

THE LINK ON LINE

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



FOR THE PARISH OF

HYDE

AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

SEPTEMBER 2020

CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2020

(As currently planned. Details can be checked nearer the time with websites, benefice offices or churchwardens)

| HOLY ASCENSION HYDE | | |
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| Sunday 6 September | | |
| 10.00 am | HC CW (MA&KW) | Also on line |
| Sunday 13 September | | |
| 8.15 am | HC BCP (GP) | |
| Sunday 20 September | | |
| No Service | | |
| Sunday 27 September | | |
| 10.00 am | HC CW (MA) | |
| SERVICES FROM OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES | | |
| Sunday 6 September | 8.15 am | Fordingbridge HC BCP (GP) |
| Sunday 13 September | 10.00 am | Fordingbridge HC CW and farewell to MT Also on line |
| Sunday 13 September | 11.15 am | Ellingham MS |
| Sunday 20 September | 8.15 am | Fordingbridge HC BCP (GP) Also on line |
| Sunday 20 September | 10.00 am | Breamore Mattins BCP (JS) |
| Sunday 27 September | 8.15 am | Breamore HC BCP (JT) |
| Sunday 27 September | 9.00 am | Harbridge MS |
| Sunday 27 September | 10.00 am | Fordingbridge MS (GP) Also on line |
| OTHER ON LINE RESOURCES | | |
| Sunday 6 September | 6.00 pm | Sanctus (MT) |
| Sunday 13 September | 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer BCP (GP) |
| Sunday 20 September | 10.00 am | Woodgreen HC CW (GP) |
| Sunday 27 September | 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer BCP |
| Every Weekday | 10.00 am | Thought for the Day |
| Every Saturday | 10.00 am | The Saturday Conversation |
| Mondays & Wednesdays | 9.00 am | Morning Prayer (Also Zoom) |

*HC = Holy Communion; MS = Morning Service; WFA=Worship for All;
 B&S=Bring & Share Lunch; CW = Common Worship; BCP=Book of Common Prayer
 GP = Canon Gary Philbrick; MA = Canon Michael Anderson;
 KW = Revd Kate Wilson; MT= Revd Michael Trotman; JT = Revd John Towler
 Lay Worship Leaders (LWL)*

HC = Heather Clark; JHB = Jeremy Houghton-Brown; JS = Julian L Sims; MI = Martin Ings

RICHARD WILLIAMS WRITES.....

HARD TIMES

As the country emerges from lockdown, it is a natural instinct to look back at the sheer scale of disaster the UK has suffered in recent months. The tragic loss of life, economic problems and social misery have been all too real for so many of us and the looming prospect of a difficult recovery with inevitable job losses, empty shop fronts and daunting national budget problems look almost as bad. And yet, bad as all this is, it is important to keep a sense of proportion

Try to imagine what it was like for our forebears emerging from the end of the First World War after 4 years of that horrific conflict. Over a million young men lost or crippled, countless girls with no hope of a partner, truly desperate public finances and hundreds of thousands of demobilised soldiers desperately seeking work. Then on top of that came the dark terror of the Spanish Influenza Epidemic with another quarter of a million deaths focussed so cruelly on the young and healthy. As a little boy I can still remember my grandfather's extreme reluctance to shake hands, my mother's 'maiden' aunts living alone and my father's hesitant and awkward explanation to me of the endless lists of names on so many war memorials. And yet bad as all that was

St Mary's Breamore was probably founded as a Royal Minster for Ethelred the Unready, almost a century before the Conquest. What makes it so rare and unusual is that the main Saxon structure was not only huge by the standards of the time but quite remarkably, it is still much as it was then and would still be recognisable to that very first Norman arrival whose spurs rang on the stone flagged floor as he gazed up at our Saxon Rood. Except that if he saw the place today he might well ask what happened to the rest of the building, because to him, much of the original Church would be missing. The reason for that was the Black Death. When that terrible plague swept through Hampshire and into Breamore in 1348 it literally wiped out the population as it went, leaving much of the region looking like some green desert, without people, priests or money. From what the historians tell us, the building then gradually fell into disrepair, neglect and ruin for almost a hundred years, right into the middle of the following century. Even then, after such a long period of recovery, the crumbling building was still far too big for the reduced local population, the old manor house was long abandoned and the Priory had barely survived. Over time there had been some economic recovery but the wealth available was insufficient to restore the whole Church, so substantial parts of it were demolished to salvage the stone and restoration work was limited to just the core of the structure. Try to imagine what it must all have been like for the local people in those days - a gap in time so great that no-one alive could remember what it was like to worship in their own church with a full congregation.

So, bad as times may now seem to us, we need to keep that sense of proportion in our minds. None of us know for sure what the future will hold but previous

generations have faced far worse and still come through. Those bright sunlit uplands may seem a long way off but one thing is sure: recovery will always be easier with family, friends and community around us and of course, we can all sleep easier knowing we are under His watch.

Richard Williams
Churchwarden, St Mary's Breamore

LINK MAGAZINE

During the period of lock-down we have published the Link magazine on the benefice website and have printed just a few copies for those who could not access it on-line. We have also experimented a bit with different covers and some very lovely photographs.

We hope that next month (October) the Link magazine will back as a fully printed magazine. However, the Link Team is very keen to see it reflect more of all of our community activities, so that all our readers will find something of interest in it.

We would like to encourage all local groups to contribute on a regular or occasional basis – this is useful to newcomers as well for long-established residents. If you have any suggestions for things that might be included please let us know and if you would like to make a contribution do email us!

We once again need new people to join our editorial team – Catherine Avery Jones left before Christmas and now Pippa Hutton is also moving – we are very grateful to her for stepping into the breach and also for editing the first edition to go on-line. We wish her every blessing in her new home – we shall miss her very much.

If you would be willing to become one of our team of editors, please let Heather Clark (01425 656820) know – you would only need to edit three times a year.

Also, it would be wonderful if more people would be willing to distribute the magazine. At the moment we print 300 copies and the majority of them are distributed by hand in our area. If you can help please let Sylvia Sims know (07887 637048).

Please note that the deadline for receiving articles and other material for the October edition of THE LINK is Saturday 12 September.

Link Magazine Team

CHURCHWARDENS' NOTES

By the time you read this we hope that most of you will have had a chance to go to Hyde Church, either for a service or for a time of private prayer. We are delighted to have at least some of our services back in the church. Although they are rather restricted by the COVID rules and although we all have to wear masks, it is still fantastic to see one another in the flesh at last!

There is still some further work to complete all the work that is intended, but the majority is now done. I hope that those of you who have had the opportunity will have seen the splendid desk that John Cook has created from some of the old pews – he is now working on a long bookcase/cupboard to go at the back of the church which will be made from the remainder of those pews.

The next big thing which is happening is the question of “simplification”. A small working party has been meeting with Gary and Jon Whale (from the diocese) to look at the options for creating a single parish to replace the four existing parishes in our benefice. All the churches will continue to have parish status but there would only be one PCC, which would have legal responsibility for the whole new parish; this would be helped and advised by local church councils. There is a booklet of papers available on the parish website <http://www.avp-benefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/AVC-Simplification-Booklet-Draft-for-PCCs-and-Congregations-3Aug-amended-GP20-Final-1.pdf>; if you can't access that you can get them from the parish office.

We have arranged a series of meetings for everyone in the congregation or on the electoral roll at which these proposals can be discussed – after these meetings there will be an opportunity to leave opinions (named or anonymous) in a box at the back of the church. The meetings are as follows:

Sunday, 6 September, 11.00 am in the church after the morning service.

Friday, 11 September, 4.00 pm, a meeting outdoors.

Friday, 11 September, 5.00 pm, a meeting on Zoom.

We hope that having three different types of meeting will allow everyone to attend one with which they feel comfortable, but if you would prefer to talk to one of us or to Gary or one of the working group that is also completely OK. Our members of the working group are Andrew Briggs and Carrie Darke.

The consultation with all of the congregation will enable the PCC to make a decision on 14 September as to whether they will advise the APCM to accept the proposals for simplification as detailed in all the documentation. Please pray about this important matter for the future of our church and benefice and we hope to see you at one of the proposed meetings.

Heather Clark and Martin Ings

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We who have fled to God for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.

Hebrews 6

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith so, Lord we pray now for those known to us who are suffering in some way and for Pam, Wendy, Alison, Sue, Rhionna, Martin, Mike, Kathleen (& John), Sally (& Peter), Roger (& Audrey), Kate & Andy and Peter & Sue. Give them courage and hope in their troubles.

We pray also for the bereaved, especially for the family and friends of Elaine Micklewright. Hold them within your loving arms, Lord, and give to them that special peace that only you can give.

Community Prayers - Please pray for all who work in our local schools and colleges and all the pupils returning to education this month. Keep them all safe Lord and may we always be eager to learn new skills and share our experiences.

May I please have any prayer requests for the next magazine by 12 September. Thank you, with love in Jesus,

Linda Light 01425 480509

FROGHAM CHAPEL

The Lord's Prayers

. . . but I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail.

Luke 22:32

Poor Peter, the Lord knew him better than he knew Himself! He was the leader. He was going to take the world by storm and face the enemy head on! But his testing time found him wanting. She was only a servant girl who came to him as he warmed himself by the fire with a seemingly innocent question - "You are not one of His disciples, are you?" (John 18:25) "He denied it and said "I am not!" The crowing of the cock confirmed the Lord's words. (John 13:38)

This incident surely speaks to all of us. How many of us take comfort and strength from knowing that "the Spirit Himself also helps in our weaknesses . . . because He makes intercession" for us. (Romans 8:26-2)

Later, the disciples met with the Lord for a breakfast barbeque on the beach after a record catch and it was time for Peter to set matters right with his Lord. "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

A searching question for Peter, and for us?

David Cheadle

The notice board outside Frogham Chapel will show updates on when the Chapel is open, following Government guidelines.

Mary Harrison 01794 278691

TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE – 2021 CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE

In March 2021, Julian and Carol Sims will be walking the last 72 miles of the Camino de Santiago in support of Traidcraft Exchange hopefully arriving in Santiago de Compostela just before Palm Sunday – hopefully a group of twenty of us are going from England, Wales and Scotland to support this charity. This is a self-funded trip, so all monies raised will go to support the valuable work of Traidcraft – an organization that we as a Benefice already support through our Fairtrade Traders and their customers.

This pilgrimage/walk is something we have both wanted to do for a number of years, particularly since Julian heard Rev Pip Martin (previous Vicar of St James, Alderholt) talk of his experiences on the Camino. This is only 72 miles, not the full 500 miles – perhaps that (or one of the other routes to Santiago) is something we can do later.

Traidcraft Exchange is great charity working both to support small-scale farmers, producers and workers (particularly women) in poor and vulnerable locations and also in campaigning for a model of trade which is fair to all and is also environmentally responsible and climate-resilient – it's an organization which is so much more than our Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar!

If you can support us or want to know more about our walk next year or support this, have a look at our Just Giving page or speak to one of us. Over the next seven months we will be running various fund-raising event to support Traidcraft Exchange (currently thinking of a Fairtrade Wine Tasting and a Car Treasure Hunt), but if you are able and willing to make donation in support of this great charity, please consider doing so.

Julian and Carol Sims

MESSY CHURCH



Well Messy Church would not normally meet at Hyde in August as it is a holiday month. As we are still working on-line we thought it would be fun to do a “holiday” Messy Church.

We decided that it would be great to show everyone another film with David Suchet – this time he was telling the story of David and Goliath – always a much-loved story and, of course, David Suchet made it extra special!

Sue Willcocks and Sheilah Collis had some lovely holiday activities to share. First Sue showed us how to make puppets of David and Goliath from the centre part of a kitchen roll and a toilet roll. The results were great.

Sheilah had some stones and she showed us various ways we could decorate them so that they looked like insects or animals. Have a look at the results in the photos – I think you will agree they are great fun.



We hope you enjoy trying out these activities during the holidays and that they will remind you of the wonderful story of David and Goliath and how he trusted in God and we can trust in Him too.

By the time you read this it will be almost time to go back to school after such long wait – do enjoy it and seeing all your friends again.

Heather Clark

HYDE WAR MEMORIAL PARISH HALL

Regular activities have been slow to start up again since re-opening but September should see the Hall used regularly, at least for Pilates and Hyde School activities.

If you would like to book the Hall, please contact Christine and Nigel Owen at hall.hyde@gmail.com or 01425 655511.

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100 CLUB DRAW – AUGUST WINNERS:

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| £50 | 4 | Christine and Nigel Owen |
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| £10 | 35 | Helen MacPherson |
| £10 | 89 | Edwina Cawte |
| £10 | 48 | Michael Mayes |

If you are not already a member please would you consider joining and supporting the hall? It costs £2 per month per entry (you can have more than one!) and monthly prizes are 1 of £50, 1 of £20 and 3 of £10.

Please contact Andrew Fenn: andrew@fenn.email or telephone on 01425 547273.

Terri Mayes 65379

ALAN FORDER

My name is Alan Forder an amateur photographer who specialises in photographing wildlife. I have been asked by The Link if I would show some of my photos in the monthly magazine.

This being the first month, I am showing a photo that was taken in my garden. We are lucky enough to have a large garden of which the top of the garden is half an acre of natural woodland. This bit of wood I have turned into a small nature reserve, with a hide and pool so that I can watch and photograph the birds and animals that visit. Since building the hide two years ago I have seen 43 different species of birds along with badgers, foxes, deer, rats, mice and voles. The area around the hide is constantly fed with different food to try and attract as many different species as possible. The pool also attracts the animals and

birds in to drink especially in the hot weather like we have experienced this summer.



This month's image is of a badger. Badgers turn up every night to feed on peanuts which they love and to the pool for a drink. I have up to four visit and as they generally do not like to leave their sett until the sun has gone down, it is always dark before they arrive. I leave two floodlights on so that I can watch them and they are not bothered by the light, I think it's because they set off security lights all the time when they visit other gardens in the area. It's generally about this time of year that I see the first of this year's cubs turn up as they get more confident in venturing further afield from the sett

FORDINGBRIDGE MUSEUM

A LOCAL CELEBRITY

Who lived not far from Fordingbridge, was a photographer, an author, an illustrator, a prolific diarist, an Oscar winning set and costume designer for the stage and films, a painter and an arbiter of taste and fashion? The answer is Cecil Beaton.

Beaton was born in Hampstead in 1904 to an upper middle class family whose money came from his father's timber business. His mother was the daughter of a blacksmith. When he was still a teenager he became interested in photography and was encouraged in his interest by his nanny who lent him her Kodak 3A folding camera and helped him set up a dark room. He took pictures

of his elegant sisters in their garden and sent them to society magazines who were pleased to publish them. By the time he went to Cambridge University in the 1920's his photos had been published in the prestigious Vogue Magazine. He was supported by the eccentric Sitwell family who introduced him to their aristocratic literary and artistic friends.

He studied Archaeology and History at Cambridge but left without a degree in 1925. He became a member of a bohemian group of aristocrats and socialites who were nicknamed by the tabloid press as the Bright Young Things. This elite group held outrageous parties where they cavorted in fancy dress and generally did their best to shock by drinking, partying and experimenting with drugs.

In 1930 Beaton found the derelict and isolated Ashcombe House on Cranborne Chase. He arranged to lease the house and set about restoring the building, the outbuildings and the gardens, transforming it into a rural idyll. For the next 15 years film stars, aristocrats, artists, aesthetes, writers and eccentrics were roped into help decorate the interiors, make amateur films and take part in extravagant parties. He bought 30 white doves to ornament the grounds and encouraged his artist friends to decorate the rooms with garish designs to match his bizarre furniture. All this time his fame as a photographer of the royal family and celebrities as well as his set and costume designs brought him wealth and made him a household name. He was devastated when, in 1945, the lease ran out and was not renewed by the owners.

In 1947 he bought the beautiful 17th century Reddish House in Broad Chalk and set about redesigning the interior and extending the property. Helped by his gardener, Jack Smallpeice, he transformed the grounds and added a water garden in the meadow in front of the house.



Although the extravagant parties became a thing of the past he still had a constant stream of interesting visitors such as Bianca Jagger, David Hockney and Greta Garbo. He spent much of the year away working on theatre and film projects and increasingly pined for the seclusion and peace of his beloved house and garden in the country. He was knighted in 1972 but two years later had a stroke that left him paralysed on his right hand side. He learnt to walk, draw, write, paint and take photographs with his left hand. However, with his ability to earn money reduced, he sold his archive of photographs to Sotheby's in 1976 to provide him with an income in his old age.

His life had brought him into contact with the famous and the infamous. He had, as a war photographer, recorded the damage done by the Blitz as well as taking iconic photographs of the Queen and Queen Mother. He had mixed with the great and the good and most of the well-known personalities of the age. He had been awarded an Oscar and four Tony awards as well as an Academy award. He had had six volumes of his fascinating diaries published. He had passionate affairs with two male lovers that he never got over as well as relationships with Garbo and the dancer Adele Astaire but ended up living alone at Reddish House. In 1980 his cat Timothy, "who had been for 17 years my friend", was put to sleep. This depressed Beaton and made him think of his own mortality. In his last diary entry he wrote, "I felt very lonely as I spent my time thinking back through the last 17 years. I was still alive, but Timmy had gone through to oblivion. He was perhaps lucky? Who Knows?" Six days later he died peacefully in his sleep and was buried in the churchyard in Broad Chalk.

Julian Hewitt, Fordingbridge Museum

THE GREAT BRITISH SNAKE OFF

When you think of snakes, you might picture a fat boa constrictor basking beside a Brazilian river, or a king cobra rearing up from the dust of an Indian plain. Snakes seem too exotic for the often cold, wet and windy weather of the UK. But snakes are adaptable creatures, found on every continent but Antarctica.

Here are the UK's three species of snake.

THE BIGGEST: GRASS SNAKES

The grass snake is our longest snake, growing to well over a metre. They're usually a grey-green colour and most easily recognised by the black and yellow collar behind the head. They have dark eyes with round pupils, whereas adders have elliptical pupils in their bright red eyes. Grass snakes can be found in areas with long grass often near water, including garden ponds. They're excellent swimmers and regularly feed on fish, frogs, toads and newts. Grass snakes are our only egg-laying native snake.



Grass snakes are not venomous. They're very shy creatures and will quickly slither away if they are disturbed. If they don't have an escape route, they may play dead and roll onto their back with their tongue hanging out. As a last resort, if they're handled, they can also release a foul-smelling liquid from their vent.

THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD: ADDER

Our only venomous native snake, the adder has picked up a bad reputation and often inspires fear. Bites can occasionally be serious (and should always be immediately checked at a hospital), but they aren't aggressive and rarely bite people. Most bites happen when a snake is handled or stood on.

Adders prefer wilder habitats than grass snakes, like heaths, woodland rides, and coastal dunes. They are rarely found in gardens.

They're shorter but stockier than a grass snake and are usually grey-brown with a distinctive zig-zag pattern along the back. Male adders 'dance' to fight over females, entwining with each other and trying to wrestle the other male to the ground. Instead of laying eggs, females incubate them internally and 'give birth' to up to 20 live young.

THE RAREST: SMOOTH SNAKE

Snakes are secretive and hard to see at the best of times, but smooth snakes are so rare that very few people in the UK are likely to have seen one. They're found across mainland Europe, but in Great Britain are only found on a few

sandy heaths in southern England: in Dorset, Hampshire, Surrey, West Sussex and Devon.

Smooth snakes grow up to about 70cm long, are slender and usually grey or dark brown, with dark markings along the back. The dark markings aren't as distinct as an adder's zig-zags, and they have round pupils (compared to the adder's elliptical pupils).

Smooth snakes aren't venomous. They catch their prey with their teeth and coil their body around it like a constrictor, most often feeding on lizards and small mammals.

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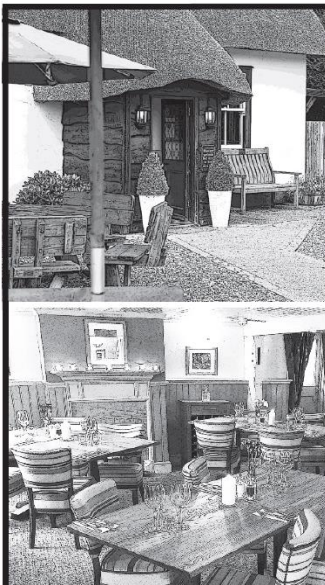
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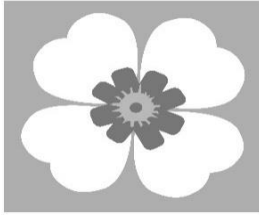
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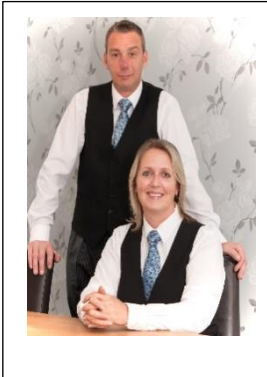
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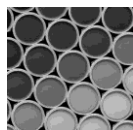
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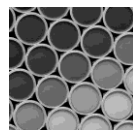
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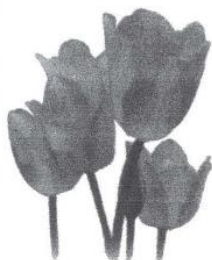
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