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WELCOME to the September issue of LINK



In our journey through the church calendar this year, we have noted several times when God's people have focused on His provision in the agricultural cycle, whether in petition or thanksgiving. Mostly the origins of these celebrations predate Christianity and are obscured by the mists of time. Our most famous celebration of God's provision, Harvest Festival,

however, has a very clear and much more recent history.

In 1843, Reverend Robert Hawker, Vicar of Morwenstow, invited his congregation to a special service to celebrate that year's plentiful harvest, which he held on 1st October. This service proved popular and was rapidly emulated in churches across the country over the coming years, acquiring a number of traditional habits and hymns along the way.

Over time the focus of harvest has shifted toward offering what we have to those who do not have enough. Much more recently the Church of England's introduction of the season of Creationtide (1st September - 4th October) has broadened the focus to God's goodness throughout Creation, encouraging us to be mindful of our impact on the natural world.

Some may view this shift of emphasis as unwelcome, preferring to retain the 'traditional' focus on bringing the harvest home. But it is illuminating to see how this seemingly ancient tradition arose from one vicar's innovative new idea to highlight something important to his local community. I would argue that Creationtide does the same for us today. In a world of increasing food insecurity, and following the extraordinary heatwaves we've had this year, I, for one, will be praying earnestly for the Lord to give our leaders the wisdom and urgency to combat the effects of climate change and to provide all we need in the years ahead.



In Christ, *Phil*

Sunday Services September 2026

All Saints', Hordle

Sunday	6th	9.30	Morning Prayer - in Church
		10.30	Family Communion - Hall
Sunday	13th	9.30	Morning Prayer - in Church
		10.30	Family Service - Hall
		6.30	Contemporary Evening Service
Sunday	20th	10.30	All Age Harvest Festival in Church
Sunday	27th	9.30	Morning Prayer - in Church
		10.30	Family Service - Hall

St. Andrew's, Tiptoe

Sunday	6th	10.00	Morning Worship
Sunday	13th	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	20th	10.00	Harvest Festival
Sunday	27th	10.00	Holy Communion

Registry

Funerals

31st July 2026 Funeral of Joy Webb

Interment of Ashes

24th July 2026 Interment of Ashes of Elizabeth Johnson

13th August 2026 Interment of Ashes of Janet Read

14th August 2026 Interment of Ashes of Irene Keeping

Wedding

22nd August 2026 Wedding of Elaine Reed and Dan Edwards

Calendar for September 2026

Bell Ringing	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Sept	7.00	Bell Tower, Hordle
Coffee	11th, 25th	Sept	10.30	Camellias, Everton
Fun and Fellowship	8th	Sept	2.30	Tiptoe Church Hall
Quiet Garden	17th	Sept	9.50	Rodgers
Table Tennis	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Sept	7.00	Tiptoe Church Hall
Voyagers	TBC			
Rooted	TBC			

Prayer Meetings in September 2026				
Monday	7th	Sept	11.00	Memorial Hall
Monday	14, 21, 28	Sept	11.00	On Zoom



Sunday

All Saints' 10.30 Holy Communion

These services will be followed by a joint Bring and Share lunch at 12.30pm at All Saints.

When I woke up this morning I asked myself. "What is life about?"
I found the answers in my room



Saturday 19th September

Speaker: PC Ben Long

Subject:
'From Trauma to
Forgiveness'



HCA Summer Party in the Park



Saturday 5th September 2026 1-5pm

Join us at Hordle Recreation Ground for an
afternoon of fun and entertainment for all!

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AN INVITATION FROM FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

We are a friendly group and would particularly invite those of you who are missing TEA @ 3 to join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in St Andrew's Hall, Tiptoe and start at 2.30, although people arrive from 2pm.

It might not seem that different from Tea @ 3 as we have hot drinks and delicious homemade cake during the afternoon. But we also have fun doing quizzes together, or sometimes it's a games afternoon. We've even been known to have a Beetle Drive!

We charge the grand sum of £1.50 for the afternoon, but your first visit will be free!!

We look forward to welcoming you on September 8th. No need to book, just come along. If you need a lift, Peter in the office has a team of drivers who could help.

Janice and Chris Benson and everyone who comes each month.

The fan said: "Be cool,"

DATES FOR THE BIG STRIM & RAKE



Please put these dates in your calendar and, weather permitting, join us with tools and suitable footwear from 9.30 am. Refreshments will be provided

If wet, alternative dates will be arranged.

St Andrew's:	Big Strim: Thursday 3rd September
	Big Rake: Thursday 10th September
All Saints':	Big Strim: Thursday 17th September
	Big Rake: Thursday 24th September

None of the work happened to schedule last year! But the meadows were eventually cut and raked.

*The primroses, violets, ox-eye daisies, and four green winged orchids at Tiptoe have bloomed gloriously. On a warm, still afternoon look out for butterflies: **Marbled White** and **Meadow Browns** are already thriving amongst the long grasses.*

Grateful thanks to all our volunteers



The roof said: "Aim high,"



Photo: Joan Lane

Visiting Lincoln ...

Cathedrals in our country are great treasures and, whenever we can, we visit them. Recently, we extended a trip north to include Lincoln.

What a delight! Lincoln is a small city but the cathedral can be seen from miles away. As we drove into the historic centre the sight of the spectacular building quite took my breath away!

Lincoln was first settled by the Romans in AD50, and was strategically built to link two Roman roads, Fosse Way and Ermine Street.

William the Conqueror commissioned the cathedral building in 1072 to show his power and might. In the Middle Ages, Lincoln became wealthy and powerful and Lincoln Diocese was the largest in England.

Built from the rock on which it stands, Lincolnshire limestone, the cathedral, after having a spire added in 1311, was the tallest building in the World - even taller than the Great Pyramid of Giza. In 1549 a fearful storm caused the spire to collapse and it was never replaced. Even so, the building is majestic and the fourth largest in the UK after Liverpool, St. Paul's and York Minster.

In 1215, Hugh of Wells the Bishop of Lincoln, and one of the original signatories, secured a copy of Magna Carta. One of four remaining copies of the original, it is now on secure display in Lincoln Castle.

Lincoln Cathedral has, through the ages, weathered storm and earthquake, hosted Parliament, welcomed Kings, and buried Queens (some remains of Eleanor, wife of King Edward I are there).

During WW2, it stood as a beacon to returning pilots, many of whom were stationed at one of the fifty operational airfields in Lincolnshire.

During our last evening there, we walked around the Cathedral Square and the golden light reflecting from the walls will be a memory that I shall long cherish. What a wonder!

Joan Lane

**The grass withers and
the flowers fall,
but the word of our
God endures for ever.**

ISAIAH 40.8 (NIV)



In response to our gift of Bibles over the years to our year 6 school leavers, Tim Cosby recently received this post card from Bible Society, addressed to us all ...

To the congregations of All Saints
Hordle and St Andrew Tiptoe.

We just want to acknowledge all that you've done in giving year 6 pupils in your local area a Bible as they leave primary school. Distributing 600 Bibles in 7 years is an amazing achievement. Through this you have also supported Bible Society by purchasing The Good News Year 6 Edition Bible. Your generosity is such a blessing not only for these pupils but to the projects that Bible Society supports here in Gwent & Wales and around the world.

On behalf of the Bible Society team, thank you

Heather Vandamme
Volunteers Team

The clock said, "Every minute is precious,"



‘Estimates suggest that more than 16,400 civilians have been killed and 65,044 injured. The numbers of Ukrainian service personnel killed and injured are far higher. Many of those men and women would have been civilians had peace remained.

In this context of violent loss, where people are surrounded by grief and death daily, Christians from different denominations in Ukraine are facing deep internal and spiritual challenges along with the practical ones.

The pain gives rise to difficult questions about God, and if these questions are not acknowledged, people find themselves at a loss for ways to hold onto their faith. including church leaders.

As local churches respond within their communities to meet some of the many and varied needs people are facing, Tearfund has been working to support the people carrying those burdens. One of the ways is by running training programmes to help them face the psychological and emotional trauma of the situations around them, giving them the space to voice these questions and find a path forward.

- ***Faith in God is no longer understood as a guarantee of safety ... but as a source of resilience.***
- ***It is not the absence of fear ... but the choice not to allow fear to destroy the soul or dictate actions.***
- ***Faith becomes an inner light in the midst of darkness ... a deep conviction that life still has meaning, even in the most difficult circumstances.***

Pray for Ukraine

- ⇒ **Lift up each grieving person, asking God to bring comfort and provision**
- ⇒ **Pray for all working to support others, showing the love of Jesus in practical ways**
- ⇒ **Pray for peace.**

War torn

Gaping, empty lots,
rubble strewn.
Torn clothes, broken toys
homes ripped apart,
exposed to view.

The hollow faces of the hungry,
wails of the broken hearted.
Children traumatized,
drone scared,
too tense to rest, to sleep.

This is war.
'Never again.'
Words ring empty in our ears.

*Lord, bring peace to your creation,
as we repeat our pollution,
our aggression,
our lack of respect for others.
Help us to trust, to show your love.
to bring peace and understanding,
that 'never again' may no longer be an emptiness.*



**‘We cannot thank you enough
for the prayers you pray for
MAF, they really do move
mountains.’**

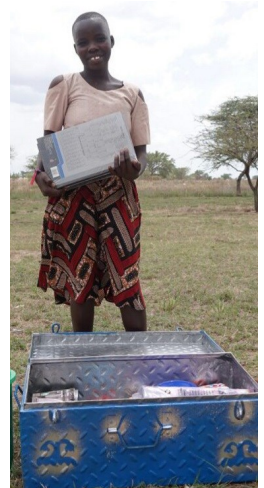


Madagascar Right Place, Right Time

In remote Madagascar, where reaching a hospital can take days, a mother and her newborn daughter survived a life-threatening birth complication thanks to the timely arrival of a medical team flown in by MAF.

When MAF’s partner, Ezekiel 37 Ministry, established a school in Uganda’s Karamoja region, they wanted to provide a good education. They had no idea how the school would actually offer so much more: a safe haven and a route out of poverty.

Mary attended Akigyeno School, established and run by MAF’s partner, Ezekiel 37 Ministry, to serve children in one of Uganda’s most disadvantaged regions. Through this partnership, children who might otherwise be exposed to trafficking, child marriage, and exploitation are given the opportunity to learn in a safe environment.



**MAF verse for September: ‘So faith comes from hearing, that is,
hearing the Good News about Christ ’ Romans 10: 17**

Research heralds leprosy diagnosis via a smartphone



“Despite there being a cure for leprosy since the 1980s, there remains more than 200,000 cases of leprosy diagnosed and treated each year. The treated cases are just the tip of the iceberg. Research suggests that for every person treated, there are a hidden 20 who need the cure. If left untreated, leprosy causes nerve damage which can lead to permanent disability, including blindness.”

“There are so many communities that don’t have access to hospital-based skin smears and biopsies, which are also costly and invasive.

“A health worker armed with the technology to more accurately diagnose leprosy with a scanner on a smartphone is such an exciting prospect. A person with leprosy can be treated immediately and spared a lifetime of disability.”

“Such a device would be an immensely valuable tool in our mission to end leprosy. We are incredibly grateful to St Francis Leprosy Guild for funding this ground-breaking research.”

“Clare McIntosh, Director of St Francis Leprosy Guild, which has cared for people affected by leprosy for 125 years, said: “We are delighted to be supporting this exciting research project. An easy-to-use, field diagnostic is the vital tool that we need to find the many people affected by leprosy and stop its transmission.”



Abridged from Leprosy Mission website

The mirror said, “*Reflect before you act,*”

Professor Jason Arday

The nation has been stunned by the death of this young man. The United Reformed Church included in its online Daily Devotions thoughts from a variety of contributors. Here is an extract from one such ...

Steve Chalke, founder of Oasis Charitable Trust, said: “Jason served on our Oasis educational board from January 2022 until March 2023 when he stepped down because of increasing professional and personal commitments, including the commencement of his role as a professor at Cambridge. Though his time as a board member with us was only brief, on stepping down, he kindly continued to support our work as an ambassador and through creating opportunities for our students.

So thank you gentle Jason. Our prayer is that you will find peace in the arms of the God of love and acceptance - in your escape from the whirlpool of misinformation, media scrutiny and public judgement with no sense of compassion or thought for its impact on you.”

Steve Chalke, founder of Oasis Trust, is also a Baptist Minister

ALPHA SERIES COMING 2027

Following on from the success of this year's Alpha Course, we are running another six-week course in January 2027, starting on Thursday 7 January.

Now is the time to start praying specific prayers for those people you think would benefit from attending an Alpha course. Invitations will be available at the end of the year, but most important are your prayers from now until January.

The calendar said, "Be up to date,"

THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

How are your gardens looking? Like mine, I expect, brown and dried up. I have been keeping the vegetables watered, but the plants have only produced enough to keep us fed. I did plant a row of Sarpo Una potatoes, only bought because the pack was half price, and they have done well without much watering. I have made sure the new plum tree has had adequate water, and it is looking good. I thought I had removed all of the fruit, but missed one, which I ate, and it was very nice.

Other things I have kept watered are the birds, giving them fresh water every day, as asked by the RSPB. I also keep a saucer with just a little water for insects such as wasps, as I have seen them looking for a drink. I am just hoping that that when it is cooler and wetter we will get more produce.

We have had another trip to Arne Nature Reserve to watch for ospreys. We did see one but not very close, and heard one which was a lot closer. They migrate and use Arne as a stopping place to feed.

Tomorrow I am going to Blashford Lakes, with another daughter, to watch for kingfishers. There is a hide where they fish, so we will be there early to get a seat. I will report next month. The kingfisher is one bird I have never seen, top of my bucket list! Might take some perseverance.



I have not made any progress with the robin, but he has been seen in the greenhouse, cleaning up a few bugs, I hope!

DMV

A personal recollection! Reading this article to prepare it for LINK, I was taken straight back to before I was 6 years old (a long time ago!) when my mother would often take my younger brother and me to a little secluded tree-lined river and waterfall. We could almost guarantee the presence of kingfishers every time we went!

Ed.

The door said, "Push hard for your goals."

In a recent conversation, a friend said “Oh it reminds me of the Drowning Man!” For the benefit of those who, like me, didn’t know the story, it is printed here. It is an anonymous folk tale, but surely has a message for us today ...

The Drowning Man

A fellow was stuck on his rooftop in a flood. He was praying to God for help.

Soon a man in a rowboat came by and the fellow shouted to the man on the roof, “Jump in, I can save you.”

The stranded fellow shouted back, “No, it’s OK, I’m praying to God and he is going to save me.”

So the rowboat went on.

Then a motorboat came by. The fellow in the motorboat shouted, “Jump in, I can save you.”

To this the stranded man said, “No thanks, I’m praying to God and he is going to save me. I have faith.”

So the motorboat went on.

Then a helicopter came by and the pilot shouted down, “Grab this rope and I will lift you to safety.”

To this the stranded man again replied, “No thanks, I’m praying to God and he is going to save me. I have faith.”

So the helicopter reluctantly flew away.

Soon the water rose above the rooftop and the man drowned. He went to Heaven. He finally got his chance to discuss this whole situation with God, at which point he exclaimed, “I had faith in you but you didn’t save me, you let me drown. I don’t understand why!”

To this God replied, “I sent you a rowboat and a motorboat and a helicopter, what more did you expect?”

The window said: “See the world,”



Year R School Tours

For September 2027 school starters



We wish to invite families to our upcoming Year R school tours, for all children due to embark on their primary school learning adventures from September 2027. Available tour dates are:

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

All tours start at 9:30am with a short introduction from Miss Trim, Headteacher, followed by a tour of our wonderful school.

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Parent, July 2025

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Ofsted inspection report, March 2022

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



Climate Change?

With 5 heatwaves this summer giving us the hottest days ever recorded in the UK, *surely* there can no longer be ‘climate change deniers’ out there?

Mainly through LINK, the EcoChurch Team has informed and encouraged readers to consider living in ways that mitigate the rise in temperatures. Some reminders ...

- Where possible use the car less
- Take fewer flights - when holidaying, consider train travel (and enjoy the views)
- Be energy efficient - renew spent lightbulbs with LEDs, check roof insulation is the thickest possible, boil the water you need (don't overfill the kettle), turn lights off when leaving the room
- Buy locally-grown seasonal food (no air miles)
- Plant a tree - to absorb carbon and provide shade
- Avoid buying foods wrapped in plastic
- Reuse, repair, recycle
- Re-read past EcoChurch pages for other helpful tips

‘God put man in the garden to care for it’ Gen 2 v15

Eco Church Team

Uncharacteristically, the Editor's "Final Decision" attempt to exclude the following item was over-ruled:

From all our readers: Congratulations and best wishes for a very Happy 80th Birthday to our Editor, Christine Warren, and our thanks for producing LINK every month.

Gill Morris



The floor said: *"Kneel down and pray, and be thankful for what we have!"*

Sun



Relentless.

Warm cold water,
too warm beds,
hot toothpaste,
too many clothes.

The heat batters and defeats the best intentions.
Glare bounces off the pavements and the clouds,
windows radiate warmth.

Grass dead and crisp with the faint green of weeds
polka-dotting the brown.

Flowers struggle on in a despairing fight against
the burden of sun.

And we? We wilt.

Sapped of energy, sleepless and listless,
we wilt.



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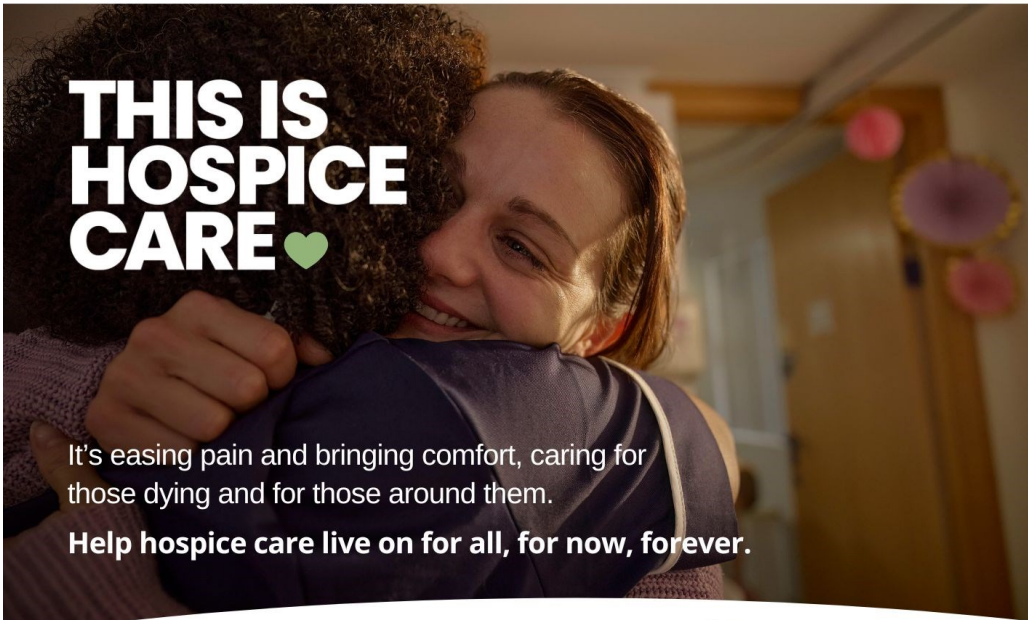
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Hordle Gardening Club meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ashley Lane, Hordle. Contact: Secretary, Sue Winter, **01425 610171**

Hordle Flower Club meets 2nd Wednesday in the month at The Pavilion, Vaggs Lane. 7pm for 7.30pm. Contact: Denise Gibb **01590 642804**

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