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A large, colorful crocheted tree made of white branches and various colored flowers and butterflies, displayed in a church setting. The tree is the central focus, with many different colored flowers and butterflies attached to its branches. The background shows a church interior with pews and a window.

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

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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 AUGUST Edition of LINK-on-LINE

There is no letter from Paul this month as he is away. Instead we feature this lovely painting by Churchwarden Gill Morris.



*Slowly emerging, against the background of God's promise.
His compassions never fail, they are new every morning; great is His faithfulness*

Lamentations 3:23



CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2020

In line with current Church of England guidance, Church Services are gradually being reintroduced in both churches. Please see Website for details. Any questions - please ring the Office weekdays 9.30 am- 12 noon or email.

LINK AUGUST COVER

Many will recognise the butterfly tree on the cover this month from Tiptoe Church. In the first service back in the building, Anne used this explanation -

Butterflies represent our emerging from the pandemic

We need to remember that this is a process -

It doesn't suddenly happen!

So over the coming months there will be more changes

As we slowly emerge into a new normal

And we will all be moving at different paces on this.

Many of both congregations have been enthusiastically knitting butterflies throughout lockdown, and the results of their labours will be evident around the parish. Some have already 'flown' to the 'early returners' at Tiptoe School. Others are still needed for when Hordle School returns in September. If you could help, please talk to Ali Taylor.

Winchester Cathedral

There is a new art installation in the Cathedral until September.

The Cathedral website says that they wanted to mark the return to public worship after lockdown in a significant visual way and to draw people's gaze to a hopeful future.

The rainbow colours form a reverse arc in this installation, with 150m of muslin fabric, especially dyed for the project, flowing out from a central point in the cathedral nave. The installation, created by Revd Gill Sakakini as part of her role as Artist-Priest, is described by the Dean of Winchester as a 'gentle and joyful installation which lifts the spirits.'

Do visit the Cathedral website to see pictures of the installation, or better still, visit the Cathedral yourself ... and bring LINK back some pictures!



Anne's 'Thoughts from the Tiptoe Triangle'



Hello Everyone

Very very slowly we are emerging from lockdown, and we have now opened at St Andrew's for church services at 10.00 am on Sundays, with limits on the number of people, so we can maintain social distancing. It is lovely to be back, and to include those at home with a recording of the service so we can be together as one in the Body of Christ. God is outside time and space, and it is only our human measuring which makes it appear that some are returning to the building sooner than others. God holds each of us in the palm of His hand, He created each of us as individuals and He doesn't measure us by what we do or where we are, but loves us all because He made us and cares for us.

Caring for each other is the calling of each one of us, and that caring has grown throughout lockdown. It's important we don't lose our hold on this as time moves on. It's too easy to slip back into 'old ways' as we have seen with the return of pollution across the world now that travelling and industry are building up again, although some of this is inevitable. While many of the restrictions of lockdown have not been helpful to many people as they have increased loneliness, mental illness, and financial difficulties, we need to recognise the hidden gems of love, care and concern for one another, which have grown during this time, and to see how we can develop these in our lives as time goes on.

So, as we look forward now, maybe tentatively in practical terms, but with full trust in God who created and loves us, let's see what we can each do to make this a better world, through prayer, through action and through love.

Anne



Hordle CE (VA) Primary School & Nursery

ALWAYS A TEAM, EVEN WHEN WE ARE APART



Well...what a year we have had at Hordle Primary & Nursery School. Everyone indeed deserves a medal from staff to children, parents, grandparents and our wonderful church and community. We have all been through a difficult time and learned so much, especially that as a team we are stronger than anyone could have imagined. It is in this time we are truly grateful for everything around us and the incredible work our school and community do.

Everyone has channelled their Hordle 'Superheros' and proven just what an incredible school we are!

There are too many to thank by name, so THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!



Everyone at Hordle and all involved have remembered our weekly worship theme and excelled beyond to find kindness, patience, determination and courage during these strange times.

September may look a little different but we are looking forward to an extra special year with the children and fulfilling learning aspirations with all the excitement and enthusiasm of Team Hordle, with a little sprinkling extra from the hard times moving forward.

We cannot begin to tell you all how much we look forward to being a full team again and opening up the gates to smiling faces in September!

For now from us all at Team Hordle have a wonderful summer!

Massive well done to our virtual Sports Day winners—**Team Victory!**





Tony Cooke - Reflections



While at St Andrew's I once received a phone call. The caller said, "Need to arrange a funeral." A rather military-sounding voice I thought. As I began to offer condolences, the voice interrupted and said "Not dead yet." This was typically Tony - brief, to the point and exercising control.

Tony's wife Cheryl had terminal cancer and they wanted to plan her funeral. I visited them and their shared love of classical music became obvious. When Tony said to Cheryl, "Well, what about that piece?" she replied, "It doesn't really matter because I won't be there will I?" There were signs of faith in that household.

We planned the service, and not long afterwards Cheryl died. After the funeral, Tony began attending services at St Andrew's. In fact the only time he was missing was when he was visiting his daughters and his beloved grandchildren. Tony would show up in his trademark V-neck sweater and **always** without a coat - even in winter!

The Alpha Course was suggested to him and he readily signed up (Simon Robertson was leading). They developed a friendship, and Tony also met monthly with two men from St Andrew's at the local Probus lunches.

In later life a focus in that household was food. Tony and Cheryl were both fans of foods from different countries so there was much discussion every day as to that day's meal. Tony was not helpless in the kitchen after Cheryl died!

Tony quietly told me that he had been a PCC treasurer in former times, so my ears immediately pricked up. He was a stickler for detail, and I suspect that he didn't suffer fools easily. He confessed that his whole family were 'control freaks' and that they never wanted a fuss.

Although still working (I believe in a consultancy basis) Tony served on our own PCC until his death, and was a great contributor – again with that eye for detail. As his faith grew, he attended the Bible Course and told me that it had been a big help to him in understanding his faith.

Soon after his diagnosis, I was asked to contact Tony because although he wasn't afraid of death itself, he needed assurance of his place in heaven. I phoned him before he went into Hospice care and we had a lovely conversation about such things as heaven and why "he qualified" as he put it.

Our association was, in life terms, quite short, but I will remember Tony for his willingness to grow his faith through whatever means, for his attention to detail, and for his love of St Andrew's and all it offered him.

A Previous occupant of Church Cottage, Tiptoe.



Meet the PCC - 10 Mary Moynagh



I grew up in Bromley. Our family were members of Christ Church where my mother ran the youth group and my father sang in the choir. Church twice on a Sunday and Crusaders in the afternoon was the norm! My childhood Christian faith has grown in fits and starts over the years!

I met David at church where he would appear in the holidays when his parents were in Rwanda but we didn't become an item until we were both training at St Bartholomew's Hospital. We were married in 1969 and 2 children, Jacqui and Shaun, quickly followed. Life as a G.P's wife in Hastings was busy with telephone duties along with bringing up the family. School nursing, ancillary work in our son's Prep school and as a Sister in a Nursing Home preceded becoming a Practice Nurse.

Following a 'trip of a lifetime' in 1996, to deliver a Landrover from Mombassa to a Bishop in Rwanda, I was diagnosed with bilateral ovarian cancer which had already spread. Life was turned upside down and there followed five very turbulent years. Following two courses of chemotherapy we moved to the New Forest in 1999 to be nearer family. Radiotherapy treatment in London was quickly followed by the need for more chemo but the only option was a trial at the Marsden, which I embarked on following a service of Prayer and Healing at which I felt I was in a cocoon wrapped in God's love. Other 'gifts' from God included Jeremiah 29:11, the promise from the song "*For the joys and for the sorrows*" - 'FOR THIS I HAVE JESUS' - which I heard when first diagnosed AND ... a reduced ovarian marker count! I only managed three courses of this chemo but it worked – a real-time miracle!

Having slowly recovered from all this, the question was what plan did God have for me? Starting the Music Group, helping with Little Angels and now PCC Secretary are all things that have given me God's peace. What next? ...



Tim Cosby's after-service interview on 28th June was with the owner of South Lawns Hotel in Milford. For the benefit particularly of those without internet, we reproduce a précis here.

Tim Wedgwood is the owner of **South Lawns Hotel in Milford-on-Sea**. Tim recently spoke to us about the way in which he and his staff faced the impact of the Corona Virus on the business. He outlined the ways in which, once lockdown was announced, they set about providing a service to the Community.

He immediately set about planning for the lockdown that he could see was coming. Some of his staff moved in to live in the hotel.

By the Monday following lockdown, he had printed and distributed a brochure for the Milford residents outlining the Hotel's delivery services. Freshly baked bread, dairy products as well as lunches and dinners were all offered. Sunday lunches were also delivered. Tim and his staff also found themselves offering practical help to residents, even mending punctures.

Realising that the homeless were under particular threat at this time he offered the Hotel facilities to New Forest District Council. At one time he had 23 guests staying. He made the car park available to people in mobile homes.

Shortbread was baked and sold with all the proceeds going to Oakhaven Hospice. In the first week he raised £1,000 and the total soon passed £2,000. He arranged Goodalls Strawberries to have a stall in his grounds from which over 4,000 punnets have been sold to date.



As lockdown progressed and some outdoor access was permitted, Tim and his team set up a 'Drive Through Burger Bar' in the grounds of the Hotel. This gave a very welcome opportunity for residents to enjoy the luxury of 'eating out' for an evening.



We wish Tim and his staff well for the future and thank them for all their hard work in helping to ease the challenges of lockdown.



The After-Service interview aired on 12th July is précised here for the benefit of those who do not have the facility to watch our on-line services.

Tearfund are a global Christian relief organisation supported by Hordle and Tiptoe churches. Adrian Rushworth, a volunteer with Tearfund, spoke to us about the impact of the Coronavirus on the regions in which Tearfund operates. He used the analogy of us all being in a great storm but in different boats. The people that Tearfund help don't even have a boat and are just clinging to the wreckage.

Adrian spoke at length about the situation in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh, the largest refugee settlement in the world, where over 850,000 displaced Rohingya people live. The settlement houses 77,000 people per square kilometre which is equivalent to four or five times the density of population in New York.

Living in such close confines, the people are almost defenceless against the threat of disease and Coronavirus has now arrived at the settlement. Adrian graphically painted the picture of the near impossibility of providing appropriate hygienic conditions in these settlements with no access to clean water, soap and hygiene products and where Social Distancing is impossible.

To date Tearfund have been able to provide over 33,000 hygiene packs and 5,000 food parcels to this settlement. Training in appropriate hygiene observation has also been provided for over 91,000 people.

Adrian also spoke about the work of the organisation in other regions where Tearfund have a presence in Syria and sub-Saharan Africa. In all these areas the pandemic has simply added another layer of stress to impossible situations.

Tearfund always seem able to make very efficient use of money in these stressed areas. As an example Adrian told us that a donation of £15 can provide five families with adequate soap and hygiene products to last for a month. A donation of £50 can feed three families for one month as well as provide hygiene.



Life must be lived forward, but it can only be understood backwards.

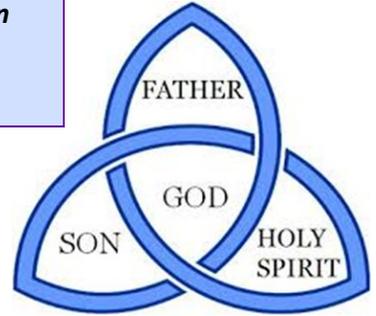
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LINK is very grateful to Graham Fairbairn for agreeing to help us focus on the meaning of The Apostles Creed in this and future issues. We begin this month with an Introduction to the series ...

A Plain Person's Guide to the Apostles Creed 1

An Introduction



Saying a creed forms part of regular worship in many churches across the world. It is one part of the service that can be said almost automatically without much thought as the words are so familiar. It's not a prayer, it's not a hymn, so why is it included in the liturgy? It is included because it is vitally important. Creeds are statements of faith, a statement of what we believe.

In the Church of England two creeds are regularly used. The Nicene Creed, which is often used in the communion service, was formulated by the First Council of the Church held in the city of Nicaea in 325 AD. The Apostles Creed is older, with the earliest reference to it being in the second century AD. It was traditionally thought to have been written by the twelve Apostles. However it is more generally accepted that, because of the date, it was a succinct summary developed to encapsulate the essential elements of the Apostles' teaching. It is obvious that the Council of Nicaea took the Apostles' creed as the basis of their work and amplified it as both follow the same basic formula.

The Nicene Creed starts with the words "We believe" and is a mutual affirmation of the church's belief. However the Apostles Creed starts "I believe" making it a personal statement of belief. This begs a question – do we believe what we say? With this in mind it has been suggested that it would be good to have a series of short articles in LINK unpacking these central truths in what we could call "**A Plain Person's Guide to the Apostles Creed.**"



Letter to Jesus

To: Jesus, Son of Joseph
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From: Jordan Management Consultants



Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the résumés of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

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It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew had been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely, Jordan Management Consultants

(From Eating Problems for Breakfast by Tim Hansel ..Bible.org Suggested for LINK by Davena Shelley)



Tim Cosby's 'After Service Interview' on 5th July focussed on the work of **Lymington Basics Bank**.

Oli Stanley, **Chairman of Lymington Basics Bank**, spoke about the significant, six-fold, increase in turnover that the Basics Bank has experienced over the lock-down period. Oli also provided a heads-up on how his organisation operates.

The Basics Bank, covering the whole of the New Forest from Lyndhurst in the North down to Beaulieu to the East and New Milton in the West, have recently moved into a purpose built facility in Lymington making their operation significantly more effective.

Oli relies very heavily on volunteer support from organisations such as Lions and, particularly, from Fairshare, based in Totton. Over 70% of food is donated. The balance is purchased by volunteer shoppers, many of them local students, who go to the Supermarkets in the late evening to take advantage of the price reductions.

Recently the Basics Bank has taken on the responsibility for delivering to self-isolators in New Milton and the surrounds. Oli relies on volunteer drivers to make deliveries as well teams to pack and allocate parcels.

A typical parcel for a single person may cost £50 whereas a family 'parcel', consisting of several bags of shopping, will cost perhaps £200-300. The parcels contain a whole range of general household necessities including meat, vegetables and other consumables. Oli said that he is always short of special meats, Fairy Liquid and J Cloths.



The concept of Oli's managerial approach is that the whole exercise must be fun for all his volunteers, operating on a non-judgemental basis. Oli expressed his gratitude to the local Supermarkets who have done so much to support his organisation. He also particularly impressed us with stories of how the local community, including Council staff, have given him total support.

**The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve.
It was an Apple, with a very limited memory.
Just 1 Byte and everything crashed!**



Our Missions and ... Coronavirus Pandemic



The Leprosy Mission has written to UK national newspapers and the BBC in a bid to stop them from using the word 'leper' in their reporting.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 we have witnessed a proliferation of the word 'leper' in the media in connection with the virus. Following the lockdown in Leicester, the press is littered with the phrase 'Leicester leper'.

The Leprosy Mission National Director described the word 'leper' as outdated, derogatory and stigmatising to the millions of people today affected by leprosy globally: "It is associated with fear and being an outcast. It reduces a person to merely a disease and increases the stigma around leprosy, something we at the Leprosy Mission work tirelessly to counter."

It has been used recently, to describe the alienation a person feels because of coronavirus. Please join us as we seek to stop this prejudice by asking people not to use the 'L-word'.

The mission values your ongoing prayer and support as it works with its partners across Asia and Africa to ensure the hundreds of thousands of people it serves receive clear messaging on COVID-19, the necessity of self-isolating and the importance of social distancing and handwashing to reduce its spread.

Marion

50 years' experience of responding to disasters has helped Tearfund respond to this one, supporting its network of local church partners on the ground by -

Constructing taps and water tanks, and distributing soap and essential hygiene kits;

Delivering emergency aid to the most vulnerable and their communities, so people unable to work to earn money for food don't go hungry;

Helping to promote right messages about good hygiene and sanitation - thus preventing the spread of lies and misinformation about Covid-19 which undermines efforts to control the virus.

Adapting existing projects (**feeding centres**, emergency cash assistance programmes etc) to provide rapid assistance to those most in need. Encouraging people to **pray** for an end to the outbreak. Ephesians 3:20

Tearfund is also in close contact with other aid agencies to ensure it benefits from the experience of the wider community.

Anthea



One way to respond to a global pandemic is to hunker down and wait for the storm to pass. Another approach is to look up and out, and seek opportunities to help the most vulnerable people. That's exactly how the Bible Society team in the Middle East have responded.

More than 650,000 Syrian refugees live in Jordan whilst millions of people live in real hardship in Syria itself. These families are already among the world's most vulnerable; here Covid-19 has the potential to be catastrophic.

Now, the care offered by Bible Society is vital. As Jordan went into lockdown, our team found new ways of working – and it's making a real difference. Church Leaders contacted Bible Society for support and the team sprang into action, assembling boxes of supplies - and in every one, Scripture. Programme Coordinator Haya Khoury said, 'I am filled with gratitude and joy!

Your prayers are so important to Bible Society teams in the Middle East. Munther Namat, who leads are work in Jordan, said, 'It means a lot to us to see the support of our global Bible Society family. We need prayer for wisdom and strength. And pray for God to plant his peace in people's lives, that their basic and spiritual needs will be met during this difficult time.'

Tim

Mission Aviation Fellowship operates a fleet in excess of 130 aircraft in 27 developing countries flying to reach the most isolated people in the world. The Covid pandemic has impacted many countries, not least those for whom isolation is the normal way life.

Each of the countries that MAF fly in across Africa, South America and Asia have been impacted in varying degrees. In some programmes there is complete lockdown so no flying has been possible, in others the aircraft are able to fly cargo but not passengers and in others flying operations are relatively normal.

Precautions have been taken in many countries such as erecting screens in the small aircraft between passengers and the pilot, masks are worn on flights, aircraft are disinfected at the end of each day and other restrictions make flying in already difficult circumstances even more challenging.

But MAF have been actively involved around the world with the current crisis, flying Covid training literature to remote communities, flying testing kits in for health workers and in some cases actively flying Covid patients out of their remote locations to receive medical help.

Please pray that the aircraft will continue to fly to reach the most isolated people in the world and pray for the staff and their families as many are also in lockdown.



Songs of Praise which the BBC broadcast on 12th July featured a previously screened programme from 2019 of the

The UK's Favourite Hymns

They were:

10. I the Lord of Sea and Sky
9. Be still for the presence of the Lord
8. Amazing Grace
7. Guide me O thou Great Redeemer
6. I vow to Thee my Country
5. Abide with me
4. Dear Lord and Father of mankind
3. In Christ Alone
2. How Great Thou Art
1. Jerusalem



It made a very inspiring programme ... but do YOU agree with the Nation's choice?

What would **your** Top Ten hymns be?

Suggestions to the Editor please ... for inclusion in the September LINK.

Congratulations go to:

Peter Johnson, who was 94 on 16th July, and to -

Tony and Helen Edmonds whose wedding anniversary is 8th August (hopefully a highlight in a difficult year) and on the same date -

Mike and Christine Warren will celebrate their Golden Wedding (included at the Churchwarden's insistence!)

Congratulations to Hannah Rice who has graduated from Exeter University with a First in French, Italian and Spanish. Well done Hannah!

Broken bones!

No sooner do we hear the good news that Gill Morris's wrist is now out of plaster, than the news comes that Valerie Smith has had a fall and has broken *her* wrist! We wish both these ladies swift healing!



Rwanda Corona Crisis

“It’s terrible” – these were the opening words of the email from one Rwandan Bishop writing about the Corona Virus Crisis. A pastor tells that no church services for the past month means no church collections and therefore no income. Yet people come to his house looking for food. The Pastor and his family share the little they have. This story is repeated across the country.

As a parish, we requested that the funds sent to our link diocese of Butare/Huye should be used to meet such immediate needs and the Mission Committee is extremely grateful to all who enabled us to send about £2,000 to Rwanda, divided equally between the Deanery Appeal and our link. The donations were used to purchase food and hygiene materials, namely maize flour, beans, soap and face masks for 106 families.



Again, a big
THANK YOU!



“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelou

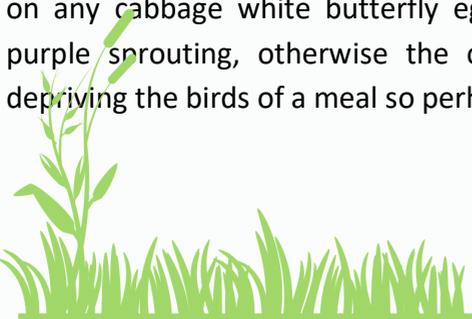


Thoughts from my Garden ...

My garden seems to be a baby bird nursery this year. I have watched a wren going up and down the sweet peas and popping down to feed a baby. The blackbird mother was feeding her baby on a fallen Bramley apple. The young one is still in the garden and is quite tame, so perhaps it thinks we will provide food now the mother seems to have left it.

The sparrows still use the greenhouse as their feeding place, just popping in and out of the open windows. We are picking cucumbers and tomatoes. Soon, I think, there will be too many tomatoes and I shall be making puree to freeze. There are plenty of vegetables in the garden now; the runner beans are just beginning to crop. When I was first married, runner beans were preserved in earthenware jars layered with block salt, which was not always easy to get. This was before freezers became common in homes. I find broad beans freeze well; we always have some at Christmas as they are a favourite with my brother.

It is a constant weeding, watering and deadheading circuit at the moment but I do like to have plenty of flowers around as well. I have a good mass of red dahlias - they stayed outside through the winter and seem to bloom earlier. It is nice to see butterflies around again but I must admit I do put my thumb on any cabbage white butterfly eggs I find on the leaves of next spring's sprouting, otherwise the caterpillars will eat them. I know I am depriving the birds of a meal so perhaps I should put up a notice:



CATERPILLARS:

PICK YOUR

OWN!

Covid-19 reminds us how fragile we are -

Our friendships prove how strong we can be



Dear God



Dear God ...

This conversation is helping me to see things your way. I have put some of the things we spoke about into practice. I wrote some letters I had been intending to write for a long time. I have also begun to discover that our conversations are not only about you and me, but about our concerns for other people.

Dear Carolyn ...

Yes, when you tell me about other people, those you love and those you don't, you are loving them in a special way, bringing them to me for my love to touch them. If you make a commitment to pray regularly for someone you are taking responsibility to connect them and me. But there's more than this - in bringing others to me you are sharing in my plans for the world, fighting what is bad and destructive and evil on their behalf, for the transformation of the world.

Dear God ...

Now it all seems rather big and important, more than I can deal with.

Dear Carolyn ...

It is more than you can deal with, but I can. Write just a few names down and stick to those for a week, then review and change them. Or name the fingers on one hand, and remember them through the day. You can have photos of the people you're committed to when you talk to me about them or pray for people in the news. Make a start.



The Choir Singing for Britain



For three weeks in July, the BBC have broadcast the most recent Gareth Malone challenge. He was asked to inspire the country during the pandemic with song. He accepted the challenge to write an 'anthem' for his on-line choir of volunteers to inspire the nation.

But, along the way, he met three groups of people—NHS workers, a bin-man representing key workers and shielders. Each of these groups came up with a new song, which ultimately they performed to those who had inspired them.

Valid and moving as these were, none fulfilled the brief of 'an anthem for the choir to sing'... until Gareth worked his magic on the song by Rae-Kwan, a 16 year old, who is most at home singing in his church.

From the lines he proffered, Gareth built up an encouraging and challenging 'anthem' ..

"This is just another storm

We will rebuild together"

Why not find the three programmes on BBC iPlayer ... and be inspired!

God is watching the apples !

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Someone had written a note and placed it next to the apples. It read, "Take only one, God is watching."



Moving through the line, to the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

One little boy wrote his own note and snuck it next to the cookies, "Take all you want, God is watching the apples."



On 19th July, Tim Cosby's **after-service interview** 'went agricultural' as he interviewed Geoff Sayers. Here Tim gives us a précis of their chat ...

Geoff Sayers is an organic meat and dairy producer from the South Hams area of Devon. Geoff spoke about his background and passion for promoting sustainable, environmentally-friendly food.



After taking a degree course in agriculture Geoff spent a period in the army. It was his experiences in Asia whilst working for S G Warburg in Merchant Banking that he came to realise the impact that 'man' is having on this fragile planet. This led him to follow an organic farming strategy when he took over the family farm, Carswell.

Interestingly one of Geoff's most difficult management periods was when the 'Beast from the East' great freeze struck in 2019. Trying to manage five large dairy units, of 500 cows plus each, throughout Devon, Somerset and Cornwall was a nightmare.

Coronavirus also brought significant problems with the realisation of the ramifications in the event of staff being taken ill. The route that he and his managers took was to implement total lock down on all five units for the whole period. Geoff likened this to his army days of being on exercise.

Geoff explained that he employs a 'New Zealand' style of stock management, based on his ability to grow grass for up to ten months of the year to feed his herds. Being an organic system he uses no fertilizer or chemicals. This means that he has to employ a very rigorous scientific management style to make the system succeed.

In 2016 Carswell Group farms won the highly prestigious Farmer's Weekly Farmer of the Year award which was a tremendous achievement for this management style. Geoff gave great credit to his dedicated staff who are behind this achievement.

Diversification is also a part of Geoff's business and he offers high quality coastal holiday accommodation through Carswell Cottages.



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

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