

# LINK

A dramatic sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with large, textured clouds that are illuminated from below, creating a vibrant palette of orange, red, and yellow. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright glow across the water's surface. The foreground shows dark, rocky terrain.

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10.30am - All Saints', Hordle

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## Welcome to the February edition of LINK



This year, two quite different days in the church calendar coincide – Ash Wednesday falls on February the 14<sup>th</sup>. Valentine's Day is officially a feast day in the Anglican calendar, whilst of course Ash Wednesday marks the start of a 40 day period of fasting intended for Christians to prepare themselves for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection at Easter.

So which will you choose on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>? Love, or Ashes?

It's quite neat, actually. For one thing, both often involve chocolate - either giving it to others, or giving it up! The Christian purpose in fasting has been lost in our age of relentless self-affirmation. I would guess that if we give anything up at all for Lent, we likely do so as an act of self-improvement, by giving up something unhealthy, like fatty foods or alcohol. But in the Bible fasting and covering oneself in ash was primarily done when someone woke up to their own sin and the realization that God was angry with them for it. Such as when the people of Nineveh heard that God had seen their merciless slaughter of neighbouring peoples and was coming to judge them for it.

Not much to do with Valentine's Day love then. Except that always in the Bible, when someone owned up to their mistakes and approached God with humility – in ashes – He forgave them and loved them. God ends up sparing the Ninevites when they repent.

Ashes are a symbol that says, 'I know I need God's love', and they point us towards God's forgiveness. This is nowhere truer than at the Cross, when Jesus gave His life to forgive sinners. Jesus summed up what He was about to do for His followers when He said: "*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*" (John 15:13)

Jesus' love isn't just for the attractive and the witty; His love is for the unlovely, the broken, the sinful, and all it takes to receive that love is to tell Him we need it. I know which love I'd rather be looking for this February 14<sup>th</sup>!

God bless *Phil*

## Sunday Services for February 2024

### All Saints', Hordle

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th</b>	9.00	Morning Prayer
		10.30	Family Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>	10.30	Family Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th</b>	9.00	Morning Prayer
		10.30	All Age Worship in Memorial Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25th</b>	10.30	Family Worship

### St. Andrew's, Tiptoe

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th</b>	10.00	Morning Prayer
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## Calendar for February 2024

### Prayer Meetings in February

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5th</b>	11.00	Prayer meeting	Memorial Hall
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>12th, 19th, 26th</b>	11.00	Zoom Prayer Meeting	

<b>Little Angels</b>	<b>6th, 20th and 27th</b>	9.30 - 11.30	Memorial Hall
<b>Village Voices</b>	<b>7th, 21st, 28th</b>	7.15	Hordle Pavilion
<b>Coffee at Potting Shed</b>	<b>9th and 23rd</b>	10.30	Potting Shed
<b>Rooted (Years 5 &amp; 6)</b>	<b>25th</b>	5.30	Memorial Hall
<b>Tea @ 3</b>	<b>15th</b>	3.00	Memorial Hall
<b>Luncheon Club</b>	<b>1st</b>	12.30	Memorial Hall
<b>Quiet Garden</b>	<b>15th</b>	9.50	Rodgers

*Thanks to Leanne Franklin for our stunning cover photo this month.*

## Change of All Saints' Service Patterns

In 2024 the pattern for all age worship at the 10.30am service is changing, which also affects the pattern for the 9.00am services. This is to accommodate the timings of school holidays and long weekends this year. The new pattern for services at All Saints' is:

<b>1st Sunday</b>	9.00am - Morning Prayer 10.30am - Family Communion
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	10.30am - Family Worship
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	9.00am - Holy Communion 10.30am - All Age Worship (in the Memorial Hall)
<b>4th Sunday</b>	10.30am - Family Worship

## 2024

*And I said to the man who stood at the  
gate of the year:*

*'Give me a light that I may tread safely  
into the unknown.'*

*And he replied:*

*'Go out into the darkness and put your hand  
into the Hand of God. That shall be to you  
better than light and safer than a known way.'*

*So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,  
trod gladly into the night.*

*And He led me towards the hills and the  
breaking of day in the lone East.*

*Minnie Haskins*

## Looking back ...



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November saw St. Andrew's hosting their annual **Fish and Chip Quiz** evening. Nearly 40 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed their supper followed by ice cream delights. Then there was a very entertaining and challenging quiz put together by Jan and Chris Benson.

A large tin of chocs was presented to the winning table of six clever people - who happily shared the contents with all.

A big "Thank you" to Jan and Chris for organising the event and we all look forward to next year!  
*Joan Lane*

Joan Rymell celebrated her 99th birthday in November



**Advent Sunday** was busy and candlelit in both churches within the parish. The Christingle service at All Saints' drew in many families. In the afternoon, it was a joy to join with friends at St Andrew's for the **Service of Light**, a meaningful and whole-parish start to our Christmas celebrations.

The service at Saint Andrew's was well attended by folk from both churches. Tea lights were lit all around the church, so entering the church was a WOW moment!! Mulled wine and mulled apple were served after the service in the hall, accompanied by traditional mince pies. The hall was warm and cosy, so people had a chance to chat and enjoy each other's company. It really is a service not to be missed!!  
*Duncan and Jan*



## Looking back ...

### Ladies Advent Brunch in the Memorial Hall, Hordle

Did I detect a slightly quizzical air on the morning of the Ladies' Advent Brunch at the sight of men in the kitchen? What ever!! Rest assured all was well planned, thanks to Mary and David. Bacon butties all round, always popular, waffles and – for the healthy eating advocates – fruit and yoghurt. Rev Angie and her sidekick Clive then reminded everyone that there is more to Christmas than rushing around. To be fair, the sidekick didn't do much rushing around in any case! Angie then spoke of the importance of being aware of the bigger picture of Advent, living in expectation of Jesus' return.



It was now time to get practical. Chloe had provided a wonderful range of materials to make Christmas Wreaths. The Hall echoed to an enthusiastic buzz as the Brunch folk set about creating their own unique wreaths. The feedback was really positive – great food, fellowship, friendship, oh and a lovely colourful original wreath to brighten the gloom of December. Amazingly there was no smoke alarm from the kitchen and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Chloe and her team for setting up this lovely event. Watch this space for news of the next 'Ladies' event'.

*Submitted by the Chief Bottle Washer.*

### News from the belfry for 2023



Thanks to our loyal ringers and new recruits we were pleased to ring and chime our bells for the coronation of King Charles III. We have also been able to ring or chime for every Sunday and most of the Christmas services.

Practise night continues on a Tuesday evening. If you would like to see how we chime and ring the bells, please feel free to come and visit us.

On the hand bell front we rang carols at ten venues including in the carol service at Tiptoe. Also, thanks to Tesco, we rang in their entrance raising money for Oakhaven. This year the amount we handed over was £367.

We would like to thank the band, tower bell ringers, chimers and hand bell ringers for their support through 2023.

*Faith & Tony*

## Looking back ...

## Christmas at All Saints'



On 6th December, excitement and eager anticipation pervaded the Little Angels end of term party as they heard the Christmas story, sang songs and looked on as the straw-adorned stable steadily revealed its wonder.

On consecutive Wednesday evenings, Pat led the Village Voices as they visited parts of the village to fill the air with carols and festive cheer which was much appreciated by those fortunate to be present.

The Community Choir showed infectious enthusiasm as they led the singing at the Candlelight Carol service; many thanks to Briony for training them.

The Crib service radiated an all-embracing, welcoming, yet child-orientated atmosphere. A well-stocked wardrobe department transformed children's appearance upon arrival and they were keen to take part. Jo skilfully led everyone through several tableau of the Christmas story, and there was a warm, excited 'buzz' upon departure anticipating the 'big day' next day.

Midnight Communion was well attended and it was a pleasure to welcome many of our annual Christmas attendees.

So to Christmas Day; many of our regular congregation were away, yet Phil was able to lead a joyful Family service, and we were all treated to the radiant delight of a young lad with his new sparkling-light scooter!

*Duncan Argyle*

## Fellowship and fun Carols, songs and poems

It really was an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Carols chosen by those who come each month, a few Christmas songs but the icing on the cake were the poems. Nearly everyone who came had asked to read a poem (the titles given to us beforehand to avoid duplication); some were serious, some meaningful and others really funny, especially the poem read by Gill.

Seasonal refreshments were served half way through the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who came and made it a very special afternoon. We ended the afternoon with 'We wish you a Merry Christmas', which we really did!!

*Janice B*



**Viv brought 4 friends!**

## And our last 'look back' at 2023 ...

### OPEN THE BOOK

On our last storytelling before Christmas, we presented all the children in the school with a book entitled *The Grumpy Owl and The Joy of Christmas*. These books were generously donated by a supporter of OTB in the parish. The photo shows the headteacher, Helen Smith, with some of the children and members of team OTB.



We were delighted to receive a thank you letter from a parent and child in the school .

*Janice B*

### January Birthdays

Whilst LINK was recuperating from Christmas, we missed two birthdays – at opposite ends of the spectrum! Babs Stainer reached a 'grand old age' ... and Amelie Strode reached the grand old age of ONE! Belated birthday greetings to them both!



### Looking forward ...

#### Men's Breakfast



**Saturday  
24th February**

8.15 for 8.30 am

Speaker: Jez du Puy who works for Open Doors UK

Cost £5

#### Fellowship and Fun



Tiptoe Church Hall

**February 13th - Pancake Special!**

**March 12th**

**April 9th**

2.30 pm

Cost £1.50



## Welcoming Bishop Philip

The Service of Welcome for the new Bishop of Winchester, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, was held at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 13th January 2024. The service is the formal ceremonial occasion at which the new bishop takes up his office, an historic and important event in the life of the city and the diocese.



The Diocesan news, in advance of the occasion, explains that:

‘The service will begin at the ancient church of St Lawrence in the city centre, where Bishop Philip will make the necessary oaths and declarations. He will then be met in The Square by certain dignitaries. Together they will process slowly and prayerfully to Winchester Cathedral.

According to tradition, Bishop Philip will then knock on the West Doors of the Cathedral and be greeted by a child who asks the question ‘Why have you been sent to us?’, to which he replies, ‘I come as one sent as Bishop to serve you.’

The themes of love, humility and service will continue throughout, in the prayers, oaths and in the beautiful selection of music, including the anthem ‘Love Bade me Welcome’ (a setting of George Herbert’s poem by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams), chosen by Bishop Philip himself and sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Junior Choir.

The involvement of children will be central to the proceedings, including the presenting of the crozier (hooked staff) by a child.

Other symbolic ceremonial acts during the service include the ‘installing’ of the bishop into his ‘cathedra’ (throne), anointing the new bishop with holy oil, and a final act of blessing which takes place outside the cathedral when the bishop will pray for the city of Winchester and the whole diocese.

Bishop Philip will also preach the sermon, his first public address since he legally became Bishop of Winchester and an opportunity for him to express his hopes and priorities for his leadership.’

## Three messages to our congregations ...

### Newsletter from Dave and Becky, our linked MAF partners

This letter, in full, is available at the back of our churches. These extracts give a flavour of their life in Liberia.

*'It's been a busy few months. In the midst of travel across the world for Dave, ongoing maintenance, Bible study and more, we found ourselves faced with a couple of big events.*

*The first was a presidential election in Liberia ... and the second was a two week visit from Dave's parents. It can feel a bit strange having guests from the UK visit us here. It's very much a clash of worlds. We were so thankful for the opportunity to show them around, and had such a lovely time together.'*

*Becky tells us of the publication of her first Bible Study book and Dave has participated in the first Tech Ops meeting within MAF.*

*'There are mountain and valley moments in every area of life, though they sometimes feel more pronounced when living cross-culturally. But we wouldn't change it. We can't do it without you' ... and that means us!*

From Elizabeth and Tom Bennett ...

You know that old saying about the "Round Tuit"? Well I had intended to get a physical card to you for St Andrew's but by the time I was ready to send it - it would have arrived only just before Christmas Eve and I expect so many would be away or at least not in church.

So I'm hoping that greetings for a God-led New Year can be included in LINK although I have a feeling that there won't be one until February ...

And from Gill Morris ...

*A happy new year to you all. I am hugely grateful to all those who gave so much help and support in so many ways, quite apart from all your prayers, messages and loving concern. I feel very supported and upheld (even the wonderful paramedic came up to the ward this morning to see how I was getting on - so thoughtful and kind) Hope to see you all again before too long - as soon as Humpty Dumpty has been put together again ... !!!*

*We send Gill our love and good wishes Ed.*

## Retirement

Drivers will remember the days when you could replace with a new tyre, or a re-tread, commonly known as a re-tyre. Is retirement something like that?! One way of life comes to an end. As employment finishes, and we tread a new path into an unknown future in our senior years.

I well remember my final Sunday as Vicar at Hordle, with so many friends saying goodbye, and waking the next morning with the prospect of a move to retirement in pastures new. Saying farewell to a faithful and committed team was a really tough part – I still have our final photo together on my bookshelf. Clergy and lay leaders had come and gone over the years, retired clergy, curates in training, Lay Readers and others, all so much appreciated. When a possible colleague made contact we were asking “who is the Lord sending now, and with what gifts?”



*Clergy group taken in 2007. You will recognise Hazel and Peter ... but how many others could you name?*

In LINK I noticed that both **Peter and Hazel were retiring** from ministry in the parish, and reflected that they had both joined us from a background in teaching, and from parish ministry in Fulwood, Belper and New Malden. Peter was ordained in 1963 and Hazel made a Reader in 1978. They were invaluable members of the team, both trained to prepare well and deliver effectively when it came to preaching or teaching in small groups – gifts that sprang from a lively and Biblically-based faith. Peter and his wife, Bridget, came to us in 1994 and Hazel moved down to be with her parents in 1998.

Their ministry at both Hordle and Tiptoe was much appreciated and they became a stable part of the team as other members came and went over the years, some into full retirement, others to minister in other parishes as clergy or Readers. They were simply “always there” and available for a chat, discussion, advice and direction – good training for me, now being part of ministry teams in two benefices where there is no incumbent! We enjoyed overseas trips with both Peter and Hazel, with Peter in Israel and Ruanda, Hazel to Iceland, Tallinn and Gibraltar. The time, prayer and energy that Peter and Bridget committed to overseas links, especially Rwanda before and after the genocide, has had a lasting benefit there and in the deanery here. Bridget sadly died in 2009, but others were encouraged to continue the work. Hazel’s background in nursing and nurse training has equipped her for areas of pastoral care and concern.

So for both Peter and Hazel, the time has come for another “re-tyre” and we wonder what they will get up to next! As physical ability becomes limited with aches and pains, our Lord can still use our mental abilities - we found this during the Covid epidemic when telephone and zoom ministry came into its own, with a new way of communicating fellowship, advice, care and concern with prayer over the phone. From visible parochial work we have to retire – curates, vicars and rectors may give up positions in parishes and elsewhere, but they remain ordained, and, I trust useful to their Lord and His people.

*Michael Anderson (with grateful thanks)*



**The LORD  
is my  
Shepherd**

(Psalm 23:1)

This month Kate Pryde looks at  
verse two of this psalm ...

*He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me besides still waters.*

This is a very pastoral image of the good shepherd caring for his sheep, ensuring that they have good food and water – all they need. An alternative translation for ‘still waters’ is ‘waters of rest’ which adds another dimension to the care the shepherd exercises, so that his flock are not overcome by stress.

Chapter 34 of Ezekiel (34:15) gives us a picture of God leading his neglected sheep, his people, into good pasture.

*‘I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep’*

And in verse 24 *‘I the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them’.*

Jesus, our Saviour, was referred to as Son of David by the blind beggar who sat by the road into Jericho. (Luke 18:38) Jesus, born in Bethlehem, the city of David in Judea. It is interesting that although David reigns as King, God refers to him as a Prince, one who owes obedience to the King. In this case, the obedience is to God, who is the ultimate ruler over Israel and over our lives. Jesus also, in his earthly life, knows he owes obedience to God, even to death, and through his life and death becomes the living waters that refresh through our lives. A spring of living water welling up to eternal life is in contrast to water stored in a tank.



## Peter Hutley

What do you do when you own a 1,000 acre estate in Surrey and you want to serve the God whom you know as your personal Saviour? In the case of Peter Hutley ... you, together with your wife, Ann, and family, set up the Wintershall organisation and Trust. Peter Hutley sadly died on November 17 2023, leaving behind a legacy that spans decades of creativity and compassion, shaping the organization into a beacon of Christian-based teaching, hope and inspiration.

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**Be inspired by the real Nativity story at Wintershall in December.**



*Spotted in the **i** in December*

## Thoughts from my garden ...

What a wet end to 2023!

It has left some very muddy areas in the fields which, when they dry out a bit, will turn into sticky mud which pulls your wellies off. This has happened to me once; I lost my welly boot, put my foot into the mud, and walked home in a very muddy sock carrying the boot!

One of the ponies has been 'helping' by grazing a bank with a lot of daffodils in it. We went to Cornwall for a holiday with friends to celebrate our Silver Wedding anniversary and came home with 400 daffodil bulbs! We started putting them into the bank carefully but soon we were just digging a big hole and covering a handful at a time. Now some 35 years later they still make a good show every Spring. I must get up there and clear any brambles growing.

I have started to think about 2024 in my garden. I have planted the sweet pea seeds and about half have germinated so far. They are safely indoors so the mice can't eat them.

There have been a lot of sacks of garden rubbish which will not compost in the garage, waiting to go to the tip at Efford. I was not going to unload them in the rain, but with the change in the weather I have taken it over. I must make use of this dry weather and start doing some jobs outside, before it rains again!

Soon be Spring!



**Let Unity and not Uniformity be our aim.**

*Quote by Andrew Ollerton in his Romans Course referring to the theme of Chapter 13*

## River Mude Benefice Welcomes Their New Vicar

On 3 January, **Revd Kathy Hicken** was welcomed to the newly formed River Mude Benefice (comprising All Saints, Mudeford and St Lukes, Burton) in a service led by Bishop Geoff Annas. St Luke's Church was packed, with people from the two congregations, local clergy, civic leaders, and representatives from her previous parish, St Mark's Southampton.



All Saints Mudeford has been without a church building since the disastrous fire in July 2022 and has been running both services and children's activities in 'borrowed' local halls and churches, and thanks to the efforts and dedication of Lay Ministers, Retired Clergy, Church Wardens holding the fort while awaiting a permanent priest.

The benefice is new but the two parishes have already built a relationship and are really looking forward to Kathy's leadership!

*From Winchester Diocesan News*

*Many of our congregations will remember Kathy, and Richard, being part of our congregation while Kathy was training for ministry in Paul Taylor's time. We wish her well in her new role. Ed*

**Two advance dates for your diaries ...**

### Bring and Share lunch

The traditional Palm Sunday lunch

at Tiptoe on **24th March**

Details in March LINK

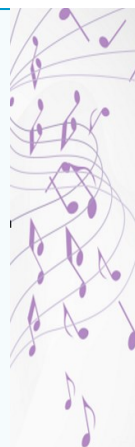
### Village Voices

are now in rehearsal for a concert on

**Saturday 27th April**

They plan to take us on a musical journey through the decades.

Book the date!



# Who is God? What is God like?

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The Upper Juniors have recently been considering who they believe God is and what God is like.

They learned about the main characteristics that describe God's nature (Creator, Benevolent, Omniscient and Omnipotent). These four ideas about God are commonly shared by followers of the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam).

Over the course of our unit, we learned what each word meant and looked at some of the names used for God in the Bible. We read some different Bible

stories and decided which of the four characteristics of God best matched each of the stories, giving justification for our answers.

In our End of Unit Workout, we wrote our own poems demonstrating our understanding and interpretations of each of the main characteristics describing God.

We would like to share some of our thoughts with you at All Saints Church - we think the children have shown deep insight and have shared some very thought-provoking ideas.

## Who is God? What is God like?

He is an amazing phenomenon that has puzzled mankind for centuries. He has indescribable power and rules beyond the universe. He is kind and forgiving and talks to us through angels. Some people do not believe in God. He gave his only son for humanity. He is the creator of the universe. He is the kind and loving father of heaven.

People who believe in God think his job is to answer prayers but actually he does a lot more. God sends angels to deliver messages like when Angel Gabriel said to Mary she was going to have a child. This creator is a genius. This means that he created the world and some universes. He is a loving father and a kind ruler. He is our king, our protector, who always looks down on us. He is always with us.

“ He is the  
kind and  
loving father  
of heaven. ”

Some people think that God is their protector. Others don't think that he exists at all. Christians think he is kind and loving and also think he is just and fair. God can punish people when they have done wrong things like when he flooded the earth and banished Adam and Eve.

What are my interpretations of the 4 main ideas about God shared by Christianity, Islam and Judaism?

**God is the creator.**

The light and the darkness

The fragile wing of a bird

The world

These are all the things  
God has made for us.

**God is benevolent.**

Healing the harmed

Forgiving all our sins

The smile shared from a  
stranger on a train

This is why god is loving  
all of us individually

**God is omniscient.**

He knows each  
individual's emotions

Seeing all the things that  
happen in the world

Knowing every human  
thought

That is why he is all  
knowing.



**God is a creator**

A flower blooming in spring,  
The sparks rising from a fire,  
The seven colours of the rainbow,  
The creator of land and sea  
He made it all

**God is benevolent**

A mother tending to a child's needs  
Two lions playing in the sunlight,  
A small smile when passing strangers  
on the street  
He is love and love is him,  
He cares for all, he forgives and heals.

**God is omniscient**

A loved one fighting for survival,  
God knows. He sees it all every day  
of our lives  
He hears the words we do not mean  
but are said anyway  
He knows each and every one of us  
more than we know ourselves  
He knew young Jeremiah would be a  
prophet before he entered the earth

**God is omnipotent**

He has power over everything we do  
He's as hot as a burning flame  
He has power over life - over death  
He uses his power to send  
punishment if we sin  
But forgives us when we do not  
deserve it.

## Reflections on Solar Panels

We decided to investigate Solar PV because the children had all left home, we had inherited some money, we have a south facing roof and just two of us in the house. We thought that we should see what benefit an installation might offer both financially and for the planet! A visit to a meeting about renewable energy and home insulation provided the necessary nudge.

Our system has a number of panels on the roof, providing power to a controller in the house. The controller synchronises with the grid and decides where to direct the power. The first priority is to use it in the house, the second is to fill our battery and the third is to heat our domestic hot water. After that, any excess is sold back to the grid. When we want to use energy and not enough is coming off the roof, the household usage is supported from our battery until that is gone, then we call on the grid. At 120kg, the battery is on the garage floor!



Looking back over our first year we have noticed some encouraging trends:

- With just us in the house, our daily electricity consumption is broadly steady over the year, and well within the capacity of the installation.
- From April through to September, we have been a net exporter of electricity. In the spring and autumn, we are a bit more weather dependent.
- Over the year as a whole, we have had a third of our power direct from the roof, another third from the battery (fed from the roof) and a third from the grid.
- We have exported to the grid about twice what we have taken from it.

Selling power into the grid has been a bit of a hassle. Once we are used to it, we should see most of the cost of buying electrical power being offset by our exports. Using solar power to heat water has also reduced our gas bills through the summer.

Getting the best from our system has taken a bit of getting used to. The battery can receive or deliver a maximum of 2.5 kW. This means when making toast, using the coffee machine and running the dish washer all at once will hit the grid for power, so we try to stagger our usage. If it is a sunny day and there are jobs to do, we use the machines and sometimes the tumble drier rather than export the power: it is cheaper to use our own than it is to buy it in!

Our investment in the system has reduced our exposure to the variability of energy prices: and it has reduced our carbon footprint. Pending precise figures, we expect it will have paid for itself in about six years; then most of our electricity will be free!

Do chat to me or get in touch if you would like more information *Tony Edmonds*

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