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October 2026

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WELCOME to the October issue of LINK



Welcome to the October edition of LINK! As we continue our tour of church festivals with interesting origins, there are few more intriguing than Halloween.

There is a well-known story for the origins of Halloween: when Christianity came to the Celtic cultures of Britain, the church took the pre-existing pagan festival of Samhain, where the move from harvest to winter

marked a time to speak with spirits and deceased loved ones, and ‘Christianised’ it by moving the festival of All Saints Day to November 1st. Speaking with spirits transformed into prayers for the dead, but dressing up and playing tricks on the neighbours remained.

There is probably some truth to this story, except there is hardly any evidence describing Samhain at all.

The church’s habit of combining Christian festivities with a culture’s pre-existing ones has had mixed success. Though it may have helped the gospel to be accepted more quickly, it has often meant the pagan focus on a given date has persisted, or even come to dominate the Christian significance. So it is with Halloween. I cannot take my small children to supermarkets in October for fear of being confronted with aisles filled with bloody chainsaws and staff wearing gory prosthetics. Whatever Samhain used to mean, today’s Halloween certainly sees a prominent glorification of darkness and death, or it is a trivial excuse to dress up.

The festival of All Saints, however, celebrates a glorious truth that, whilst other Saints days celebrated individual Christian heroes, **all** Christians are saints – which means made holy – on account of Christ’s work. So no Christian needs to fear the shadow of darkness, because Christ has defeated death for all his people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
(John 1:5)

In Christ, *Phil*

Sunday Services October 2026

All Saints', Hordle

Sunday	4th	9.30	Morning Prayer - in Church
		10.30	Family Communion - Hall
		6.00	Contemporary Evening Service - Hall
Sunday	11th	9.30	Morning Prayer - in Church
		10.30	Family Service - Hall
Sunday	18th	9.30	Holy Communion - in Church
		10.30	All Age Service - Hall
Sunday	25th	9.30	Morning Prayer - in Church
		10.30	Family Service - Hall

St. Andrew's, Tiptoe

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

Prayer Meetings in October 2026

Monday	5	11.00	Memorial Hall
Monday	12, 19, 26	11.00	On Zoom

Registry

12/09/26	Blessing of the marriage of Skye and Ramon Oviedo
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Calendar for October 2026

Bell Ringing	6, 13, 20, 27	7.00	Bell Tower, Hordle
Coffee	9, 23	10.30	Camellias, Everton
Fun and Fellowship	13th	2.30	Tiptoe Church Hall
Quiet Garden	15th	9.50	Rodgers
Table Tennis	6, 13, 20, 27	7.00	Tiptoe Church Hall
Voyagers	TBC		
Rooted	11th	5.30	Memorial Hall Hordle

10th October - a busy day!

10.30 am Community Showcase

6.30 for 7.00 pm 'Late Shift'

Live music in Memorial Hall

Posters with details of both these events appear later in this magazine

Light Night

31st October

All Saints' Church Hordle

5 pm

The annual

Lyndhurst Deanery Evensong

- a traditional service, following the pattern from the Book of Common Prayer, will this year be at

**Beaulieu Abbey Church
on Sunday 11 October
at 5.30 pm**

This occasion gives local musical voices the opportunity to join together and encourage one another, making wonderful music and worshipping as one.

Congregations from around the Deanery will be most welcome.

"The measure of your love is your love without measure."



The Annual Service of Remembrance will take place at the Parish War Memorial in Everton Road, Hordle, on Sunday 8th November from 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome to gather to remember those who gave their tomorrows for our todays.

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes



Once again we plan to send shoe boxes filled with treats for children in third world countries. Rather than filling a box, it would be an enormous help if people donated items to go into boxes.

I will put a collection box in each church at the beginning of October but meanwhile please look out for suitable gifts. We need ...

- Stationery items ... notebooks, coloured pencils, rubbers, felt tips, colouring books (small enough to fit in a shoebox)
- Hair things ... brushes, combs, scrunchies, hair clips
- Toiletries ... flannels, toothbrushes, (not soap or toothpaste)
- Toys and games for all ages ... dominoes, skipping ropes, blow-up footballs, cuddly toys, **card** games,
- Hats, scarves, gloves, socks of all sizes, sunglasses

If you would rather give a donation, please do. This will either go towards purchasing items or help with the transporting of boxes. (Cash only please and give to me or leave in the church office.)

When we see the plight of so many children, it is good that we can do something to give them a little joy in their lives. Last year, over 300 boxes were filled by the churches in Hordle & Tiptoe, Milford & Everton. It would be great if we could do the same this year.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Gill Morris

Community Showcase

Saturday 10th October



10.30am – 12.30pm



All Saints Church Hall,
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Babs Stainer 1931 - 2026

We are sad to announce that our faithful attendee of many, many years, Babs Stainer, has died.

Babs was born in Woolwich and moved down with her family to Tuckton during WW2, when her father was stationed on the South Coast. Once they had moved to New Milton, the sisters [Babs and Joan] always worshipped at St Andrew's.

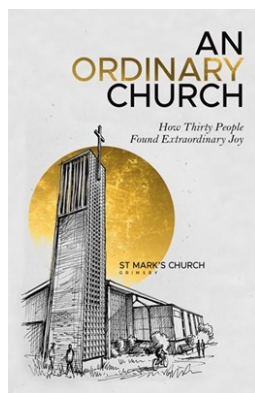
Babs was widowed some forty years ago and lived alone - preferably with a dog - breed of choice, always a daschund.

Babs liked to help her sister, Joan Rymell, with flower arranging in the church and was also very good at reading the Lessons.

During the past three years or so, Babs has suffered considerably with her health and was unable to come to church. She managed to stay living independently and loved to "dog-sit" Rolo, a daschund friend, until quite recently.

The last year was a real challenge for Babs. She faced painful health issues with fortitude and we pray that she is now at peace with our Loving Heavenly Father, in pain no longer. God bless you, Babs.

Joan Lane



An Ordinary Church

We are all different and, throughout our lives, face different challenges and all have to cope with ups and downs during our journey through life.

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Even if we are secure in our own faith, we know others who are struggling and the testimony of another person can so often challenge and encourage us.

I would thoroughly recommend this book. You can purchase a copy through Amazon or contact Christina Rodgers.

Gill Morris

Peter Reece writes ...



At the Church Office we get a fair number of odd emails, mostly some sort of begging letter or spam. I initially thought the email headed “Chuan, Chuan” was one of these. But this email was different:

Dear All Saints Church Team,

Warm greetings from Malaysia. My name is Wen Han, and I am a history enthusiast and collector of church guidebooks, postcards, and printed materials from historic churches around the world. I recently learned about All Saints’ Church in Hordle and was deeply impressed by its beautiful red-brick Victorian architecture, the Salviati mosaic reredos, and the fascinating local history associated with John Collett, a well-known benefactor of the village. Thank you very much for preserving this beautiful and historically significant church and for considering my request. Wen

He then asked for copies of guidebooks, post cards, or history brochures and gave a full name and address in Malaysia.

I had no idea what a ‘Salviati mosaic reredos’ might be, so I Googled it: A Reredos, is a decorated area behind the altar or table in a church. A Salviati mosaic is a distinctive type of mosaic decoration produced by Antonio Salviati in the 19th-century in Italy. There are Salviati mosaics in such places as St Mark’s Basilica, Venice, Westminster Abbey, and the Albert Memorial. The tiles on the pulpit in All Saints’ also appear to be by Salviati.

I emailed Wen some photos of the mosaics, the pulpit, and the Collett obelisk. I told him about Hordle, the story of John Collett - the ‘poachers’ friend’ and the obelisk, and Mary Girling and the ‘Hordle Shakers’. I also posted a postcard of Hordle Church.

A few weeks later I received a lovely email from Wen, saying how much he appreciated my email response and that the post card would now be a treasured part of his collection. I find it amazing that someone on the other side of the world can tell us something new about the church in Hordle.



Welcome to Naomi Carrillo - our new Ministry Assistant

Hi! I'm Naomi Carrillo, I'm 19 years old and I'm so excited to be able to serve the churches of All Saints' Hordle and St. Andrew's Tiptoe this coming year as a ministry assistant! Though I was born in Oxford, I grew up in Mexico and moved to England two years ago with my mum and my sister to be able to pursue my education and do my A Levels.

My family and I have been regular attendants at All Saints' Hordle since we moved and have been blessed by such a loving and Christ-centred church community. It is a blessing for me to be able to be ministry assistant here during my gap year before I go on to study Classical Civilisations at Durham University in September 2027.

I grew up in a Christian household, went to a Presbyterian church in Mexico, and was in a Christian primary/secondary school till the age of twelve. However, it wasn't till I was 14 that I had an encounter with the Lord that made me take him more seriously. At 17, when I moved to England, I again took a bigger step in my faith and began to seek Him first and serve Him in love. God has always been present in my life, and I have a deep passion for learning more about Him and following Him more closely. Therefore, I knew it was God's calling when the opportunity came up for me to be able to spend my gap year learning more about God and serving Him and His church.

Over the next year I hope to learn more about the different roles within the church, and to try out many new things and meet new people. I am eager to learn how to better share my faith and support people of all ages and stages in their faith journeys. Most of all, I am looking forward to what see what God is going to teach me during this time, and I pray that I will grow deeper in my faith and love for Him!

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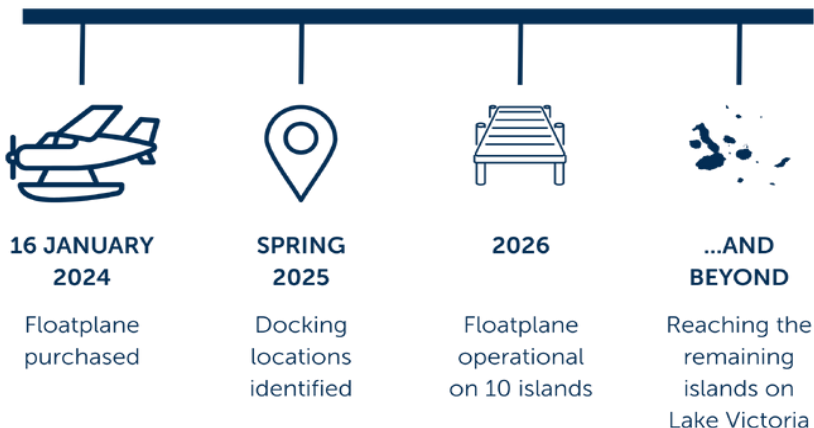
Big news from Uganda: the MAF team is getting ready to reach people living on the remote island of Lake Victoria!

Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake, stretches across Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. "It feels like a small ocean," says Ruth Jack, Country Director of MAF in Uganda. "Some of the most isolated people in the country live on the many islands in Lake Victoria." For years, many island communities here lived in isolation. Little to no healthcare, education, or the gospel have been the norm. **But now, change is in the air.**

"There are no hospitals on any of the islands," explains Samuel Wasswa, a local resident who has lived on Buyovu Island for 15 years. "The only way people can get to the hospital on the mainland is by canoe – and these often overturn when the winds become rough."

"The plane will bring doctors, teachers - people we've needed for so long." By connecting the islands to the mainland, the floatplane will drastically cut travel time: from 8 hours by boat to just 20 minutes by air. This will have an immediate and lasting impact.

Deputy Country Director of MAF in Uganda, shares his vision: "There are over 200 islands, and my dream is that every island will be reached. God is a God of impossibilities. **What is not possible with man is possible with God.**"



MAF October verse: And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father Col 3:17



Life Updates[

from Summer newsletter



In our last newsletter, we had just moved into our new home in Ashford. We've now been there for a few months, and it's such a blessing. We have been able to host friends and family, to have a space that enables us to feel rooted, and to enjoy the process of making somewhere our own, after living in mission houses, and then rental accommodation, for so long.

We both find ourselves growing busier, taking on roles in our local church. Dave is heading up the production department, and Becky has been able to do some preaching and Bible teaching, as well as singing in the worship team and helping with communications.

Amidst the busyness, we've also been able to investigate some more of the health issues that had become a problem in our time overseas. Dave was able to have an MRI scan of an old back injury; sadly, it's not something that can be easily remedied, but knowing what the problem is enables us to put good practices into place to strengthen the muscles around the injury, enabling him to continue living life, doing work, and exploring the beautiful county of Kent.

Prayer and Praise

Pray for:

Dave, as he heads to Finland to speak at the Ecological and Electric Aviation Conference.

Becky, as she preaches in various churches in the coming months.

Energy, as we both face quite busy times in our work and other commitments.

Praise for:

Our wonderful house, which has been a great place to host lots of guests.

The NHS! We are thankful Dave was able to have an MRI scan recently.

An upcoming holiday with our family.

Dave and Becky are our linked MAF missionaries

Church Hall Free Workout cleaning



Would you like a good work out? - please read on...

Two of our current team are retiring at the end of the year and we are looking for volunteers to help clean the Memorial Hall at All Saints' Church Hordle. Our volunteers work in pairs for a couple of hours on a Friday, approximately once a month. If you would be interested in helping or would like more information please contact:

June Bailey, Churchwarden - either email bjunebailey@outlook.com or by phone on 07485 153514.

Sharing God's love
with Venezuela's
earthquake survivors



The earthquakes that hit Venezuela on 24 June 2026 are the fiercest since 1900 and could prove to be the most devastating in 150 years. The Bible Society team in the country is reaching out to survivors with God's love, and they're asking for your help.

How you can help

Here at home, Bible Society is raising **£15,000** to provide a further two and a half thousand disaster relief kits for survivors.

If you can give £12 today, you'll provide two kits to give to people in the greatest need. These Bible Society disaster relief kits were first used last year. They include clean water, food and hygiene items, and a Bible.

You can make an amazing difference in Venezuela today by investing in this powerful practical response that will share God's love.

For details of how to give, see the Bible Society website.

"Church is **not** an organisation you join :

It is a family where you belong,

A home where you are loved

And a hospital where you find healing."

THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

I have now seen a kingfisher! In fact several ... but not close up; that will come! You just need to sit quietly in a hide on a hard bench for two hours and you will be surprised what you will see. We watched a grebe diving for fish and then finding her young one to feed. The young one was diving as well but not catching anything! One time, another young grebe approached her but did not get fed! The other people in the hide were friendly, alerting us to what they could see. The kingfisher is quite small and very quick and easy to miss. The next bird on my 'list' is a white tailed eagle, which is much easier to see!

In the garden, a big tidy up has been taking place. One goes out to a celebration, leaving daughters one and two alone in the garden ... on arrival home one has to show amazement at what they have achieved! I was very grateful, (but had pointed out before I left what should not be cut down).

The winter greens have flourished with the change in the weather. There are rows of chard, kale and spinach with Brussels sprouts and broccoli for later picking. I have taken off the covers but I will watch for pigeon damage. There are still a few cabbage white butterflies about, but I hope egg-laying season is over.



There is still a robin about, but I think the young one has been moved on. We did get an indoor visit from the robin, so perhaps it is getting friendlier.

We are visiting the Isle of Wight tomorrow; I wonder what we will see there?



DMV

"Our job is to plant the seed, not change people's hearts
Don't get our role and God's mixed up!"

Church of England welcomes Government consultation on Religious Education in the National Curriculum

Proposal could see RE included in the National Curriculum for the first time, with protections maintained for church schools.

The Church of England has welcomed an announcement from the Government today that they will consult in the Autumn on the potential of RE becoming part of the National Curriculum. This is part of the implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment Review as outlined in the Schools White Paper – Every Child Achieving and Thriving.

Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Portsmouth, said:

“As Chair of the National Society for Education, I fully welcome this government consultation on RE moving into the National Curriculum.

“This both elevates the importance of the subject as integral to the flourishing of every child in our nation, and also preserves long-standing arrangements for church schools which make up a third of the state sector.”

“We look forward to working closely with colleagues and partners within the education community, and to bringing our contribution to the consultation.”

From Church of England Press release issued in July 2026



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For September 2027 school starters



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- Wednesday 14th October
- Thursday 5th November
- Friday 13th November

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Please note, booking is essential.

Please email adminoffice@hordle.hants.sch.uk or call us on 01425 611657 to book your place.



“It's such a joy to see my children so happy and excited to go to school, knowing they're ready for an amazing day ahead!”
Parent, July 2025

“This is a school where everyone smiles!”
Ofsted inspection report, March 2022

'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10



MANY HANDS REALLY MAKE LIGHT WORK

St Andrew's Meadow is ready for winter, thanks to the efforts of kind volunteers. Because wildflowers flourish on POOR soil, the annual cut is followed a week later by a

raking party to remove dead grass to "spoil" heaps before it enriches the soil. The week's delay allows seeds to fall and to regrow next year, while creepie crawlies burrow or move to the safety of undergrowth. This age-old management suits flowers and insects, even in a drought-stricken Summer.

In Genesis Ch.2 v.15, God instructed Adam and Eve to care for *His* creation. The meadow may have looked very scruffy by the end of summer, but what a pleasure to know we are giving Nature a place to thrive here and at All Saints'.



Simon recorded more than 100 species of moth

Five Green-winged Orchids bloomed

Grasshoppers, beetles, bees, spiders and butterflies abound

St Andrew's is the "local" of choice for Tiptoe's bats

Grateful thanks to all of our volunteers, particularly those who aren't in a photo!

Pray without ceasing - a reflection on 1 Thess.5.17

Pray without ceasing? Paul, have you seen my life?

There are emails to answer ... meals to cook ... people to care for ... deadlines to meet ... laundry that mysteriously multiplies when I'm not looking! And you're suggesting I just ... pray. Constantly!?

Is this meant to make me feel inspired ... or guilty?

“Pray without ceasing.” Does that mean kneeling all day? Whispering holy words while trying to have a coherent conversation? Ignoring the world in order to talk to God?

But surely that cannot be what Paul means ... because -
life itself demands our attention.
Jesus didn't spend every waking moment in formal prayer.

So what is this “unceasing” prayer?

Maybe it isn't about 'speaking' to God all the time.
Maybe it's about living as though God is always there.
Not constant words ... but constant awareness.
A life lived in conversation, even when no words are spoken.

Perhaps prayer without ceasing looks like:

a sigh when things are hard;
a thank you when something goes right;
a cry for help in the middle of chaos;
a moment of stillness in the noise.

Perhaps it is less about posture ... and more about presence.
Not withdrawing from life to pray, but carrying God with me into life.
If God is truly everywhere, then prayer can happen anywhere.

**Maybe then, “pray without ceasing” is not an impossible command ...
but a gentle reminder that I am never alone.**



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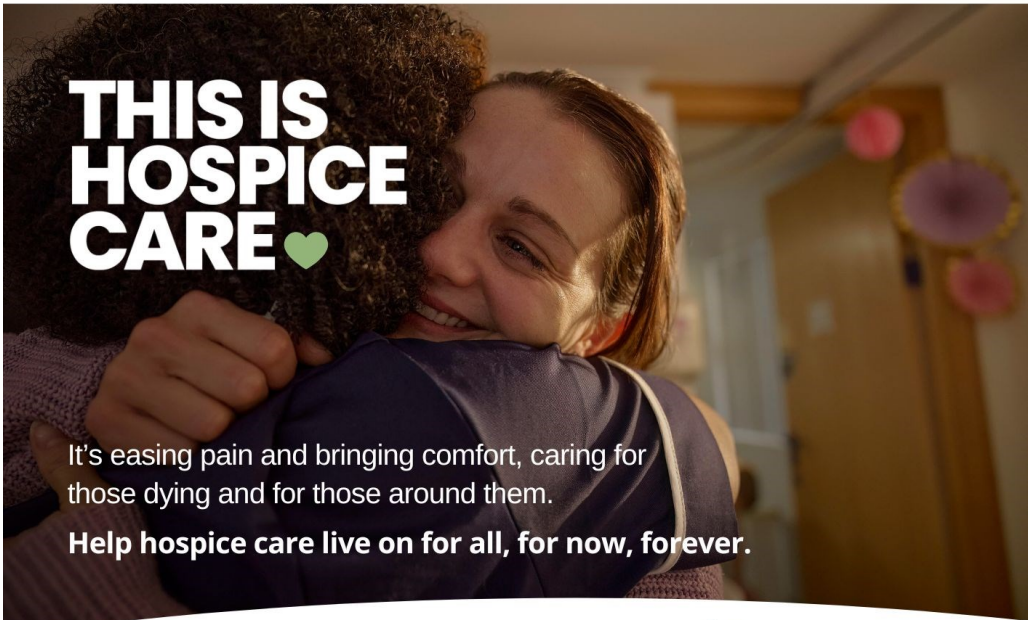
For many of us, a hospice will touch our lives, whether for ourselves, a loved one, or a friend, providing comfort, dignity, and expert care through life's most challenging times. But this support wouldn't exist without you. Oakhaven relies heavily on charitable donations to keep its doors open.

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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).

TIPTOE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

SCARF Youth Club, 6.30-8.00 for children with special needs aged 11-16. Contact: Lucinda, 07874 221249

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

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