

A large, textured orange sphere, resembling a giant orange or a piece of art, hangs from the ceiling of a Gothic cathedral. The sphere is covered in intricate, golden-brown patterns that look like a dense forest or a complex web. The cathedral's interior is visible in the background, featuring high vaulted ceilings with ribbed Gothic arches and tall, narrow stained-glass windows. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the sphere and the architectural details of the church.

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WELCOME to the April issue of LINK



Why is the day before Good Friday called “Maundy Thursday”?

This Easter we continue our practice in the parish of hosting an informal meal commemorating Jesus’ Last Supper with his friends on the night before he died. This was where he instructed them – and the church that came after them – to continue breaking bread and sharing wine together in memory of his body broken and blood shed for their forgiveness, what became known as Holy Communion. As the participant eats they know that, just as they receive nourishment for their body by the meal, so they recognise they are nourished spiritually by Christ’s sacrifice.

But where does the word *Maundy* come from, and what does it mean? Unusually for such a question, there is a clear answer. Maundy is derived from the Latin word, *mandatum*, which means ‘commandment’. When the early, Latin speaking, church commemorated the Last Supper, they remembered how, on that night, Jesus stooped down to wash His disciples’ feet – a particularly unpleasant task in the ancient world, usually reserved for slaves – and then He told them:

‘A new commandment I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.’

John 13:34

At Easter, Christians celebrate the God who stepped down into the mess of life to wash us clean of sin; the peak of servant-hearted self-giving love. Maundy Thursday not only highlights just how generous Christ has been to us – feeding us, as it were, in a spiritual sense, even with his own body – but it motivates us to imitate Christ’s love as we give of ourselves for the good of others.

In Christ

Phil



Sunday Services April 2026

All Saints', Hordle

Thursday	2nd	6.00	Maundy Thursday Meal, Memorial Hall
Friday	3rd	2.00	An Hour at the Cross - St Andrew's
Sunday	5th	10.30	Family Easter Communion - in church
Sunday	12th	9.30	Morning Prayer
		10.30	Family Service - Hall
Sunday	19th	9.30	Holy Communion
		10.30	All Age Service - Hall
Sunday	26th	9.30	Morning Prayer
		10.30	Family Service - Hall



NB No evening services in April

St. Andrew's, Tiptoe

Friday	3rd	2.00	An Hour at the Cross
Sunday	5th	10.00	Easter Holy Communion
Sunday	12th	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	19th	10.00	Morning Worship
Sunday	26th	10.00	Holy Communion



Prayer meetings in April 2026

Mondays 13th, 20th, 27th April 11.00 Zoom P.M.

Registry

31st March Funeral of Janet Read

Calendar for April 2026

Bell Ringing	7th,14th,21st,28th April	7.00	Bell Tower, Hordle
Carers' Friends	15th April	1.30	Memorial Hall
Coffee	10th, 24th April	10.30	Camellias, Everton
Fun and Fellowship	14th April	2.30	St Andrew's Hall
Quiet Garden	15th April	9.50	Rodgers
Rooted	19th April	5.30	Memorial Hall
Table Tennis	7th,14th,21st,28th April	7.00	Tiptoe Church Hall
Voyagers	14th, 28th April	7.15	Upper Room

Book the Date!

Annual Parish Church Meeting 26th April at 12 noon

Memorial Hall, Hordle

+Philip's Presidential Address at Diocesan Synod

A meeting of Diocesan Synod was held in March at St Barnabas, Weeke. Bishop Philip shared his Presidential Address, reflecting on the famous quote from Frodo Baggins in Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.

“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”



Palm Sunday

Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 29 March

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Church Hall at St. Andrew's,
Tiptoe

All are welcome



Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday Meal

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Memorial Hall, Hordle



Good Friday

3rd April

2pm

An Hour at the Cross

St Andrew's Tiptoe

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2 April	Maundy Thursday Meal	6.00pm	The Memorial Hall, Hordle
3 April	An Hour At The Cross	2.00pm	St Andrew's Church
5 April	Easter Sunday Communion	10.00am	St Andrew's Church
5 April	Easter Sunday Family Communion	10.30am	All Saints' Church Hall



Good Friday



So Joseph (of Arimathea) brought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

Mark 15 : 46

Easter Day

Then Simon Peter ... arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus's head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.
He saw and believed.

John 20 : 6 - 8



Photos by Tim Cosby at Hordle

The Easter Garden

How lovely is that garden now,
From death's cold hand set free;
The sunshine spreads its golden warmth,
On every rock and tree.

How sweet the air that fills the place,
That once was dank and drear;
A scent of spices on the breeze,
A heavenly perfume there.

How gentle our Lord Jesus' voice,
That casts out Mary's fear;
She scarce believes, but then she knows,
And greets her Master here.

All faithful souls can come with her,
And find that garden fair;
Where Jesus Christ will greet each one,
Who trusts and seeks him there.

And then like Mary run to tell,
And spread the news around,
That life and health and joy and peace
Are in the garden found.

A trip to Winchester Cathedral

Helios - the personification of the Sun in Ancient Greek religion and mythology



The attraction was the Helios balloon some 7m in diameter, and from the end of the nave it was impressive! Far more impressive though was to see the cathedral empty of chairs so that one's eyes were naturally drawn up to enjoy the architecture and to remember the work of those who built it to glorify God.

On closer inspection, not only could you see the seams but also the work that had gone into the creation of the Helios by the artist Luke Jerram. Thousands of photographs had gone into its making, capturing the activity of the sun which was visible under the skin of the balloon.

Two man-made objects, cathedral and balloon, reminded us of the creativity which is involved in God's creation of humanity.

Winchester Cathedral is, I think, unique in containing mortuary chests well above head height in the presbytery area of the Cathedral. These chests hold the bones of early English Kings, a Queen and a bishop. Along with the medieval stained glass, they were smashed by the Roundheads, in the hope of finding treasure. Glass and bones were later carefully collected by local people. The west window contains much of the jumbled glass and the chests contain jumbled bones.

Using similar techniques to those used in identifying Richard III, there is ongoing research to attempt the same for these bones. In an exhibition called 'Kings and Scribes' in the south transept, part of a skeleton is laid out, thought to be Queen Emma, the second wife of Cnut (Canute). The results of the research should be available in April.

(Thank you to Janet Beith for the cover picture of this LINK, to Douglas Pryde for the photo on this page and to Kate Pryde for this explanatory article.)

tearfund

Graham Fairbairn has been reviewing for us Tearfund's response to the news which occupies so much of our media every day ... but recognises that it is a very fast moving situation. Active military action severely limits the response Tearfund and other relief agencies can give currently.

Middle East Crisis Appeal

Conflict in the Middle East is escalating, pushing an already fragile region into a deeper humanitarian crisis. In Lebanon, violence is forcing tens of thousands of people from their homes. In Gaza, closed border crossings are stopping food and medicine from reaching people in need.

Hundreds of thousands of people in the Gaza Strip are facing starvation and life-threatening illnesses that should be easily treatable. Our partner is doing all it can, providing urgent health care using the limited medical supplies they can source within Gaza – but it is still nowhere near enough. In Lebanon, our church partners are rapidly assessing how to provide food and shelter.

How Tearfund is responding

In Gaza, Tearfund's partner, Anera, is providing urgent health care to the most vulnerable. In the West Bank, Tearfund are providing emergency funding to local hospitals, and distributing food and essential supplies to those affected by the violence. In Lebanon, Tearfund is working through local churches to provide shelter and assistance to people forced from their homes by the conflict. As part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Tearfund is working to reach those in need as quickly as possible.

Please pray for Tearfund's staff and partners across the Middle East region. You can also give online at [Tearfund Middle East Crisis Appeal](#) to support above projects.

'Always pray for others who can't pray for themselves ... because others prayed for you when you couldn't'

**Did we see you at one
of our**



Lent Lunches ?

We were raising money for Christian Aid!

Many joined us for a simple Soup, Bread & Cheese lunch and helped Christian Aid fight poverty around the world.

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every Thursday from 19th Feb to 26th March inc.

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 go to Christian Aid for their work to end poverty around the world.

(Thank you to Clive and Angie for organising this.)



The Winchester Diocese has appointed 12 new Honorary Canons, two of whom spent some of their training years with us at All Saints'. We send our congratulations and good wishes.

Kathy and Simon wrote in the recent Diocesan News ...

Revd. Kathy Hicken

For the past two years, I have had the privilege of serving as the Vicar of the River Mude Benefice, All Saints in Mundeford and St Luke's in Burton. It's a delight to be part of the journey of these two parishes becoming one benefice and adding my support to the efforts of All Saints' Church as we restore our building after a fire in 2022. Prior to this, I served for seven years as vicar of St Mark's Southampton, seeing the church community growing in numbers and spiritual maturity.



As vicars, we are nothing without the faithfulness and service of our congregations, and whilst I feel humbled and honoured to become an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral, I also believe that this honour is a shared one with the parishes with which I have worked.

I am looking forward to getting to know the work of the Cathedral better, and hopefully to act as a link between our parishes and the cathedral. My prayer is that we will enrich each other as we build these relationships and learn together how to live, love and serve God as a Cathedral and Diocese.



Revd. Simon Robertson

I am the Vicar of the church of the Ascension, Southampton, and the Area Dean of Southampton. I am committed to parish ministry and supporting clergy and lay leaders across the deanery, with a heart for collaborative mission and community engagement.

Becoming an Honorary Canon feels both humbling and deeply encouraging. I'm very conscious that this is not simply a personal honour, but also a recognition of the shared ministry of so many people across Southampton. Serving as a Vicar and Area Dean has given me a profound appreciation for the richness, challenge and diversity of our church communities, and I carry those with me into this new chapter. I hope to bring a listening heart, a collaborative spirit and a hopeful confidence in what God is doing across our Diocese.



World Book Day

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DAY**

On Friday 6th March, we celebrated World Book Day 2026 with local childrens author, Ali Sparkes!

It was a wonderful opportunity to meet a talented author, hear about her inspiring journey to become a writer and discover some of the magic that goes into creating such successful stories that capture the imagination - we even got to get our books signed!

Children from both Hordle Explorers Nursery and the Primary School had a fantastic day with wonderful fancy dress outfits (even our staff team too!) and a special World Book Day lunch menu to enjoy.

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THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN



Where has the last month gone? We had that week of sunny, warmer weather to remind us spring is coming, but it has been very changeable since. I have been clearing the vegetable patch of weeds when the weather has been kind and the ground dry enough. We did clear some overgrown brambles that were taking over the view of our neighbour before the birds started to nest, and were entertained by 10 seven-week old retriever puppies! One barked at us because his mother was, but the rest just ignored us. I did have a cuddle with one of them before they now have gone to their new homes.

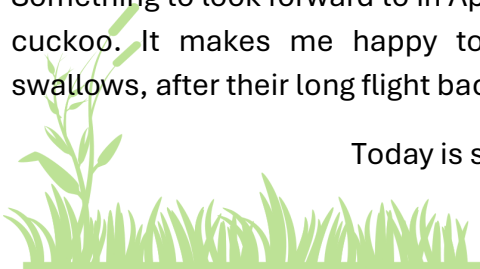
A new plum tree has been bought but we have not quite decided where to plant it. We have decided the spot we had chosen is too windy. My garden is open to fields, and the wind gets stopped by the house which then blows the plants back into the wind.

Like other people, I shall miss the monthly lunch and Tea@3. Many thanks to Jill, Mike and the team for all the work it entailed over the years. Let's hope someone will be inspired, with God's help, to create something to bring us all together again just to enjoy each other's company.

Something to look forward to in April is the return of the swallows and the cuckoo. It makes me happy to hear the distinctive chatter of the swallows, after their long flight back from warmer climes!

Today is sunny - goodbye to more weeds.

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*Sometimes we are tested -
not to show our weaknesses but to discover our strengths.*

Update from Donetsk

Anatoliy and his team have been sharing God's word right in the face of battle in Eastern Ukraine, and they've sent a message of thanks to Bible Society supporters.



Recently, people in this country have together given well in excess of £200,000. Bible Society supporters have ensured many more Ukrainians will receive Bibles.

Team leader Anatoliy, a military chaplain and church minister, shared this update from the front lines:

‘Beloved friends around world, our big family – greetings from Ukraine. Right now we are in the east of the country, in Donetsk region. Together with our chaplains, volunteers and Bible Society staff, we’re serving our brothers and sisters in the military who meet a very strong enemy who comes here to kill, steal and destroy.

‘This night has been very difficult for us. Once again, a heavy attack came – one of the heaviest attacks on our country. Many civilians were killed while sleeping peacefully in apartment buildings. Rescue workers are still searching under ruins for people who are alive because there are still many missing.

‘At these times especially I want to express our gratitude for your outstanding love. You are so far away from us but we have your support and care. You’ve provided Bibles that are very much needed and will keep both our outreach and trauma healing programmes going so more people can experience hope.

‘Here in the east of the country we’ve met many people, especially children, who appreciate the Bible so much. They say the Bible brings them hope. And we are so surprised and thankful that in a difficult situation people are very open to the gospel, to listen to somebody telling them about hope. You are with us and we need you, friends.

‘Your support provides the Bibles we share, and it keeps us strong. God bless you all and thank you that you are together with us through this war.’

Pilgrimage

It has been announced that the new Archbishop of Canterbury will embark on an 87 mile pilgrimage from London to Canterbury ahead of her enthronement on March 25th.



What is a Pilgrimage?

The National Trust defines a pilgrimage as a *‘devotional practice consisting of a prolonged journey, often undertaken on foot ... towards a specific destination of significance, blending the physical and the spiritual into a unified experience.’*

Sarah Mulally, the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, is scheduled, while this LINK is in preparation, to be walking from St Paul’s Cathedral to Canterbury. Accompanied by her husband, Eamonn, she will follow the Becket Camino route and will be the first Archbishop of Canterbury in modern history to undertake this trek. It will take six days, with stops for prayer services at churches, cathedrals and abbeys, and include visits to schools and ecumenical organisations.

She says, “It is deeply humbling to be following in the footsteps of those who have walked this ancient route. For centuries, faithful pilgrims have flocked to Canterbury, and I will be reflecting on this tradition as we make our way through the Kent countryside and its towns and cities.” Stops along the route will include Southwark Cathedral, Aylesford Priory, the Shrine of St Jude in Faversham, Lesnes Abbey and Rochester Cathedral.

“As I walk this path I will be praying for our church and our world and asking God to bless those we meet. **Every Christian life is a pilgrimage, a journey with God.** As I begin this new chapter in my own life and ministry, I am grateful to be walking with God and with others.”

Global Impact of Climate Change

Emperor Penguins are beautiful and fascinating gifts
from our Creator God.

But did you know how much global warming is a serious threat to them?

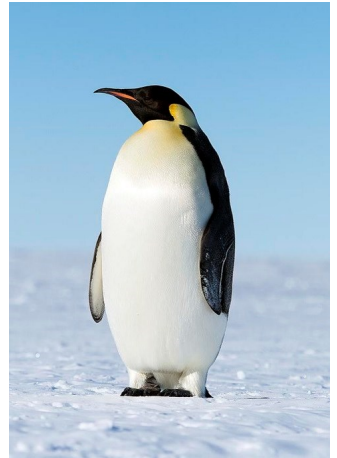
Unless temperatures and carbon emissions decrease significantly, scientists predict that by 2050 numbers will have dropped by 27- 47% depending on temperatures.

Every year, Emperor Penguins moult their weather-beaten coats replacing them with new waterproof insulation. This process takes about 40 days, the penguins staying firmly on the ice.

However, warming temperatures are melting the ice before their new coats are grown, meaning the unprotected birds enter the icy-cold water and do not survive - their chicks too, with their barely-formed coats, suffer the same plight.

We have lost (and will continue to lose) 1,000s of penguins.

BUT we can help stop this decline by - (for example) using our cars less, replacing spent light bulbs with LEDs, managing the energy we use as efficiently as possible, following through on the Eco Tips in LINK(!) as well as the many offered throughout the media.



It is not too late - yet.



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MAF verse for April 2026: 'Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD ' Deuteronomy 8 : 3

WHO'S THE REAL HERO?



Holiday Bible Club 2026

Have you got what it takes to be a hero?

This was Anya's last event with us ... and what a great event it was!

Thank you Anya for all your time, energy and enthusiasm.

All the best as you move on to pastures new!

Little Known Bible Characters

Thank you so much to Gill Morris for her interesting series on Little Known Bible Characters. It has been fascinating.

Recycling of Tablet foils

In case you missed the other announcements of this, the white box collection points at our churches are now (temporarily we hope) paused. There has been a glitch in the recycling chain.

In the meantime please take your empty pill foils to Boots.

But whatever you do, keep taking the tablets!



Bournemouth Hospital

Bishop Rhiannon has recently visited the Royal Bournemouth Hospital to dedicate and pray for its new chapel. As a result of the modernisation at the hospital, the chapel is now situated at the heart of the site near the main entrance. The Bishop said: 'This place and their presence (the chaplains) is about being a beacon of hope in this hospital, reaching out to staff and patients with the love of Christ.'

Many of us have appointments at the Hospital ... why not pop in and visit the new chapel next time you are there!

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