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WELCOME to the November issue of LINK



As the annual glut of apples, which coats the vicarage lawn daily through the autumn, winds down, I'm struck again by how demanding nature's bounty can be. On the one hand, we are delighted to have a harvest right under our noses, literally falling into our laps; on the other hand, we *must* harvest the apples – and find a use

for them all - or they will rot and attract wasps. But for the rest of the year our garden is apple free.

Nature provides but we must fit into its seasonal rhythm; even when we now have ways to force fruit out of season. It doesn't taste as good, does it?

The Bible reveals a God of order and purpose, who has created "a time for everything, and a season for every activity". We find it hard to wait for fruit in its season, yet so much of what goes wrong in life comes about when we resist God's order. Not only in agriculture, as techniques aimed at increasing yields lead to collapsing ecosystems which in turn result in widespread crop failure in the long run. but also throughout our lives. As we make life more 'flexible' with smart devices that give us access to our emails anywhere, anytime ... we find ourselves increasingly bound to stay on top of the demands they present, everywhere, all the time.

Life is better when we trust God with what we do not have, and when we wait patiently for a season yet to come. When we wrestle with a desire for something we do not have, it's easy to become despondent, or to try and find a shortcut to get what we want. But for peace in the waiting, turn instead to Jesus Christ, the one in whom "all God's promises are 'Yes' and 'Amen'!".

Sunday Services for November 2025

All Saints', Hordle

Sunday	2nd	9.30	Morning Prayer		
		10.30	Family Communion - Hall		
Sunday	9th	9.30	Remembrance Service		
		10.45	Remembrance - Hordle War Memorial		
		6.00	Contemporary Worship		
Sunday	16th	9.30	Holy Communion		
		10.30	All Age Worship - Hall		
Sunday	23rd	9.30	Morning Prayer		
		10.30	Family Worship		
		6.00	Contemporary Worship - Hall		
Sunday	30th	10.30	Parish Mission Service - Hall		

St. Andrew's, Tiptoe

Sunday	2nd	10.00	Morning Prayer		
Sunday	9th	10.00	Remembrance and Holy Communion		
		3.00	Remembrance Service at Tiptoe Green		
Sunday	16th	10.00	Morning Prayer		
Sunday	23rd	10.00	Holy Communion		
Sunday	30th	10.30	Parish Mission Service - Hordle Hall		
		4.00	Advent Service of Light - St Andrew's		

Registers for October

21st October Cremation and Memorial service: Vaughan Sutton



Fish and Chip Supper/Fun Quiz

28th November 5.30 for 6pm St Andrew's Church Hall Please bring your own drink - glasses provided Sign up sheet at the back of both churches from 2nd November. Price available then.



Calendar for November 2025

Coffee	14th, 28th	Nov	10.30	Redcliffe
Luncheon Club	6 6th	Nov	12.30	Memorial Hall
Tea@3	20th	Nov	3.00	Memorial Hall
Rooted	2nd	Nov	5.30	Memorial Hall
Fun and Fellow	vship 11th	Nov	2.30	St Andrew's Hall
Voyagers 4	th,11th,18th,25th	Nov	7.00	Upper Room
Quiet Garden	20th	Nov	9.50	Rodgers
Little Angels 4	th,11th,18th,25th	Nov	9.30	Memorial Hall
Bell Ringing 4	th,11th,18th,25th	Nov	7.00	Bell Tower, Hordle
Carers' Friends	s 19th	Nov	1.30	Memorial Hall

Prayer meetings in November 2025

Mondays	3rd	Nov	11.00	Memorial Hall
10th, 17th, 24	th, 29th	Nov	11.00	Zoom P.M.







They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,



Willow herb, the wreath of desolation For halls laid bare to threatening skies, The clank of medals the dull tolling for those who died,

Their ghosts do not linger, But their death reproaches, Their spirits admonish Our dilatory efforts at a better world.

Human fallen nature, God forgive They gave their lives that we might live.

Father God, May your peace so rise in our hearts
That we give ourselves
to building your kingdom.

Holy Saviour,
May your loving words so dwell in our mouths
That our hands become instruments
of healing and reconciliation.

Holy Spirit
Strengthen and sustain us,
Guide us and comfort us
That remembering our dead
We may honour them in a better world.

Amen





The Diocesan News has joined in welcoming the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

(This is edited from the press release.)

His Majesty the King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.



Photo: Lambeth Palace

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office. She will be installed in Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God".

The most senior bishop in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry combines many roles including serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, as well as *primus inter pares* – or first among equals – of the Primates of the global Anglican Communion, which consists of around 85 million people, across 165 countries. In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury is one of 26 bishops who comprise the Lords Spiritual.

Bishop Sarah said: "As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager.

"At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply – to people and to God's gentle prompting – to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing."

"I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions."

"And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion."

"I know this is a huge responsibility but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has."



christians in parliament

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

We are grateful to God for the smooth running of the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, chaired by Rachael Maskell MP, back in June. In answer to many prayers, we were able to seat 650 guests for the breakfast, overcoming a number of logistical difficulties. It was wonderful to see over 160 MPs attending with Church leaders from their constituencies and more than 30 members of the House of Lords also in attendance with guests.

We were blessed to have acclaimed hymn writers and GRAMMY nominated artists, Keith and Kristyn Getty lead us in the singing. Professor John Lennox gave a clear and thought-provoking talk on 'God in the Public Square?' and Dai Woolridge stirred hearts and minds with his spoken word piece written for the occasion.

Please pray that the Parliamentarians in attendance would be inspired by the truth and goodness of the Christian faith and that relationships between MPs and their local church leaders would continue to strengthen.

Please pray that God would use the YouTube recording, which has already been viewed over 34,000 times, to warm hearts towards the Gospel.

Thank you to Tim Cosby for submitting this.

Today will never come again.

Be a blessing

Be a friend Encourage someone Take time to care Let your words heal and not wound.



SILVER AWARD FOR ALL SAINTS

How did we get it? ... "Eco Church" is run by an environmental charity: A Rocha. They produce a survey to promote Care for Creation and strategies to reduce carbon emissions. It covers 5 areas: Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Space for Nature, Global and Community Engagement, and Lifestyle. To win the award we had to score silver level in each of the categories!

Most challenging for Hordle, with an old church, is the **Buildings** section. However, in March the PCC agreed to measure and report our Carbon Footprint, to switch to green energy, to monitor heating in all of our buildings, and to save £1000 off the Parish bill, which at the same time will help to reduce our carbon emissions.

The Eco Team has forged **links with the community through Nature**: with local Eco Churches, Transition Lymington, our Village and T.H.E. Greening Campaign. We hosted visitors for the RSPB Bird Count, to enjoy the Spring wildflowers and the Big Butterfly Count at July's Nature Day.

The team regularly writes for LINK to encourage **lifestyle** changes that are less damaging to the environment, and also to highlight Global issues for individuals' prayer and financial support.

Next Step – CONSOLIDATION! Silver represents local efforts within All Saints' and its administration. We need to build on these to the position where 'Eco' initiatives are second nature across our whole church family. In a year or so, we can see what additional effort will be needed for the Gold award.



A very delighted Eco Team

Today you could be standing next to someone who is trying their best not to fall apart, so whatever you do today, do it with kindness in your heart.

"Become one of us" Bible Society working in Ukraine



For the fourth year in a row, we have been holding healing camps for families who have lost the most precious thing – the wholeness of their family. Wives and children of fallen soldiers come to these camps. Trauma healing is a Bible Society programme used around the

camps. Trauma healing is a Bible Society programme used around the world, and we've seen it change lives in Ukraine. It's a way to understand and come through trauma not only mentally and emotionally but spiritually. And when it comes to the spiritual, we open the Bible together.

'Recently at the Trauma Healing Institute of Ukraine we have been working on a new programme, created here in Ukraine. This new programme is not being built on theoretical knowledge or expert advice alone. We're writing it in practice, in the midst of pain and tears. Each camp has taught us new things about working with the families of fallen heroes.

'For these families, the whole world has become foreign. Their pain is so deep that they feel no one understands them and they are completely alone. And every time, I ask: what can we do to show them God's love? We become especially close to the women. We cry and laugh together, sit by the fire at night, and welcome the sunrise. Zoya said: 'It was here, for the first time since my husband's death, that I felt peace in my heart.'

'But the greatest reward for me was a note from one widow that simply said: 'You became one of us.' To hear this from those for whom the whole world feels foreign is not just a gift – it is a miracle. This is what Christ was like when he walked on earth. He was never a stranger to anyone. He was close, he heard every voice, he understood and was near. With Christ, people could be themselves – cry, laugh, say what was on their heart, without fear of judgement. He became one of us without waiting for us to be ready.

'And this is the greatest lesson of war: we can be one of their own, even in the darkest times. We can be near, creating a space where people can truly be themselves. That is what heals, that is what reveals God's presence in their lives.

'Dear friend, the war in Ukraine continues. Pain spreads across our land as destruction and shelling become even worse than at the beginning of the war. By providing Bibles in Ukraine, you have become one of us. Will you continue to stand with us as we use our new trauma healing programme to introduce suffering people to their saviour?'

THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

I think the grass is making up for not growing during

the summer! With the cooler weather, a little rain and plenty of nighttime dew, it seems to be growing so quickly, it needs regular cutting! The same applies to the vegetable patch - there is a green haze wherever is it bare. My compost heap has never been so big!

We went to Stoney Cross to watch a horse driving event and took a walk in the forest. There were plenty of crab apple trees covered in fruit and also holly bushes, red with berries. The berry-eating birds will not go hungry this year.

I went to Keyhaven one sunny morning, absolutely glorious there, it made me think of my reaction when I go to different places and see beautiful scenery, we have it in abundance on our own doorstep and we don't always appreciate it. Must go there more often, the ducks, geese etc. which winter on the marshes, will soon be returning.

The butternut squash is safely in the greenhouse now, there are still a few beetroot to be eaten, the winter greens have still been eaten despite my efforts of keeping them covered. The sprouts look alright, and the purple sprouting needs to be released from the butterfly netting, and will no doubt produce shoots for us to eat in the Spring.

It is still pleasant weather, good to be outside still, but we do need a lot of rain.

Go out and admire the views!







Thursday 27 November 7.30pm at Milford on Sea Baptist Church Hall All Welcome - see flyer for details

Little known Bible Characters

Another of Gill Morris's 'minor' characters in the Bible

Caleb

Caleb is surely one of the forgotten heroes in the Bible. Caleb means 'faithful' or 'wholehearted'.

He and Joshua, along with 10 others, were sent by Moses to spy out the land of Caanan before the Israelites entered it. They returned with encouraging reports but also recognised there would be challenges facing them; but Caleb was confident the Canaanites could be conquered.



He was distressed by the Israelites' attitude and

refusal to enter the land of Canaan, despite encouraging them to act on God's promises and move forward, but the people rejected the idea and threatened to kill Caleb and Joshua.

Caleb was a man of faith and he was not defeated or discouraged by what others thought. His faith challenged nations and he demonstrated great courage in his actions. He trusted God against the majority opinion that focused only on the 'giants' and fortified cities but Caleb had the confidence that God would protect Israel. (Numbers 13:30)

He was rewarded for his faithfulness and steadfastness as only he and Joshua out of all who left Egypt entered the Promised Land.

"Because my servant, Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to and his descendants will inherit it". (Numbers 14:24)

We read in Joshua 14:6-14, that 45 years later, Caleb was still strong physically and spiritually when he took possession of Hebron.

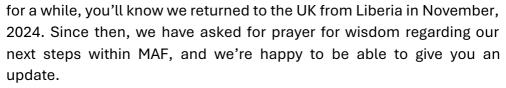
The story of Caleb challenges us to trust God and face life's "giants" with courage. Faith can sustain and empower us in challenging times, even when circumstances seem impossible. Our true strength comes from trusting a loving Heavenly Father.

Caleb's story can be found in Numbers 13-14; Joshua 14-15; Judges 1

Dave and Becky Waterman are our linked MAF missionaries. Their Autumn 2025 newsletter has been at the back of our churches ... but in case you missed it, here is an extract from that recent letter ...

What Next? An update on Our Future Plans

If you've been following our adventure



What next? We have decided that this next season of life will see us staying in the UK. Dave has accepted a permanent contract to keep working at the MAFI headquarters in Ashford. He will continue the role he has been performing this year, Project Manager for Fleet Modification and Innovation. As for Becky? She is hoping to continue to work on her next book, and to restart her encouragements from the Bible on YouTube.

Why? We both have a huge heart for the work of MAF, and it has been such an honour and privilege to work overseas for seven years, in Uganda and Liberia.

However, we do feel that we need a longer period of time to recover after a stressful season toward the end of our time in Africa. It gives us the opportunity to fully explore a few health issues that Dave has had, with regard to his heart and also a recurring injury in his back, and gives us time to heal mentally and emotionally as well. We're so happy that Dave will get to continue working with MAF, and we have no plans to change that!

'Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud'

Mission Month 2025

Traditionally in our parish, between All Saints Day, November 1st, and St Andrew's Day, November 30th, we run a Mission Month appeal to raise funds that are split equally between the four mission agencies we support: Bible Society, Leprosy Mission, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Tearfund.

This year we have visitors from two of these partners visiting at the beginning and end of the month, so we have decided to focus all our morning services at All Saints' and St Andrew's in November on a theme of Mission (excepting Remembrance Sunday). Gabby and Isaac who are the **Leprosy Mission** representatives for our area, will be visiting both churches on November 2nd.

At our united service in All Saints' on November 30th at 10.30am, we will be joined in person by **Dave and Becky Waterman, workers with MAF** who we have been praying for directly for over three years. Do, please, **save the date**, especially for the Waterman's visit, as this is our first chance to meet them in person and hear about God's work through their ministry.

Do also **consider giving** towards the appeal. Alongside the regular collection options each week, in November you will find **Mission Month envelopes** you can use to donate cash. Alternatively you can use the **card machine** at All Saints' or you can arrange a **bank transfer**, specifying the reference, 'Mission'. Our guest speakers may also bring their own card machines.

Once the appeal has closed we will report the total so we can celebrate the generosity God has inspired in us!

'People will forget what you said

People will forget what you did

But people will never forget how you made them feel.'

Maya Angelou

St Andrew's Kitchen - a work in progress ...



- PCC approval March
- Plumbing and electricals

- Volunteers remove old
- Plastering and fitting by professionals



Tiling

Flooring 23rd October



The grand reveal! SOON!

LINK reverts to normal in 2026 ...

Regular readers will be aware that for 2025, the church council (PCC) took the decision to reduce the number of editions of LINK published in the year, as a cost-saving measure in the face of a projected deficit. We did not take the decision lightly, as we value LINK and we know many readers throughout our local community value it highly too.

Thankfully the deficit did not materialise as feared, and we have reviewed our commitment to LINK in light of the current situation. I am pleased to be able to confirm that the PCC have heartily approved a return to the traditional pattern of LINK from 2026: 10 monthly issues, with the usual double issue for December/January.

This represents a significant budgetary commitment. LINK costs the church several thousand pounds each year, with the combined income from advertising and donations covering less than a quarter of this. We intend to bear this cost as an important aspect of our community work, as long as finances allow. In order to help us sustain LINK in its current form, freely issued throughout the parish, would you please consider contributing towards its cost? You could arrange a small monthly payment into church accounts, or make an occasional gift at any time. There is a box for cash donations at the back of both churches.

If you wish to offer any feedback, please let the Editor know: LINK@hordleandtiptoechurch.org.uk.

We hope you appreciate the news and reflection you gain from each issue, and we hope we can serve our community this way for many years to come!

Rev. Phil



Foundation Stage Buddy Service



We recently had the pleasure of holding one of our most favourite worships across the school year, our FS Buddy Welcome Service.

We were treated to a special story from Miss Trim, 'The Dot', a welcome from Rev Phil and delightful singing and signing from our little Ladybirds and Bumblebees. Each of our new joiners then received their candles and the worship was rounded off with a spectacular performance of our school prayer by the Year 6 buddies.

We are so excited to have our new Team FS with us and cannot wait to watch you all flourish and shine throughout your time at Hordle. Thank you to all of our Year 6 buddies for looking after our FS children and helping to make them feel so welcome to Team Hordle. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the church congregation for organising and presenting our new FS children with their new joiner candles. All of us at Team Hordle are extremely grateful. These candles are always so well received by our newest members and will be cherished for many years to come.





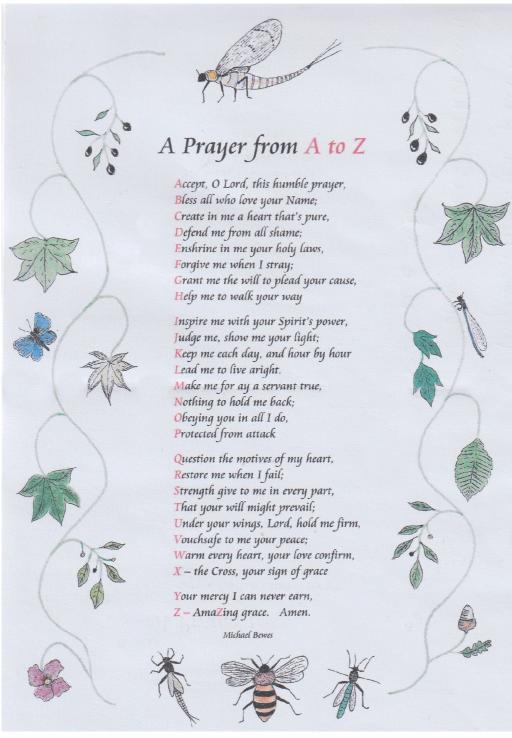




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Michael Bewes is the brother of the late Richard Bewes, the well known hymn-writer.

Shops are trying hard to tell us that time of year is approaching ...

Here are some reminders of ways to a **Christmas that's kind on the environment.**

 Give experiences rather than 'stuff' – a ticket to the theatre, cinema or show; 'posh' tea out together; drive through the forest with a picnic; visit a National Trust house; a gift of your time e.g. evening's baby sitting, gardening, window cleaning, cake baking...

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Eco Church

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Hordle Gardening Club meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ashley Lane, Hordle. Contact: Secretary, Sue Winter, **01425 610171**

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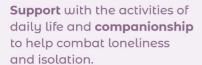
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