did-, to pray for our community and to consider Jesus, our Superhero, the one who forgives and heals. During Paul's talk, the youngsters gathered in the Pavilion to learn the story of the paralysed man and to make little houses out of biscuits, icing and chocolate. Some of the village are "regulars", coming every year to this outdoor service! Worshipping on the Rec seems less threatening than coming to church, we meet in their space, where we enjoy the beauty of the outdoors and can draw a little closer to God together. "We should do this more often" some of our visitors suggest over coffee. Perhaps we should take Church into the village more often! Any ideas for the PCC to discuss? Suggestions to the Vicar, please.

Helen Edmonds

HORDLE QUIET GARDEN



Hordle Quiet Garden has gathered at the home of Charlie & Christina Rodgers on ten occasions this year – on the third Thursday morning each month except August and December. We are very grateful for their hospitality, especially as the weather has not allowed us to spread ourselves quietly around the garden on many occasions in the past year.

Some people have initially found it difficult to give themselves some quiet time to hear what God might be trying to say to them.

After an initial lead from a different person each month to help us let go of all else going on in our lives, we find our own corner to read, paint, do whatever we feel is for us; with God we can JUST BE. We gather again before we return to the busyness of our world and share how we feel, if we wish.

Quotes from one now consistent member

"I thought I could never be quiet for so long" - "I now realise I can, and its wonderful what I hear from God"

The Quiet Garden Movement is worldwide and more can be read about it at www.quietgarden.org Not all are in private homes – some are in schools, hospitals and other gathering places where there can be an opportunity to experience God's Peace. Neither do they have to be Parish orientated, being open to all the community. Indeed for some it is their first contact with the church part of a Christian Life.

If you would like to join us or know more please get in touch

Heather Andrews

HORDLE SCHOOL



We have had another very encouraging year in the life of Hordle School. We are so very fortunate to have grown together as Church and School in the community and this is exhibited in many ways. We have wonderful weekly acts of Worship on Wednesdays, visits from The Open the Book Team and also have done quite a lot of further training on the Church School Vision this year.

One very strong development in the life of the school is the new framework for organizing times of worship. This has Bible passages throughout it, making it very focused and accessible for all staff to lead engaging worship times with all pupils.

We have also enjoyed the trips to Furney Croft Camp where leaders from church and school take time to host a great weekend away for pupils not just from Hordle, but also from surrounding Church of England Schools. This has a major impact of the pupils as they focus on what the Christian faith is all about.

Rev paul Taylor

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Christmas 2019 saw the 5th Christmas Community Choir come together to perform four beautiful pieces of music at the Christmas Carol Service.

We were overwhelmed to have approximately 65 singers in total who gave it their all for an incredible evening. In the five years since the Community Choir started, it has drawn in people of varying ages and backgrounds who want to be part of something special. This is a great way to get the real message of Christmas out to the community.

We were again grateful to Caroline Gill for playing the piano, Rosie Gill for her harp performance, and Nigel Bonard for accompanying the carols on the organ.

Following the success of the Christmas community choir, we have launched Easter Community Choir this year for the first time, with the choir to sing at a "Celebration of Easter" service.

Briony Strode

KEEPING EVERYTHING RUNNING

MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT



The Hall continues to be used on a regular basis for many church activities - Little Angels, Lunch Club, Tea at 3, Coffee Pot and this year an Alpha Course. There are also regular hirers - Indoor Bowls, New Forest Chamber Orchestra and two Pilates groups. The difficulties connected with daytime parking (due to the school) does affect the requests by some potential external users. The Hall continues to be requested for non-regular events. During the year it has been hired out for four funeral meals, one wedding reception, nine children's parties and an Animal Physiotherapy course. Regular bookings continue to be received for school activities. Our grateful thanks are expressed to the small group of dedicated volunteers who help with the regular cleaning of the Hall. If you are able to help with that please contact Peter in the church office.

Martin Scott

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS



We have a monthly rota of helpers who work in pairs, and we always need additional help, both on a regular (once a month), or on an occasional basis, in times of sickness and holidays. If you can help, please contact Gill Morris (01590 642953) or Joan Cliff (01425 620147)

Thank you so much to all those on the rota, who, in addition to their allocated week, have been willing to 'cover the gaps'. If you can help, we would love to hear from you.

Joan Cliff

BELFRY REPORT

RINGING, CHIMING AND HAND BELLS.



2019 has been a very challenging year, due to illnesses, holidays etc. Many thanks to our small band of ringers, chimers and Hand bell ringers.

We have eight tower bells, but regularly only ring four or five!! A few more ringers would be helpful to get all of our eight bells ringing. Thank you to Dorothy who has now "retired" from the chimers and moved closer to her family.

And thanks to Mark Strode for helping us change ropes when Tony is away, we could do with a few more people to help with this on an occasional basis to spread the load.

On the hand bell front we have done well, ringing at various 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 managed to collect £191.52 for Oakhaven ringing outside Tesco (Thank you to Tesco and customers). Plus another £200 in donations making a total of £391.52 for Oakhaven.

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) to save us letting groups down we do need more ringers to spread the load.

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

Faith & Tony Webster.

SANCTUARY GUILD



The Sanctuary Guild continues with its oversight of the church fabric, the cleaning of the brass and silver throughout the church, the flower rota, and the serving of refreshments after the Sunday morning services.

Joan Cliff

CHURCH MAINTENANCE



'The wheels on the bus go round and round, all day long'. The Church 'bus' has its wheels kept revolving by the wonderfully generous giving of time, expertise and financial sums from a splendid band of volunteers.

Judith Rice has cleaned the churches week in week out; many flower arrangers have created magnificent displays; the Sanctuary Guild have polished, 'dressed' and provided; Philip Andrews has planted flower tubs; Bill Petts has mown

Church and Church Cottage grass; Sam McCleod has kept the Memorial Garden immaculate and Clive Stickland has kept the wider churchyard in an attractive manner; Charlie Rodgers has repaired the Lych-gate latch; Graham White has levelled up pathways; David Moynagh has re-vitalised door closures; Mike Peace, Anthea Fisher and Philip Hollowday have painted the Memorial Hall; Tim Cosby has attended to hedges and trees; Ed Hood, John Shea and Mike Peace have re-covered Memorial Hall chairs; and Andy Booth has inspired and headed up several outdoor work parties in various locations. Many others have also made precious contributions that are all greatly appreciated and I thank each and every one of you.

Apart from the 'usual routine maintenance and upkeep' of church fabric, various other matters have been addressed, many of which are still on-going due to regulations, time taken to crystalize ideas and challenges to be overcome.

At All Saints:- it is hoped soon to install a swing away boom arm for the projector; replacing the main entrance doors and generally upgrading the 'Front of House' is being considered; there is the possibility of placing a 'Solar Roof' on the southern roof elevation.

At St Andrew's:- several apertures under the eaves have been 'grilled' to prevent nesting; exfoliating brickwork is being debated by architects with a groundwater hole dug and cavity wall exploration undertaken; new internal lighting was installed over the coffee / social area; upgrading the refreshment / kitchen area is under consideration.

Hordle Church Car Park:- lining parking slots was debated; the hedge has been further 'thinned and trimmed'.

Memorial Hall:- a new gas boiler was installed, paid for by one very generous donation; there is the possibility of placing Solar Panels on the southern roof elevation; a strobe emergency light has been fitted in the disabled toilet and the kitchen hatchway fire-shutter investigated; the walls have been painted; a Velux window-opener has been replaced; some 50+ chairs are being re-covered and 'foot-checked'.

Overall we are greatly blessed to have so many useful, quality facilities in good order and our grateful thanks go to all who contribute so much in various ways (financial, time, equipment, expertise etc) to continually maintain and enhance them.

Duncan Argyle, Church Warden

PARISH OFFICE



Together with admin for weddings, baptisms, and funerals, and much of the church publicity material, many of the church rotas are maintained from the office. Every week we produce the service and notice sheets for all our services, including Tiptoe this year, and prepare the projector slides for the 10.15 service and now also the revolving visual notices. We email out a draft of service sheets on Wednesdays and print the final version on Fridays. Thank you to everyone who act as our eagle-eyed proof readers, to minimize mistakes.

We also take bookings for the Memorial Hall and have just taken on running the bookings for Tiptoe Church Hall too.

This year we have implemented a Parish Publicity Plan. This splits our publicity into 'Outward Facing' documents that are intended for public consumption, and 'Inward Facing' documents that are intended primarily for the Church Family. A special thank you to Rebecca Emery, who creates all the wonderful graphics that we use on our posters, flyers, invitations, websites and Facebook.

Our main Outward Facing documents for new commers, are the Welcome Pack, Church Calendar, Church in Action Report, and the monthly Link Magazine. Together, these tell newcomers who we are, what we do, what is coming up and what has happened. Later on, if someone becomes regular, they are given a GDPR form, an Electoral Roll, and the Gifting Pack. Posters, emails, Facebook posts, My ChurchSuite, the Parish Website, and a double-page spread in the Hordle Village Magazine complete the outward facing documents.

Through ChurchSuite, our database system, we can target publicity at specific groups of people to maximise our reach. We now have nearly 500 people on our database (who have all used our churches in some capacity over the last 2 years) with whom we can communicate, and Facebook gives us reach to over 1000 others.

While we are talking numbers, we estimate that about 1,200 separate individuals visited services at our churches over the 2019 Christmas period. Some attended more than one service over that period. That is an increase of about 200 on the previous year.

Thank you also to Timothy Rice, who maintains and updates the Parish website week by week.

Thank you also to those people who look after the office when we are on holiday, off sick, or need cover for meetings, and those who help by folding, stapling, and cutting when necessary. Without them, things would grind to a halt.

And thank you especially to the small, but dedicated, band of voluntary hall cleaners who keep the place so clean and welcoming. If you fancy a free workout, come and spend a couple of hours cleaning the hall once a month. Your participation will be gratefully accepted.

Peter Reece and Ruth Lambe

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