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10.00am Holy Communion - 2nd and 4th Sundays

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WELCOME to the May issue of LINK



Sunday 10th May is officially Rogation Sunday.

This is when parish communities traditionally ‘beat the bounds’, processing around the border of their parish, led by the vicar reciting prayers and verses of scripture asking God to bless the growing season ahead and to provide the needs of the parish.

Much less commonly observed these days, this tradition has a colourful history. Rogation, stemming from the Latin word *rogare*, ‘to ask’, originated in the early days of the church as a chance, at the beginning of the growing season, for Christians to ask God for a bountiful harvest to come.

By the Reformation, the medieval church had turned the festival into a procession around the parish filled with the trappings of ritual once more, as if God could be ‘battered up’ into blessing His people.

The Church of England reformers shifted the focus therefore, into reminding local residents on the layout of the parish boundaries – a much more mundane purpose – for fear of ritualism muddying the church’s focus on God’s work for us with an emphasis on our efforts to impress God. Fair enough. But it seems to me the idea of taking time at the start of the agricultural year, to ask God to provide the right conditions for an abundant crop, in humble dependence on Him, is surely a good thing.

We haven’t beaten the bounds of Hordle parish in recent memory, but perhaps in your own way you might take a moment to pause and consider the needs that lie before the people of our parish in the coming months, and ask that God would give us exactly what we need to live well under Him.

In Christ,

Phil

Sunday Services May 2026

All Saints', Hordle

Sunday	3rd	9.30	Morning Prayer
		10.30	Family Communion - Hall
Sunday	10th	9.30	Morning Prayer - in Church
		10.30	Family Service - Hall
		6.00	Contemporary Worship - Hall
Sunday	17th	9.30	Holy Communion - in Church
		10.30	All Age Service - Hall
Sunday	24th	9.30	Morning Prayer - in Church
		10.30	Family Service - Hall
Sunday	31st	10.00	United Parish Service - in Church

St. Andrew's, Tiptoe

Sunday	3rd	10.00	Morning Worship
Sunday	10th	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	17th	10.00	Morning Worship
Sunday	24th	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	31st	10.00	United Parish Service at All Saints'

Prayer meetings in May 2026

Monday	4th	11.00	Zoom P M
Monday	11th	11.00	In Hall
Mondays	18th, 25th	11.00	Zoom P M.

Registry

14th April 2026	Funeral of Gay Bennett
16th April 2026	Funeral of Mervyn Williams

Calendar for May 2026

Bell Ringing	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	May	7.00	Bell Tower, Hordle
Carers' Friends	20th	May	1.30	Memorial Hall
Coffee	8th, 22nd	May	10.30	Camellias, Everton
Fun and Fellowship	12th	May	2.30	St Andrew's Hall
Quiet Garden	21st	May	9.50	Rodgers
Rooted	17th	May	5.30	Memorial Hall
Table Tennis	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	May	7.00	Tiptoe Church Hall
Voyagers	12th	May	7.15	Upper Room

Men's Breakfast

23rd May

in the Memorial Hall

8.15 for 8.30 am

Speaker : *Stefan Smart*

'From teacher to One Man Show - I AM Mark'



Set backs in efforts to implement an ideal do not prove that the ideal is wrong.

(Dag Hammarskjold)

Cover photo: **Leanne Franklin** has been cloud spotting at Keyhaven! Thank you!

Easter celebrations ...



at All Saints' ...

Holy Week at All Saints' started with an Easter Egg hunt at the Vicarage where 40 children enjoyed searching for brightly coloured eggs.



On Maundy Thursday evening a buffet meal was shared by around 35 people in the Memorial Hall. Phil gave a reflection on the significance of Maundy Thursday and communion was included during the meal.

On Easter Sunday we celebrated the risen Lord with a full church praising the Lord in worship and song and sharing communion together.

*Jesus Christ is Risen today,
Glory to God in the highest
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

June Bailey

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Our whole Church family came together for a "Bring and Share" lunch at St. Andrew's Hall on Palm Sunday. There was plenty of food to enjoy - as well as the company - and there were some really good dishes to try. A chicken and leek pie was very popular, whilst for those who like something a little different, there were Korean dumplings with a dipping sauce. Veritably, something for everyone!

A big thank you to all who attended and made lunch a joyous time to delight in fellowship.

Joan Lane

... and at St Andrew's

Holy Week began at St. Andrew's on Palm Sunday when Palm crosses were handed out as a part of worship and was followed by a Bring and Share lunch. This is an annual parish wide event. The food as always was very enjoyable and the hot dishes were very much appreciated. We missed Janice and Chris after organizing the occasion but willing helpers appeared. Joan coped wonderfully.

A few from St. Andrew's attended the fellowship meal on Maundy Thursday at All Saints'.

Good Friday saw both churches share in a moving service led by Simon - *An hour at the Cross*. We were led in contemplation of the suffering and death of our Saviour and all that it means for our salvation, our sinfulness and the sins of the world negated. The hymns chosen enhanced the thoughts and feelings we were sharing.

Then came the joy of Easter Sunday as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus

Christ. Visitors increased our numbers as we rejoiced, although some regular members of our congregation were unable to be with us. Many of the congregation joined in the singing of 'Thine be the Glory' as Christine played us out at the conclusion of worship!

A fitting celebration of Easter and of the new life and hope in Christ that we are offered.



Kate Pryde

**It's not the hours you put in that count,
but what you put in the hours**

Hordle Flower Festival

at All Saints' Hordle

Saturday 9th May from 10 am



The Bell Tower will be open
during the Flower Festival
from 10-11am

Come and try ringing the bells!



On the bookshelf of life, God is a useful work of reference
... always at hand, but seldom consulted
Dag Hammarskjöld

Church Tent at Tiptoe Summer Fayre



We have been running the church tent at the Tiptoe Summer Fayre for quite a long time now, and we have decided to take a step back. We would love one or two people to take it over, and we will certainly tell you what needs to be done!

**The Fayre this year is on Saturday 6th June
from 12 noon until 4 pm.**

It is always very well attended, and we provide badges for the children, which they design themselves - and they are free!!

If you feel you would like to run this tent, please contact Rev Simon or Chris and Janice. It would be a great shame for this activity to disappear from Tiptoe Green !!!

Janice and Chris Benson

Let us pray ...

Our Father, hallowed be thy name - not mine

Thy kingdom come - not mine

Thy will be done - not mine

Give us Peace with thee

Peace with men

Peace with ourselves

And free us from all fear

(Attributed to Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations)

Open the Book at Tiptoe School



On the last morning of the spring term, we read and acted the story of The Last Supper. The children were putting on a school production that week, so the stage was up and available for us!!

With a table and benches on the stage, we were able to sit round the table at the correct time, and the remaining children were able to see us easily. As we do most mornings we included some children in the cast of Jesus disciples.

The children who were acting with us told us they were currently doing the story in class, so we were able to reinforce what they were learning. Brilliant, we had the right story on the right day!

Janice Benson

If anyone is interested in joining our team, we will be delighted to have them. Just contact Chris or me at St Andrew's .

JB

Dear God, I have a problem ... It's me
Dear Child, I have the answer ... It's me
(From Hordle LINK magazine 1999)



Getting healthcare in remote Tanzania isn't just difficult - it's almost impossible. That's why a recent flight to Chidudu, a village normally eight hours from the nearest city, mattered so much.

MAF's 35-minute flight carried a team from The One New Heart, a new partner organisation working to bring life-saving heart care to mothers and new-borns who would otherwise be completely overlooked. By joining MAF's existing medical outreach services, they can now add services that have never been available in places like Chidudu.

For many villagers, the alternative could mean walking up to 12 hours or taking a motorbike taxi for over an hour, a journey that becomes impossible in the rainy season. Without MAF's medical outreach flights, people simply go without care.

Together, MAF and The One New Heart are making that care possible. By combining aviation with specialised medical care, remote communities can receive the chance for treatment that was once out of reach.

'Together, we are flying for life. Flying for the hearts.'

Please pray ...

- **Giving thanks for this new partnership** between MAF and The One New Heart.
- **For mothers and babies in isolated villages**, that they receive early diagnosis and timely treatment for heart conditions.
- **Lifting up the medical teams and MAF pilots**, asking God to protect their travels.

tearfund

... is one of our link missions

Jaime Abraham, Tearfund's Country Director for Lebanon and Syria says:

“Today (9th April 2026) is a national day of mourning for people in Lebanon, and Tearfund and its partners are grieving with them. People are losing everything in an instant - their homes, their loved ones, their livelihoods. Many tell us they're terrified and losing hope, as nowhere feels safe - the entire country is under attack.

“In a week where billions of dollars have been spent to see the dark side of the moon, the dark side of humanity is raining down on Lebanon. Here, rockets are obliterating hundreds of lives every day.

“We're seeing people forced to make impossible choices. What do you do with the last coins in your pocket? Buy fuel that's gone up by a third, to try to escape the airstrikes? Or buy tomatoes, double the price they were last month, to feed at least some of your children?

At Tearfund, we believe God knows each of these people by name and, with our supporters' help, we can show them they are not forgotten.”

To find out more about how to support Tearfund's Middle East Crisis Appeal, supporting humanitarian needs in Lebanon, Gaza and the wider region, please visit: tearfund.org/middleeastappeal

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The 40 days of Lent prepare the heart and mind for the celebration of Easter.

It is a time for reflection, self denial and when money is often raised for charity.



This year the parish revived the tradition of Lent Lunches with a willing band of helpers serving a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese in St. Andrew's hall every Thursday. Over 80 meals were enjoyed, along with a great time of fellowship. All profits to Christian Aid for their work to end poverty around the world.

The unconfirmed figure is that over £260 was sent to Christian Aid.



MAF verse for May 2026:

I therefore command you 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land' - Deuteronomy 15:11



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Please note, as of April 2026, Hordle Explorers Nursery will be accepting a maximum of 25 hours EYE Funding per week, applicable between the hours of 10:00am - 3:00pm each day. Please visit our website for further information.

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Celebrating our research this World Health Day



*Abielle Hallas, The Leprosy Mission Great Britain
(Abridged from the Leprosy Mission website)*

Today, April 7th, is World Health Day. To celebrate, we're shining a light on some of The Leprosy Mission's research.

Leprosy is one of the oldest diseases in the world. For years, basic care, compassion and the love of Jesus was all that could be offered to sufferers. It was in this spirit that The Leprosy Mission was founded in 1871.

In the 1940's, Dr Paul Brand pioneered surgery to restore mobility to people disabled by the disease. Research into a more effective cure led to the introduction of Multidrug therapy in the early 1980's.

A diagnostic gamechanger

Early detection is critical, but diagnosing the disease before symptoms appear is extremely difficult. Without fast treatment, the likelihood of nerve damage and permanent disability increases. Unable to work, people are plunged even deeper into poverty.

An easy-to-use diagnostic tool would be a gamechanger. One study, funded by The Leprosy Mission GB, aims to develop just that.

Scientists are aiming is to develop a simple finger-prick test that could detect the disease during the early phases of infection. As easy to use as a Covid test, it could be taken anywhere. Faster, more accurate diagnosis would help us reach even more people before the disease devastates lives.

Breakthroughs take time. A field-ready diagnostic may still be years away. Please pray that God will give wisdom to our researchers around the world as they seek new insights.

THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

Now the blackthorn is blossoming, we will soon be through what is known as the blackthorn winter. Perhaps the weather will warm up and stay warmer. At the moment, I am removing layers of clothing and then having to put them back on! I did see two swallows on 9th April when it was quite warm - they must wonder why it gets cold.

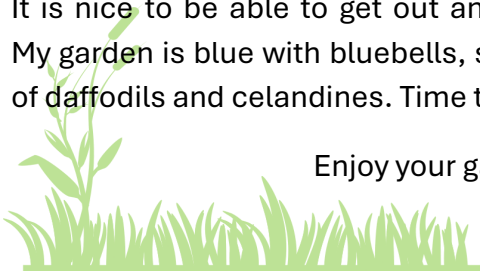


With another daughter staying before Easter, I gave her the task of planting the new plum tree. She is a keen gardener but lives in the Lake District, which has a shorter growing season than we do. After much discussion, a new site was decided on and a hole was dug for the tree to be planted while I went out to a funeral. We put two pipes in so that the water goes down to root level and will not evaporate. Now I must remember to water it regularly, so that in about three years, it will start fruiting. The garden robin often sits on a branch of the new tree ... as he is while I write!

I have been getting the vegetable patch ready, two rows of potatoes are in and also the broad beans which started out growing in pots in the greenhouse. Now a lot more seeds have been put into pots. I have to keep seeds like peas covered to protect them from mice raids, but some I bring indoors every night. The few strawberries I grow are looking good in the greenhouse, as long as the mice don't get there first.

It is nice to be able to get out and about again without getting muddy. My garden is blue with bluebells, sadly not English ones, after the yellow of daffodils and celandines. Time to go out now as the sun is shining!

Enjoy your gardens!



Working with Nature

Did you hear the programme about **hedges** ... and how very important they are for wildlife?

After WW2, miles of hedging were dug up in Britain to make room for food production – but more recently and increasingly, hedges have been replanted, recognising the rich wealth they hold for wildlife.



Early last year, a group of volunteers with the eco-church team planted saplings alongside the border with St. Andrew's meadow and Sway Road.



Saplings selected (donated by the Woodland Trust – thank you!) make up a wildlife hedge – hawthorn, rowan, silver birch, common oak, hazel and blackthorn. For sure, it'll be a while before we see a hedge but it will come!

Within it, wildlife will shelter, rest, breed, feed, nest and live – thousands of birds, insects, small mammals just in that one stretch.

It'll be rich in storing carbon dioxide in its roots, leaves and soil – as well as providing a corridor for wildlife to connect with other nearby hedges and wildlife.

God is amazing in His creativity and the wonder of it. It is a joy to work with Him, even in small measure, to restore what has been lost.

PS: Please remember to plant plants loved by pollinators (bees, butterflies, moths, birds, insects ...) in your garden, as they are essential for the production of fruit, seeds, vegetables, nuts, and more flowers ...

**From Paul Williams, Chief Executive
Officer of Bible Society**



'In April, YouGov informed Bible Society that the 2024 survey sample on which our report *The Quiet Revival* was based was faulty.

'We recognise that this news may feel discouraging and we share that sense of disappointment.'

He therefore shared the following paragraph to keep supporters updated and encouraged.

What's in our new report?

We pulled together polls, reports, statistics and testimonies that show what's really happening around the Bible and Church in England and Wales. Here's what the report has to tell us.

1. The culture's changing – from footballers to philosophers, believers are talking openly about their Christian faith
2. Religious identities are more important – nominal Christianity's declining, but younger Christians are far more likely to practise their faith
3. Young people are a more spiritual generation – widely engaged in spiritual practices and open to faith
4. There's a Bible boom – sales have soared, and Google searches for it have overtaken searches for Harry Potter
5. There's a rise in conversions – the Catholic Church, the CofE and others have all reported increased numbers of adult converts

The full statement from Paul Williams can be read on the Bible Society website.

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Thank you, Lord, for listening any time we want to pray.

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When you're needing strength or comfort He'll be right there
to bless.
Thank you, Lord, for listening, when we call on you for aid.

Prayer is like God's telephone: He may make a call to you.
In your heart you'll hear Him speaking, if you let His call
come through.
Help us, Lord, to listen-in, and do the things you say.

Prayer is like God's telephone, but it's foolish to expect
He will give you all you ask for, either that day or the next.
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