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# FAMILY FOCUS



## Confirmation

The Bishop of Worcester, The Rt Revd Dr John Inge baptised and confirmed candidates from across Evesham at a special service in All Saints Church. This was a joyous event for the families and marks a very significant stage in the life of those involved.

Many parents bring children to church to be baptised when they are very young. The parents and godparents make the promises on their behalf. When the young people are ready to make the promises for themselves they come for confirmation by the Bishop.

At St Andrew's we welcome those who want to bring their children for baptism. Please contact Mark at the Vicarage or have a look on our website for more details and how to arrange a baptism.

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St Andrew's Church  
Family Focus  
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## Visit by Another Bishop

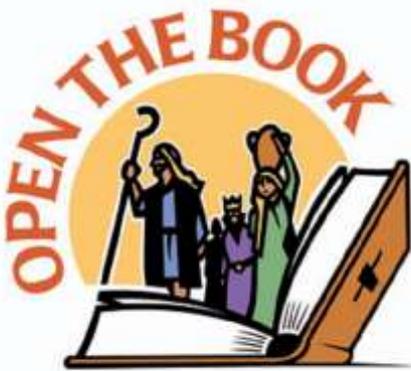
Just over a week after the Confirmation Service, The Rt Revd David Walker, the Bishop of Dudley, visited and spent time at St Andrew's School. He chatted to those involved in **Open the Book** and was shown round the school and met with the School Council.

The Bishop said he was delighted at the warm welcome he received and commented on how well the church and the school are working together, particularly through **Open the Book**. This photograph of Bishop David with the pupils involved in **Open the Book** made the front page of the 'Evesham Observer'.



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## OPEN THE BOOK



**Open the Book** offers the children at St Andrew's School an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible in an interactive and enjoyable way. A small team from St Andrew's Church come along each Tuesday to work with the children to re-enact a story from the Lion Storyteller Bible.

The pupils look forward to these sessions and are keen to take part each week to find out more about the bible story.

A group of pupils will be performing an **Open the Book** story at the Church Fête on 16th July. Come along and see them for yourself.

# STARTING IN SEPTEMBER...

## St Andrew's Tots

Starting on Friday 9th September **St Andrew's Tots** will welcome pre-school children and their carers to drop into the Hampton Community Hall for a couple of hours each Friday in term time. It will be an opportunity to have a cup of tea or coffee, socialise and learn about our Christian faith in an informal way.

For more information please contact Rhoda on 07932 652 646 or drop in to the Community Hall after 9am on the 9th.

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## Messy Church!

In September we are starting this new approach for people of all ages to have fun, be creative and worship together.



### What is Messy Church?

- A church for adults and children to enjoy together. It's primarily for people who don't belong to another form of church already.
- It's all-age - for young and not so young.
- It's fun.
- It usually includes some creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy and a celebration time which might involve story, prayer, song, games and of course some hospitality.
- It meets at a time most convenient for people locally.

Our **Messy Church** will meet on the second Saturday of each month at St Richards Hall in Battleton Road, Fairfield. The first **Messy Church** will be on Saturday 10th September starting at 3pm. We hope you'll drop by to join in the fun.

For more information please contact Elaine on 01386 40722.

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# St Andrew's Church Fête

Traditional Fête for all of the Family on Hampton Vicarage Lawn on  
Saturday 16th July starting at 2pm.

Tombola

Refreshments

Games

Raffle for a King Size Patchwork Quilt

Bric a Brac

Craft / Jewellery

Childrens' Books

Dancers

Plants

Toys

Open the Book

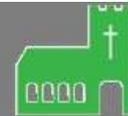
Face Painting

Elephant Game

Hook a Duck

Something for all the family young or old!

BackToChurchSunday  
25th September 2011



## Sunday 25 September 2011 - 11am

Sunday 25th September is Back to Church Sunday. Churches all around the country will be taking part. Most people have been to church at some time in their lives - perhaps for a wedding or baptism.

At St Andrew's we will be welcoming those who don't usually come to church - whole families might come together - or you can come along with your friends. We are planning a special '**welcome back**' service. You will receive a warm welcome and can join us for a cuppa after the service.

## Youth Group

The Youth Group meets each Thursday evening in term time in the Parish Room at the Vicarage from 7 - 8.30pm. Young people aged 10+ enjoy fun activities, games and a drink and snack!

The first meeting of the Group after the summer is on 8 September.

Contact Charlie on 01386 424 235 to find out more.