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WELCOME to the MAY/JUNE issue of LINK



As a father responsible for entertaining three small children through the Easter holidays, I was grateful to God for the warmth and sun that graced most of their two weeks off this year. Once again I am reminded of how much warmer it has been in recent years. This is a problem. I recently read that 80% of British homes are

overheating each year, causing hundreds of avoidable deaths. Yet still many people shrug off the concerns of climate change as unnecessary doom-mongering. Fossil fuels consumption is showing no sign of slowing down.

All through history we have run headlong into hazards long past the point where the dangers were established. The scriptures show this to be an inherent trait in all humanity. Even the first humans, when they were warned that just one of the fruits of Eden was dangerous, couldn't stop themselves from immediately doing the thing that brought destruction into the world. We have a strange sort of blindness that can't help but love things that bring easy, immediate pleasure, even when we *know* they will cost us in the long run.

The Bible doesn't present the problem only, leaving us stuck in self-recrimination. It presents the answer and the hope of a future where our blindness has been removed. The promise of Christ's death and resurrection is double: first, that all we have done wrong will be put right, but also that we will be changed and enabled to live like Christ, following God faithfully for the future.

That hope is only partially experienced in the here and now, and Christians, like all people, continue to give in to the temptation to do what's easy instead of what's right. But we must keep turning to Christ, and praying for clear heads and open eyes to see how our actions impact ourselves, each other, and the wider world, and follow Christ in the way of righteousness and justice.

God bless, *Thil*

Sunday Services May 2025

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Sunday	4th	9.00	Morning Prayer	
		10.30	Family Communion	
Sunday	11th	10.30	Family Worship	
		6.00	Contemporary Worship	
Sunday	18th	9.00	Holy Communion	
		10.30	All Age Worship	
Sunday	25th	10.30	Family Worship	
		6.00	Contemporary Worship	

St. Andrew's, Tiptoe

Sunday	4th	10.00	Morning Prayer
Sunday	11th	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	18th	10.00	Morning Prayer
Sunday	25th	10.00	Holy Communion

Prayer meetings in May

Mondays 12th, 19th, 26th 11.00 Zoom Prayer Meeting

New House Group

A new House Group began on Wednesday 30th April. This group will meet weekly at 2pm and initially it will be studying Philippians.

Further details available from Revd Simon Hones

From the Registers

18th Ma	rch 2025	(Muriel) Doris Phillips	Funeral
20th Ma	rch 2025	Brenda Hipkin	Funeral

29th March 2025 Elizabeth Pepworth Interment of Ashes

Calendar for May 2025

Coffee	9th, 23rd May	10.30	Redcliffe
Luncheon Club	1st May	12.30	Memorial Hall
Tea@3	15th May	3.00	Memorial Hall
Rooted	18th May	5.30	Memorial Hall
Fun and Fellow	ship 13th May	2.00	St Andrew's Hall
Voyagers Youth	o 6th, 13th, 20th May	7.00	Upper Room
Quiet Garden	15th May	9.50	Rodgers
Village Voices	5th, 7th,19th, 26th May	7.15	Pavilion
Little Angels	6th, 13th, 20th May	9.30	Memorial Hall
Bell Ringing Pra	actice 6th,13th, 20th, 27th	7.00	Bell Tower, Hordle

Hordle Flower Festival

10th May
All Saints' Church
10.00 - 4.00

Beautiful Flower arrangements

Plant stalls, refreshments, bric a brac stall

At the same time, why not visit the Belfry - see advert later in this LINK

APCM

(Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

11th May

12 noon

Followed at 1.30 by Bring and Share Parish lunch

Memorial Hall, Hordle

Sunday Services June 2025

All Saints', Hordle				
Sunday	1st	9.00	Morning Prayer	
		10.30	Family Communion	
Sunday	8th	10.30	Family Worship	
Sunday	15th	9.00	Holy Communion	
		10.30	All Age Worship	
Sunday	22nd	10.30	Family Worship	
		6.00	Contemporary Worship	
Sunday	29th	10.30	Parish Service	

St Andrew's, Tiptoe

Sunday	1st	10.00	Morning Prayer
Sunday	8th	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	15th	10.00	Morning Prayer
Sunday	22nd	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	29th	10.30	Parish Service at All Saints'

Prayer Meetings in June

Monday	2nd	11.00	Prayer Meeting - Memorial Hall

Mondays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 11.00 Zoom Prayer Meeting

Calendar for June 2025

Coffee	13th, 27th June	10.30	Redcliffe
Luncheon Club	5th June	12.30	Memorial Hall
Tea@3	9th June	3.00	Memorial Hall
Rooted	15th June	5.30	Memorial Hall
Fun and Fellowsh	nip 10th June	2.00	St Andrew's Hall
Voyagers Youth 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June			Upper Room
Quiet Garden	19th June	9.50	Rodgers
Village Voices	4th, 18th, 25th June	7.15	Pavilion
Little Angels 3rd	, 10th, 17th, 24th June	9.30	Memorial Hall
Bell Ringing 3rd	, 10th, 17th, 24th June	7.00	Bell Tower All Saints

Church/Church Hall Bookings

We have a new bookings system, whereby bookings for church activities should be made via the church office, whereas requests for paid private/commercial bookings should be directed to our new Bookings Manager by emailing bookings@hordleandtiptoechurch.org.uk

Palm Sunday

For many years now, there has been a special visitor to the morning service at Tiptoe, but this year was different because sadly Morris the donkey has died. In his memory, on the back of the service sheet that day was the well-known poem The Donkey by GK Chesterton. We thank Morris's owner for her willingness over the years, to support Tiptoe church in this way.

VE Day Commemoration

Village Voices will be singing some old songs in Berryfield Road, on Monday 5th May from 3:30 for about 30-45 mins. It will be a concert to commemorate 80 years since VE Day.



Any one is welcome to come and listen. We will have an Oakhaven pot with us if anyone wants to make a donation.

Pat Hood

Visit the Belfry ...

during the Flower Festival at All Saints' Church on Saturday 10th May from 10.00 till 12.00



Please come along to look at the flowers and take the opportunity to visit the belfry, to see how the bells are rung and take a look at the bells, including the old one that came from the church on the cliff dated 1618. (See article later in this issue. *Ed*)

Due to the reduced number of ringers this may be the last opportunity to watch bellringing at Hordle.

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SATURDAY 10th May 2025

7.00 pm in the MEMORIAL HALL

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Men's Breakfast 17th May

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Also in May -

Betty John, who worships at Tiptoe, will be 90.

Happy Birthday to her.



As we remember VE Day and commemorate 80 years since the end of the Second World War, Kate Pryde has written this very thought-provoking poem.

Remembrance

They fought and died.

They fought and survived.

Memories of friends whose faces stare out from photographs,

Young, smiling,

A defiant gaiety with jaunty caps.

Lives denied fruition,

Caught forever in youth and fading memory.

A mother denied a grave, hardly comforted by medals.

A life given that others could live.

Youngest brother lost, an unknown uncle,

Talent buried in African dirt.

Lord we thank you for those who died

And for those who survived

That we might live with the threats of our times in your world.



Two of our past members have recently 'Gone to Glory' ...

Remembering Brenda Hipkin

Trevor and Brenda took over Tony's house group, previously led by Philip and Mary Drake, some 20 years ago. They proved to be wise, gentle, and good listeners. They encouraged us to take turns to lead, rather than to rely on them, giving us experience of leading a small group. We would squish into their front room. They were instrumental in the



introduction of some informal Songs of Praise Evening Services which different home groups lead.

At the time our life was full. We were newly married with a blended family approaching their teens. The dynamic could be challenging. Brenda, with her life experience, understood and prayed regularly for us.

She and Trevor had a close-knit family. In turn, their children have supported them amazingly, particularly Sarah and Chris who live locally. When Brenda's back caused increasing discomfort, her granddaughter helped with housework and ironing. Brenda was thrilled that her grandchildren were growing up with a lively faith of their own. I remember her embroidering a sampler for her first great-grandchild's arrival, such an exciting time!

Both Brenda and Trevor have been stalwart contributors to our Church family here in Hordle and Tiptoe. Even though we haven't seen Brenda at church much recently, their memory will live long amongst those of us who have had the privilege to call them both our friends.

Helen and Tony Edmonds

And Daphne Vaughn writes -

As our late husbands, Bernard and Trevor, were both Churchwardens, (although not together) Brenda and I would often reminisce about past events, usually over a sandwich at Tea @3! She was a great support to Judith when she was running Little Angels, and Michael Anderson remembers what a huge help Brenda was to Trevor when he was Churchwarden.

Brenda, together latterly with Gail Giles, edited LINK. Her presence will be missed, always with a smile.

Reverend Barry Kent - A Man of God, A Man of the People

Janice Benson writes ... Barry and his wife Judy arrived in Tiptoe in the summer of 2007, to be a House for Duty priest at St Andrew's. They soon became familiar faces in the village. Barry had several jobs before he trained to become a vicar, one being an undertaker, so he said that he knew first-hand that you definitely "can't take it with you when you go"!

Barry had previously served in Bristol and Kinson. He and Judy soon became involved in the life of this parish. Barry started an after school gardening club at Tiptoe school, so he got to know many of the children, and hence the name of Barry the Vicar!

At Sunday services, he always spoke to the children with one of his puppets. This way of teaching Bible stories was enjoyed by adults and children alike. Every year on Palm Sunday, Barry led the procession around the church with Maurice the





donkey, followed by the children waving palms. Barry was at the opening of the Tiptoe Green in April 2011, and for several years he was there as the puppeteer for Punch and Judy at the May Fayre, delighting young and old.

Barry and Judy together ran many functions at St Andrew's. Their door at Church Cottage was always open to anyone who called. Barry regularly went

to the Mother and Toddler group in St Andrew's Hall, and also the Butterflies pre-school, chatting with children and adults alike. In 2008 Barry and Judy founded the weekly coffee morning in Tiptoe village. After the Post Office closed, it became a focal point for local folk to meet and chat and is still going strongly now!

He was a very gentle and generous man, a great leader and preacher, a kind and loving husband to Judy, a caring father to Steve, Josh and Nick and also a good friend to so many of us.

You have made your final journey Barry, so rest in peace with Our Loving Lord, Our Master and Our Friend.

'Thank you, Heavenly Father, for Barry James Kent.'



Ascension and Pentecost

This article is the last in the series of looking at the Church year and its celebrations of significant seasons. **Ascension** is not always marked but it is an important part of the whole story of Jesus' human life. It is remembered 40 days after Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead. He spent time with the apostles and told them that God would send down the Holy Spirit to them, just as He had promised. He sent the apostles out to tell people about Him and the Word of God and then led them out to Bethany, outside of the city, and blessed them. Jesus was then taken up in a cloud into heaven. Two men appeared clothed in white robes and asked why the apostles were watching the heavens. They said "Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!" (Acts1:11).

Pentecost comes 10 days after Christ's Ascension and is the fulfilment of the promise of sending the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - which is how Christians understand God. It is the means by which God is active on Earth.

In Acts 2:3 it says that after the ascension, Jesus' disciples were gathered together when the Holy Spirit descended on them like tongues of fire. It was after this event that the disciples began to preach Jesus' message throughout the world. For this reason Pentecost is viewed as the birthday of the Christian Church and the start of its mission to the world.



A prayer for Pentecost Holy Spirit, fill our homes, and set our hearts on fire with the warmth of your love. Inspire us to new beginnings. Help us as part of your universal church to reach out to others with the good news of Christ, to bring hope to those in distress. Amen

Thank you to Revd Angie Gammon for this interesting and informative series. Ed

Palm Sunday at St Andrew's

After a very uplifting Palm Sunday service, many folk came along to our annual Bring and Share lunch. What a delicious spread! Thank you to everyone who contributed food to share. it was enjoyed by 40 plus people! Thanks to so many of you who helped set up



and clear up afterwards. It is really appreciated - we certainly couldn't have done it without your help!

Janice and Chris Benson

Open the Book

The most recent visit of OTB to Tiptoe school was the story of friends who lowered the lame man through a roof for Jesus to heal, ably stage-managed by Jim. The story required twelve children, some with speaking parts, and responses through the story from all the children.

At the end of our visit Jim presented Helen Smith, the head teacher, with books telling the Easter Story for all the children. These were provided by a loyal friend of OTB.



Gratitude Sunday 30th March

This was a fifth Sunday in the month and was therefore a combined service held at All Saints'.

A good number of folk attended the service at which we gave thanks to God and to each other for all that He has enabled us to do through the voluntary service of so many in the church family. The list of roles that are fulfilled was impressive!

Maundy Thursday Passover Seder

This was held in All Saints' Hall on Thursday 17th April, a celebration meal enjoyed by the 46 people present.

While thoroughly based on the historical events of God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery, this celebration encompasses much more as it becomes a vehicle to celebrate the very nature God and his gracious work in the world.

We were led through this meal by Simon and Anya, using a comprehensive booklet. This has been drawn on in this report. We each had three pieces of unleavened bread (Matzos) and four tiny wine cups. There was a candle, a plate with cooked lamb, parsley and bitter romaine lettuce (instead of horseradish!), a bowl of salt water, and a bowl of Charoset (apple, nuts and honey in red wine) on each table.

The first cup of wine was drunk representing sanctification and freedom. The parsley representing the season of rebirth and God's willingness to enter into a covenant with his people was dipped in the salt water reflecting that life is often mixed with tears. The breaking of the unleavened bread followed. Questions from the children present, with answers to explain the deliverance from Egypt, were illustrated with coloured pictures ending in the final plague of the killing of the firstborn, when the believers put blood on their doors and were 'passed over'. The bitter herbs were eaten as a reminder of how bitter lives are as slaves to sin. The second cup was drunk for 'deliverance'. The Charoset was eaten with the bread to remind us of the sweetness and hope God can bring into our most bitter circumstances.

A piece of broken bread was eaten and the third cup was drunk as a blessing for the meal we were about to have together, a wonderful meal of cottage pie and chocolate dessert!

The fourth cup was drunk in thankfulness for God's enduring grace and love to us whilst acknowledging that we await a new future.



For ten years, the Wintershall Players have been bringing the Easter story to life in Trafalgar Square in central London on Good Friday. Supported by Bible Society and by the Mayor of London, this free event can be viewed on Youtube.

This year our personal witness reported from London on Good Friday ...

'Trafalgar Square is packed with 20,000 spectators as the Wintershall players recreate the true Easter story. Roman soldiers on horseback, money changers in the temple and sinister religious leaders help recreate the story.

Jesus beaten and brutally nailed to the cross is witnessed on the big screen in the Square on YouTube and Facebook by hushed crowds.

Then as Mary Magdalene meets with her Lord a great cheer resounds around central London, HE IS RISEN,'

We are encouraged to watch the whole story at the beautiful Wintershall Estate between June 17 to 21 where the Bible narrative is brought alive.

Dave and Becky Waterman

are our MAF link missionaries. Their Spring 2025 newsletter can be read on line or copies are available at the back of our churches.



Dave and Becky are currently living and serving with MAF in this country, with Dave based at Head Office in Ashford. Becky has been writing books and making videos to convey her love of the Bible.

There have been exciting moments while in the UK. The latest newsletter highlights this one ... **A Royal Reception**.

'Becky had the unexpected honour of being invited to Buckingham Palace in February this year, for a reception honouring many wonderful organisations working for various humanitarian causes. Along with three other MAF representatives, she walked through the palace gates



and enjoyed the opportunities to meet and shake hands with the king and queen. The contrast of the opulence of the palace with the last few years in Liberia was dramatic, but it was really special to hear from so many people who had flown with, or knew of, the work of MAF around the world.'

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Whatever

Whatever your trial
Whatever your struggle
Whatever your cry
Whatever your difficulty
Whatever your problem
Whatever your need

God sees God knows God hears God cares God understands God provides

THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

I have been enjoying the glorious sunshine we have been having. My garden is much tidier this year because I have been taking advantage of the dry conditions, and therefore not getting muddy. But of course this weather is not ideal for seeds that are planted straight into the soil. It is too hot and dry during the day and a bit too cold at night. However, I expect some will germinate. The seeds and plants are doing well in the greenhouse, but I am having my annual trouble with mice. They have chewed off the shoots of the sweetcorn and been through other planted seeds. So far, I have caught two of the culprits.

I have plants ready to go out into the pots when it is a bit warmer at night time, and geraniums ready for the base of the rockery.

My daughter and I visited The Hawk Trust at Andover a few weeks ago. I still get a thrill seeing these large birds, owls and, on this occasion, vultures, flying so close. If you stretch your arms out, the wingspan of these birds is about wrist to wrist!

I did spot three greenfinches in the garden, eating the seeds from the dandelions. It does make me wonder how many of these tiny seeds go to make up a meal. My grandson was surprised how small leek seeds are, but yet grow into something big! I am finding a few conkers around the garden, thanks to Sammy the squirrel. One was in the middle of the oregano - I do not want a tree there!

Keep gardening. it is good for you!

Pew Ponderings

When you pray - are you listening? How many times did Samuel go to Eli when God spoke to him? Do we pray expecting a reply?

Think on these things - or ponder!



Finance Week: Upper Juniors Dragons Den Enterprise

As part of Hordle's finance week, Upper Juniors had the fantastic opportunity to create their very own business! They pitched their ideas 'Dragon's Den' style (to our very own Hordle Dragons) in order to secure a £5 loan to start their business off.







As part of the challenge, the children worked in teams to:

- Create a start-up business idea
- Research products and work out what resources were needed and health & safety considerations
- Plan how best to sell their product, including prices, quality and display

- Pitch their idea to the Dragon's including an evaluation on the profit they expected to make
- Create advertisements to draw in potential customers









The Marketplace took place on Friday 14th February and was open to K\$1/K\$2 pupils and Upper Junior parents/guardians. Children used colourful presentations and displays to make their product desirable. During the afternoon, children assessed their sales and adjusted selling price, based upon customers' response, offering 2 for 1 offers and percentage discounts to maximise sales.

Not only was this a valuable and enjoyable learning experience, children then used their proceeds to donate the money raised towards their own class charities.

Fantastic effort from Team Upper Juniors who all demonstrated such creativity, resilience and teamship throughout the project.



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Hordle Volunteer Driver Group (see advert 3 pages on)

Please, if you feel you have some time to spare to volunteer to answer the phone and book drivers for clients, or do the drive yourself, it really would be appreciated.

Pat Hood tells us, "I have been a coordinator for a while now. The group's phone number is diverted to your home phone. You don't have to stay in for the day, as they can leave a message. I also do the occasional drive, as does Ed. It really is a worthwhile and rewarding job.

Pat Hood

A local publication recently included an article entitled 'The Church that moved.'

This stirred some memories, which Faith Webster has explained for us here.

Originally All Saints' Church was in the church yard on Milford Cliff next to Hordle Manor Farm. The outline of the church can still be seen, and there are gravestones marking the burials of unnamed ship wrecked sailors.

The opening event of Hordle festival week used to be a service of Evensong held on the site of the old church. The initial service was well attended with the Festival committee and members of the District and parish councillors were there. It became an annual event.

Some people arrived in time to have a picnic on the grass first; others came in time for the service. The clergy robed for the service, as did the members of the choir. Timothy Rice accompanied the singing on the keyboard (electricity supplied by the farm, organised by Maggie Cobb).

For a few years a second service was held - Sea Sunday. At that service emphasis was on remembering those lost at sea. especially those from ship wrecks on the cliffs below. *Eternal Father* was one of the hymns - really making an impact when sung to the sound of the waves on the beach below.



The clergy pictured are Revd Michael Anderson and Revd Graham Smith ... but do you recognise anyone in the congregation?

HORDLE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

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

Contact: Yvonne 01425 615284 www.hordlewi.org.uk

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 Volunteer Driver Group (previously known as Hordle Voluntary Care Group) provides transport for people in Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton to medical appointments when they cannot use public transport. We can also take relatives to visit patients in hospital. We would welcome enquiries from anyone who can spare a few hours to help us support our clients. Please contact our Coordinator on **0345 388 9063** for more information about volunteering, if you need transport to an appointment or you can email: hordledrivergroup@gmail.com.

Please note that our telephone number has changed from 0845 to 0345

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

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