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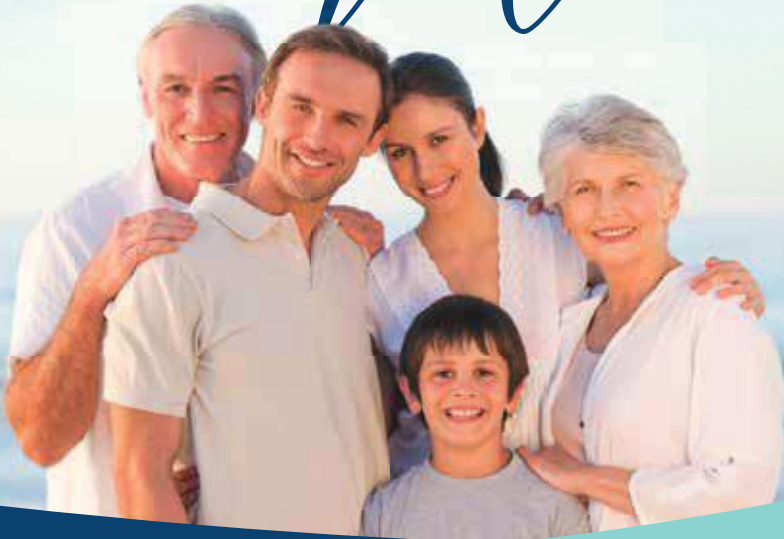
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For details of Sunday and midweek services, please see the Diary inside.

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www.lymingtonchurch.org

To enquire about weddings, baptisms, funerals, church and hall bookings please contact our **Parish Office** which is open at St Thomas' Church, Monday to Friday, 9.30a.m.—11.30a.m.

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MONTHLY EVENTS

Zoom Details – Prayer [1]

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or from a landline phone: 0203 481 5240; Meeting ID: 895 2990 2640:
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+ St Thomas' Church is open daily for visitors and private prayer +

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Sunday:	8.00am	Early Communion
	9.15am	Choral Communion
	11.00am	Life & Soul Informal Service
	Streamed from our shared YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCKRF11-cpB5-m1o5tUNWUw	
	or from a landline phone: 0203 695 0088 Meeting ID: 971 631 0618# Passcode: 1839#	
Monday to Friday:	9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer [1]
Monday:	12 noon	Monday Lunch - STH
Tuesday:	10.00am	Toddler Group - STH
Wednesday:	10.00am	Poetry Corner (not 2nd Wednesday of the month)
	11.00am	Wednesday Communion
Thursday:	10.00am	Vistas Café - STH
Friday:	6.00pm	Meet the Churchwardens - STC (by appointment)
Saturday:	9.00am	Prayer for the parish - STC



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Fri 4	9.00am	Annual Church Bonfire - St Thomas' Churchyard
Sun 6		3 BEFORE ADVENT Visit of Bishop Debbie, Bishop of Southampton Services as usual including All Souls' Service
	4.00pm	
Sun 13		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8.00am Early Communion 10.00am Civic Remembrance
Wed 16	6.00pm	Friends of St Thomas Church AGM - STC
Sun 20		CHRIST THE KING Services as usual including 9.00am Messy Church - STH
Fri 25	6.00pm	Blessing of the Town Crib
Sat 26	11.00am	Promenade Concert - STC
Sun 27		ADVENT 1 Services as usual including 4.00pm Advent Carol Service
Mon 28		Christmas Tree Festival set-up

DECEMBER EVENTS

Thu 1	Christmas Tree Festival set-up
Fri 2 — Tue 6	Christmas Tree Festival
Sun 4	ADVENT 2 Services as usual

*We should like to wish
Happy November Birthday to...*



Lauren Everitt + Vanessa Wood
Archie Wallis + Lara Johnston
Rome Morgan + Sophie Horrocks
Lyra Gates



Cover picture: Rosemary — a flower long associated with remembrance: "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance". *Hamlet, Act 4, Scene 5, line 172.*



St Thomas' Church
Lymington

*EVERYONE
IS WELCOME!*

Sunday 20 November



The Family of God

*Join us for breakfast from 9.00am followed by
Bible stories, songs and messy fun.*

Info and updates at www.lymingtonchurch.org/messy-church

Churchwardens' Notes

Mo Penrose writes...

November - a time for remembrance and preparation. I always find the All Souls' service so comforting. As the names of those who had died in the previous year, or have been asked to be remembered, are called out, and the lights are lit I feel great peace. Sometimes I hear a name I remember and a memory comes into my head; I inwardly smile and think how lucky I was to have known them. At the end of the service, standing at the back of the church and seeing all the little tea-lights flickering, brings such quietness and peace. We then go on to commemoration with Remembrance Sunday – all polished and walking to represent honour and freedom. The poppies attached to even the smallest child's clothing represent freedom and memory. It is amazing how the money raised from poppies, even 100 years on from their inception, provides so much physical, mental and financial comfort to soldiers and their families coming to terms with their new lives.

Finally, we finish the month with the return of stillness and light with the first Sunday of Advent.

After the visit of the Bishop in September the Vacancy Team has met a number of times and is now seriously working on the Church's Parish Profile. Interestingly, when the post was last advertised, there were about five sheets of A4 providing very basic details of the church and parish. This time the Vacancy Team has to produce a glossy 15-20 page document with photos and in-depth information. We also have to make sure that the website, Facebook pages, etc. are up-to-date as well. Sometimes the thought of going back to a simpler way of life feels appealing!

On a different note, when Martin and I went on a cruise around Britain at the beginning of September, we were struck at how few parish churches were open. At one particular Scottish port there were a number of people who felt the need to go into a church: this was just after Queen Elizabeth II had died. We saw a church, like Lymington, very prominently placed and we, like many others, walked up to the doors only to find them locked and bolted. I thank God that we keep our doors open every day during daylight for any and all to come in. It is very rare that I enter the church and find it empty. I'd like to thank all those who open the church in the morning and lock it at night: without these people we might have another closed building, apart from services. This group works on a rota and would always welcome new people to join them.

Blessings to you all. *Mo.*



THE ORGANIST PIPES UP!

Mo and I enjoyed a wonderful holiday on the *Emerald Princess* cruise ship in September, on a cruise that took us around the British Isles.

One of the stops we were particularly looking forward to was Dun Laoghaire, the port for Dublin. Having been taken ashore by tender, we caught the Dart train to the Irish capital where we spent a few hours sight-seeing and enjoyed a pint of Guinness in a local bar.

Our wanderings took us to St Patrick's Cathedral which has an interesting connection to Handel's *Messiah*. I had quite forgotten that the very first performance of Handel's most popular work was in Dublin, in April 1742, and it was nearly a year later before it received its premiere in London.



On display in the cathedral was a manuscript copy of the Hallelujah Chorus, made for St Patrick's in 1798 by John Matthews, a professional singer who lived in Dublin between 1776 and 1799.

Matthews was a prolific copyist and many examples of his work can be found in cathedrals throughout England and Ireland. He was apparently notorious for 'improving' the music he copied, but this copy (pictured) of the Hallelujah Chorus fortunately escaped his elaborate embellishments!

Martin Penrose

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our warmest congratulations go to Magdalena Beil Harvey, the youngest chorister at St Thomas', who received the Gold Award of the Royal School of Church

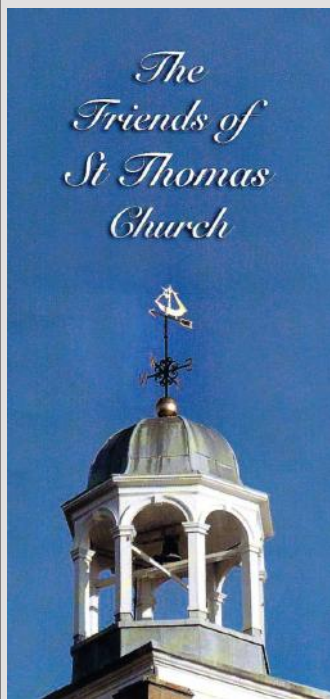


Music at a special service recently at Winchester Cathedral. Magdalena is pictured here with Hugh Morris, Director of the RSCM.

Martin Penrose



*The
Friends of
St Thomas
Church*



*Wednesday 16 November
St Thomas' Church at 6.00p.m.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*To be followed by a short
presentation by Nigel Mussett
entitled*

"Over 2000 memorials and counting"

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New Forest for Ukraine CIC have just celebrated delivering 50 vans of aid directly to refugees in Poland and Ukraine. The operation is run entirely by a network of volunteers who collect, sort and pack donations, load vans, as well as driving the aid to Poland. The team also makes improvised medical trauma kits with over 2,000 of these life-saving items being delivered into Ukraine.

The team includes Ukrainians and Polish nationals who have settled in the UK. Using their network in their home country they have set up a direct supply route to ensure all the aid gets directly to people who need it. So far over £1m worth of donations have been delivered. John Stanton (Lead Coordinator) said, "The shipment of our 50th truck of general aid, along with 2,000 improvised trauma kits, is a huge milestone for our team. It couldn't have been achieved without the on-going support of the wonderful people in the New Forest and further afield. Each truck is not only very much needed humanitarian aid but is also a sign of affinity with the Ukrainian people and what they are going through."

Unfortunately, the flow of donations is slowing down whilst the need for support is increasing. With the onset of winter, as well as the on-going atrocities of the war, there continue to be millions of displaced Ukrainians who need our support. There continue to be people arriving in Poznan needing basic supplies whilst the people around Kharkiv have lost everything and are in urgent need of direct support. Temperatures will drop to -40°C in Poland and Ukraine, meaning the need for support is greater now than ever before. The priority items include food, toiletries, infant supplies, pet supplies, bedding and clean, warm winter clothing. These donations can be dropped off across the New Forest where they will be collected and taken to the main hub in Lymington before shipment directly to Poznan in Poland and Kharkiv, Berdyansk or Lyubar in Ukraine.

New Forest for Ukraine is looking for more support from volunteers to help in areas ranging from new collection points, transportation of aid, sorting aid and making improvised trauma packs. Any support is most welcome and every bit helps in supporting the Ukrainian people.

For more information please see the website:

www.newforestforukraine.co.uk



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The Mission to Seafarers

Caring for seafarers around the world

Don't forget...

At Vistas Café — Thursday 27 October

WOOLLY HAT DAY

This will be a chance also to meet the Mission to Seafarers' new Southampton Port Chaplain, the Rev'd James Mosher, who took up his post on 7 September.

Father James, a Canadian from Nova Scotia, comes to us after 3½ years as assistant Chaplain to Pusey House (a charity helping young people with mental health problems) and St Edwards' School, Oxford, following a 12-year career in the Canadian Navy.

The Annual Wrapathon — Thursday 1 December

This is an opportunity for supporters of the Mission to Seafarers to wrap gifts for seafarers which will be taken on board ships over Christmas.

This year's event will be held at All Saints' Church, Maybush, from 10.00a.m.



We are looking for small items to include, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors and shaving cream, shampoo, chocolates and other confectionery.

The hats collected at our Woolly Hat Day will also be included.

Any donations can be left at the Parish Office or delivered to me. Please phone if you need guidance and let me know if you plan to attend.

Very many thanks for your support.

*Peta Walmisley
Chair, Southampton Committee
and Lymington Representative*



WANTED!

MINIBUS DRIVERS AND SHIP VISITORS

Many seafarers coming into the port of Southampton are away from home for up to 9 months. Ship turnarounds are now so fast that they may just be in port for a day or two, and only able to spend a few hours ashore shopping or having a cup of coffee with their friends.

Are you a **minibus driver**, or prepared to become one? Can you spare a few hours taking crew members into the city centre and then back again afterwards?

It would really make a big difference to their lives.

The Mission to Seafarers is also seeking additional volunteers to act as **ship visitors**. Training can be given to anyone who is fit enough to go up gangways and is keen to help those seafarers who may still not be able to go ashore.

The primary point of contact for anyone interested in volunteering as a driver or ship visitor is The Rev'd James Mosher, Port Chaplain:

james.mosher@mtsmail.org

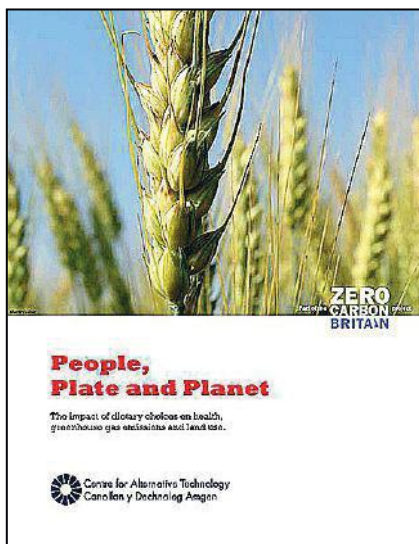
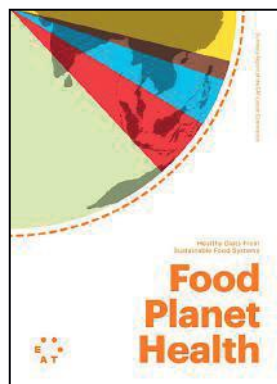
Peta Walmisley



Eating to save the planet?

Our Harvest services this year reminded us that we can't take our food for granted. The war in Ukraine has affected the world supply of grain and fertilizers which so many farmers use. At the same time, rising temperatures threaten harvests across the world while we have a growing world population to feed. Forests across the world are being cleared for food production, making deforestation a leading cause of climate change as well as biodiversity loss.

Whether we read about the **Planetary Health Diet**, a flexitarian diet with health and planet in mind, or the report **People, Planet and Plate** from the Centre for Alternative Technology, the implications are the same: if we are to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions and still manage to feed everyone, we need to eat less meat and dairy – and more pulses, grains, fruit and vegetables.



Remarkably, simply following nutritional guidelines (avoiding over-eating) can reduce UK greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by about 15%! Reducing meat and dairy in the diet and selecting lower-emitting options such as pig or chicken meat over red meat, can result in a 34% reduction in GHG emissions. Reducing the amount of meat products, fruit and veg brought from outside Europe could lower GHG emissions by 8-13%.

Why not experiment with some plant-based meals, and eat less (but better quality) meat? That way, we can eat healthily, help achieve net zero emissions and safeguard biodiversity, all at the same time!

You gifted us a paradise

You gifted us a paradise
And charged us with its care
Nature's glorious bounty
Enough for all to share

But did we care, did we share
What our Lord freely gave?
No, we stripped it bare, denied its needs
And used it as our slave

We mine for coal, we burn up oil
Rack up our carbon debt
To give ourselves easy lives
No matter the effect

The forests fall, the oceans rise
The temperature creeps up
All creation cries out
For us to show some love

The child chides the parent
Unable to believe
A world without a future
Is the legacy they'd leave

Let us ask our Father's help
So we can make a stand
To heal our ill-used planet
Of the damage done by Man

Let us care
Let us share
For God above
Let's show some love
Let's pray until
We find the will
The will to save our world

Andy Clapper: 15 February 2020

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Poetry of Hope



A new collection of poetry has been produced by the Poetry Corner group at St Thomas' Church as a tribute to the late Jenny Stott.

This collection comprises twenty-five poems by recognized authors and members of Poetry Corner. Jenny Stott was a retired Headteacher and a valued member of our congregation. She started Vistas Café and in 2018 suggested a poetry group to encourage more customers. The idea took off and members now meet each week to share and read poems; sometimes members read their own compositions. Jenny's contributions were often printed on the back of an A4 sheet which had spellings on from her teaching days.

Copies of *Poetry of Hope* are available free of charge in St Thomas' Church and donations are invited. Copies will also be available at the Christmas Tree Festival in December.

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The members of Poetry Corner meet in St Thomas' Church Hall on Wednesday mornings at 10.00a.m. to read, discuss and share a love of poetry. If you would like to know more about the group, please contact the Parish Office.

Basic Bank

Our Harvest offerings of food items this year were given to New Forest Basic Bank and Andy Clapper is seen here delivering trolley loads of items to the collection point in Lymington on 4 October. Andy says that this year's contribution was more than he could remember ever taking down before.



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Saturday 10 September

Autumn is with us again and Ride + Stride has appeared over the horizon.

This year we have been a bit slow off the mark due to late holidays. However, our enthusiasm has not been dulled and Anne and Kenneth, our walking team, duly set off from St Nicholas' Chapel in Pilley on a beautiful sunny morning and continued up to Boldre church and St Nicholas' in Brockenhurst via the bluebell woods. From there they walked on to St Saviour's at Brockenhurst and finally to the Methodist Church there before returning home by train.



Left: Kenneth and Anne on their way to Brockenhurst.



Above: Anthea and "Ethel" arrive at All Saints' Church, Milford.

Following their efforts, Team Two toured several churches in a beautiful Morris Minor Traveller ("Ethel") with Andy at the wheel with Denise and Anthea in attendance. We arrived at Milford Church which we visited and then proceeded to Hordle Church, driving past St Andrew's at Tiptoe before heading to St Luke's at Sway. From there we went on to St Saviour's, Brockenhurst, where we met some ladies helping with lunch for the elderly in the hall, all very reminiscent of our Monday Lunch Club. This stimulated us to stop for some lunch at The Royal Oak at Hill Top, Beaulieu. Finally, we drove on down to the churches at Exbury and Fawley, both handsome buildings.



Left: All Saints' Church, Hordle.



Above left: St Luke's Church, Sway.



Above right: Work in progress on the tower at St Katharine's Church, Exbury.

Both teams managed to visit several interesting churches in our vicinity, showing how blest we are to be living in an area containing so many beautiful and historic churches. These have, like St Thomas', often benefited from financial funding from the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust. Our kind sponsors have showed their generosity once again and as a result of this year's effort, we have been able to send £422.00 to HIHCT.

Anthea MacAlister
Photos: Anthea MacAlister, Denise and Andy Dibb



Up Hill and Down Dale

Further Adventures in the Meon Valley

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Saturday 8 October

Following all the Ride + Stride activities it was time for the annual HIHCT expedition and the Meon valley was certainly an excellent choice. This year approximately forty members visited three churches in the Petersfield area.

Our first stop was All Saints' Church in Steep, near Petersfield. The church was mainly built in 1140; later additions include a 15th century hexagonal font and a wooden spire added in 1875. Of particular note is an engraved glass window by Laurence Whistler in remembrance of the local poet Edward Thomas who lost his life in 1917 at the first battle of Arras. In the churchyard there is a magnificent old yew tree, estimated to be over 1000 years old, and it was interesting to discover some rare examples of wooden graveboard memorials.

We then retired to The Seven Stars, a local pub on the A272 where we had an excellent lunch.



**The churchyard at All
Saints' Church, Steep.**

***Above: The ancient yew.
Right: Two wooden
graveboard memorials.***



In the afternoon we visited Privett, an amazing place with a fascinating history. Holy Trinity Church was built here in 1863 by William Nicholson, a Gin Distiller, in the medieval style as a place of worship for his estate workers. Designed by Sir A. W. Bloomfield, it contains extensive marble mosaic floors and glorious stained glass windows. The 130ft spire can be seen for miles. The church would grace many a large city but is now sadly and rather oddly isolated and under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

From there we moved to All Saints' Church, East Meon, a Grade 1 listed building dating from approximately 1040 and noted by Pevsner and John Betjeman. It was built at the instigation of Bishop Wakelin of Winchester who had a palace nearby. There is a stunning east window in the Lady Chapel by Sir Ninian Comper portraying the patron saints of all the allied nations involved in the First World War. Also of special note is the medieval font donated by Bishop Wakelin, one of only six examples in the country. It is carved out of a black limestone quarried in the Belgium town of Tournai. A magnificent embroidery created by forty hands to celebrate the Millennium is on display; it depicts the village in its rural setting.



*Above left: All Saints' Church, East Meon.
Above right: The Memorial East Window
by Sir Ninian Comper.
Left: The medieval Tournai Font.*

All photos by Nigel Mussett

The visit was followed by tea and delicious cakes provided by members of the East Meon community. We returned home full of admiration of these beautiful churches and are grateful to Adrian Harbidge and all those who helped to make it such a successful and stimulating day.

Anthea MacAlister

The Ten Commandments

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, nor any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them." Exodus 20.4-5

In the early days of mobile phones, people were surprised that certain gangs would not only beat up innocent victims, but also video what they were doing for all to see. Time passed, and a young woman used the images on her social media to persuade a boyfriend to commit suicide. Less surprisingly, the whole event was then made into a film for television.

We have heard of a young girl, Molly Russell, similarly being egged on to suicide by friends on social media. We have heard of a young boy, Ollie Stephens, lured to death through his mobile phone, murdered by boys who bought knives they saw advertised on social media. Beside all this, the mass of people who cannot endure more than ten minutes without checking, or worshipping, their mobile device, is a small matter.

Once there was a social medium called 'Facebook'. Twelve months ago one of its senior officers, Frances Haugen, turned whistle-blower and told committees both of the American government and of our own government of the exploitation Facebook was exerting over the immature; of the damage it was doing to innocent lives; of the threat it was to democracy itself; of the lengths to which other senior officers were going to cover it all up.

The founder of Facebook had chosen as his company's internal staff motto the phrase "Don't be evil". If he had been acquainted with the Second Commandment of his own religion he might have realised the potential of his business to be in itself institutionally or systemically evil. For lack of this, he kept his company, but changed its name to 'Meta'.

In fact, social media have proved to be so anti-social that in open societies they let loose currents of irrationality, immorality and criminality; in closed societies they are used for suppression and surveillance.

We may smile at the simple science which underlies the Second Commandment. We all know that the earth is not a flat disc floating upon water.

But in terms of the psychological penetration of this Commandment, it would appear that we are the primitives!

William Cummings



OYEZ! OYEZ! OYEZ!

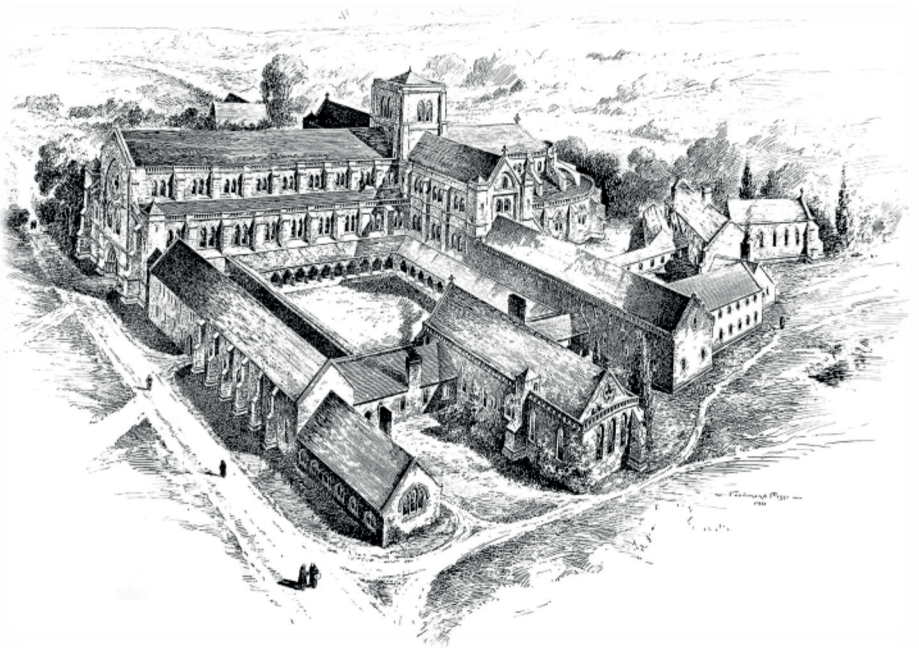
Christian essays inspired by the New Forest

9. The Sacred and the Secular

Beaulieu Abbey and Hurst Castle

Why consider these together? Simply because the second was made with the stones that had made the first. A change of use took place that had vast implications that are still with us. The sacred became the secular, not as a matter of words but in solid, silent fact.

As a small boy I was terrified of the ruins of Beaulieu Abbey. I once lost a shoe in the cloisters. No power on earth would make me go back to find it. Not only would I have again to pass the life size waxwork of a habited Cistercian monk in the hallway of the Domus Conversorum, I would not be able to avoid what has since



A conjectural reproduction of the buildings of Beaulieu Abbey.

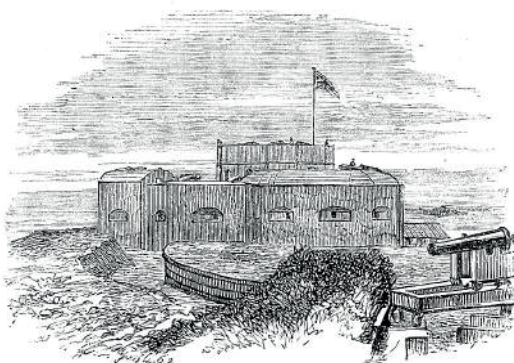
An engraving from A History of Beaulieu Abbey by J.K. Fowler, 1911.

become identifiable to me as the strong aura of sanctity that the place possessed. Indeed, the whole Beaulieu estate, all the area within the Great Close, still retains the monastic spirit of religious peace and closeness to heaven. The community may have been dissolved by royal fiat, but its influence lives on. On the footpaths and in the fields it is easy to pray and to know that the aims and objects of Tudor policies have their limits, whatever may have been taught in schools ever since. In many ways it is a great sorrow that the religious community of Beaulieu cannot still minister to the spiritual and physical needs of so many in the neighbourhood.



Hurst Castle and lighthouse. *From a painting by Sylvia Pepin.*

What then became of the stones, the very substance of the great abbey church? They now form the central, Tudor, part of the castle at Hurst. No aura of sanctity there, but even on a warm day there is a forbidding coldness within the castle walls. However carefully one may listen to the stones, it is hard to hear the Gregorian chant to which they echoed for over three centuries. There's secularisation for you, not in mere words but cut in stone! Everyone loves Bluff King Hal and all he did for England. Everyone despises King John who, in a mood of repentance, granted the estate of the 'Beautiful Place' (*Bellus Locus* or '*Beau lieu*' - Beaulieu) from his forest to the Cistercians for the establishment of a new community in 1204. But should one be so sure? Is this not a way in which the Forest makes one think and ask questions of history?



Hurst Castle.

War and the Forest

There are disturbing reminders of war everywhere in the Forest. The great local writer about the Forest scene during the time of the Romantic Movement, William Gilpin, deplored in the 1780s the despoliation of Norley Wood for ship timber to be used at Buckler's Hard. The nineteenth and twentieth centuries were worse still, especially on the Open Forest. There are strange twists in many of the stories of this activity, as we have seen at Hurst.

At East Boldre the only building remaining from the airfield of the First World War is the Officers' Mess, now the Village Hall. So war has there given something to long-term community use. The same would be true of the Green Patch near Crockford's, and many other places, where areas of wartime cultivation and ploughing are still good for wild flowers and grazing.



Even at the time at East Boldre the damage was perhaps less to the Forest itself than it was to many of the unfortunate airmen who were killed in those days of early aircraft. The headstones in the village churchyard bear eloquent witness to this. There are contemporary photographs of ponies looking on as another air fatality is cleared away on the Open Forest.

In the face of all this a Christian's thoughts must surely turn to God and hope for a better future.

Gordon Wynne

PRAYER THOUGHTS

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE ...

At the rising of the sun and at its going down,
We will remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
We will remember them.

At the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
We will remember them.

At the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
We will remember them.

At the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
We will remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends,
We will remember them.

As long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,
We will remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
We will remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
We will remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
We will remember them.

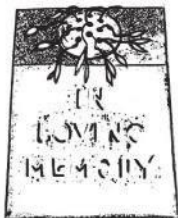
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