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Prayers ... for the Church

Be joyful in God, all the earth, sing the glory of his praise

As the great feast of Christmas approaches, give thanks to God for all the blessings you have received at his hand and when Christmas Day comes let your prayers reflect the joy that it brings. Pray for Christians everywhere that this season may be a time of our coming together in happiness. 26th is the Festival of Stephen, the first Christian martyr; pray for all those who are oppressed for their faith, that they may find strength and comfort. 28th we celebrate Holy Innocents, the victims of Herod's cruelty; pray for children who are hungry, lonely, homeless, that they may come to enjoy the happiness of childhood. Bring to God the mission of the Asum group of parishes in their daily witness and service.

Prayers ... for the world

Ask God to bless the people of Syria in their continuing civil war that those who continue to pursue the suffering may turn from their violence, and ask for guidance for leaders who have the power to bring peace closer. As we enjoy the seasonal good cheer, pray for those areas of the world where there is famine, that they find relief. Remember everyone who devote themselves to the cause of relieving famine. Pray for the poor of North America that the season of goodwill may bring them relief from their hardships. Include the groups and individuals who work to bring that relief closer and give thanks for their service and personal sacrifice of time and effort.

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From Mark Binney

SALT OF THE EARTH

During the past year the World Council of Churches has published 'The Church : Towards a Common Vision'. This invites us all to discuss and reflect on what it means to be the Church in the world, both in terms of Christian Unity and our mission to the world. It might seem that mission now dominates the agenda rather than the move towards Christian unity. But there are countless examples throughout the world of how churches are working and praying for unity and coming together in service to the community and in mission and evangelism.



This year it is the turn of the churches of Latvia to set the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (17th-24th January). They draw attention to the words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel which tells us that as his disciples we are to be light to the world and salt of the earth. These are the very things that as human beings we cannot live without. In the same way we are lost without the Gospel, without the promise of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Christianity was first brought to Eastern Latvia in the 10th Century by Byzantine missionaries. Today Latvia is a crossroads where Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox regions meet. Because of this unique location, it is home to Christians of many different traditions, but no single one of them is dominant. Each of the 8 days has been prepared by one of these diverse Church communities. They are linked principally by the experience of being a Christian in Latvia. They hope their experience of living the Christian faith will speak to ours.

Why not come along to one of the Churches Together prayer meetings during the Week of Prayer. The meetings last half an hour. They will be printed on the notice sheet when the venues have been arranged. Monday – Saturday will be at 12 Noon. Sunday 24th will be at 6pm.

In the meantime may you know the light of Jesus Christ as we enter into 2016. May that light guide, strengthen and bless you through the year.

Mark Binney

SoulFood: Sunday Evening Service

Every Sunday at All Saints 6pm – meal and reflection, free entry, all welcome. Run by CTED. 'Feeding Body, Mind and Soul'.



CafeChurch@TheBear

Tuesday 5 January 2016

Come and join us at 7.30 pm in the lounge



CafeChurch is particularly for those who have had no recent experience of Church. We provide a relaxing atmosphere, a theme for the month, with a Christian viewpoint and an opportunity to ask questions about faith and life. If you would like to know more contact Sarah Hewitt on 07456 549969 or John Darby on 07747 842192.

Open the Book at St. Andrews School

Open the Book is a service in which the children act out Bible Stories during Assembly on a Tuesday morning.

We are looking to recruit more parishioners to enhance what is an already popular event with the children. If you could spare an hour on a Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning, or could help with props at home, please contact Elaine Major on 446381 or 40722.

Spring Harvest March 2016

A small group are heading to the Spring Harvest at Minehead, on March 28th for 5 days. If you would like to join us, book your accommodation at SpringHarvest.org or call 0330 100 9330 and then let us know you're joining us. Sarah 07456549969

The Evesham Lent Series – All Saints Church

This Lent Series, we are using The Possible World to help Christians wrestle with big questions. It looks at life through the lens of mission, in particular the prophetic mission of Jesus, and encourages us to discover that another world is indeed possible

On Mondays throughout February and March 2016. Starting with refreshments at 7pm for a 7.30 pm prompt start. The series starts on 8 February for six weeks until 21 March.

More details to follow in February's edition of The Herald.

Asum House Group

Returns next year with The Story (Luke's Gospel and Acts as featured in The Community Bible Experience), if you missed it, come and join us on 20 January at 7.30pm, 1 Broadway Road.

Family Church at Fairfield

Fairfield Church is opening again for Sunday morning services at 10am, but a more informal approach, with coffee and refreshments alongside worship and prayer. The aim is to provide Church in a style that will attract those who currently do not attend a regular place of worship. The service will start with breakfast, children's craft activities and then a worship band will lead a block of worship followed by scripture, a talk, prayers and a final block of worship.

In order to further resource this new service we need a small group of people to come and help us as Welcomers; Cooks; Children's Team; Musicians; Singers; Readers; Crew and Administration. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact Sarah Hewitt on 07456 549969

St Andrew's Tots

St. Andrews Tots group meets every Tuesday at the Scout and Guide Hall, Hampton, during school term. We offer stay and play for children under five, their parents, grandparents and child-minders. It is supported by St Andrews Church, and there is no fee to pay (although there is donations box). Children enjoy arts and craft activities, story and song time (with Signalong), lovely toys and a healthy snack. This term we have welcomed many new younger people with their families. We have had our annual Christmas Party with Christmas art activities, food and of course, a visit from Santa. Each child had a little gift and every one had a wonderful time.

Please come along and join in the fun next term, we start back on 5th January.

Epiphany Questions

Those men from eastern lands –

Were they kings? Were there only men?

Were there only three? Where did they find the child?

So much we don't know. But we do know they left their homes and travelled far, searching for truth and meaning. We do know they brought three gifts, fit for a King. We do know that the Star led them to Jesus - that, filled with joy, they worshipped him, and left Herod to his schemes at the end of their visit. Oh yes, we know that they tuned in to God and rejoiced in the revelation of his Son -King. Some things we do know, then. **Certainly, we know they were Wise.**

By Daphne Kitching





From the Diocesan Newsletter

Bishop John has appointed a new Priest in Charge of Badsey et al

The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Philip Morton as Priest in Charge of the United Benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Bretforton, Cleeve Prior, North and Middle Littleton, Offenham and South Littleton.

Philip is currently Assistant Curate of the Sutton Coldfield Group in the Diocese of Birmingham. He is married to Ruth Enderby. Prior to ordination, Philip worked in statistical research. A date for the Licensing will be confirmed shortly.

Please remember Philip and Ruth in your prayers as they prepare to move.



Transfusion of Life

100 years on

1st January is the centenary of an important medical milestone. On that day in 1916, the RAMC (Royal Army Medical Corps) carried out the first successful blood transfusion, as we know them today – by using stored blood that had been cooled. The desperate need to save men, who were literally bleeding to death in the front-line dressing stations from battle-field wounds, was the great motivation. Minds were focused, experiments tried, first class brains employed to find an answer. A hundred years later the procedure they employed on that New Year’s Day long ago is still saving countless lives – indeed, most of us have probably received a blood transfusion at some time in our lives. ‘Necessity is the mother of invention’, the old saying goes. It’s strange how many vital developments in medicine – antibiotics, more recently - have sprung out of the horrors of war.

From the Registers – November 2015

Baptisms

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| 1 November | Leo Joseph Gregg | Hampton |
| 1 November | Amelia-Rose Frascona | Hampton |
| 15 November | Lewis Jay Pocknell | Hampton |
| 15 November | Morgan James | Hampton |

Most popular Bible Stories: The Ten Commandments

We are now half-way through our series looking at the top ten Must Know Stories. This month we look at the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20), the law which God gave to Israel.

The computers that we use on a daily basis have thousands of component parts which can go wrong. We need the Maker's instructions to guide us when things go wrong and show us how to get the most out of them. Human beings are also wonderfully complex, physically, psychologically and spiritually. We also have a Maker's handbook to show us how God wants us to live. This is the 10 commandments, which God gave to Moses on Mt Sinai. 'And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery'''. (Exodus 20:1,2).

If we want to grow to become more like God, we have to take seriously the Commandments in our lives. The rest of the Bible could be described as God's repair manual, spelling out the gospel of grace that restores sin-damaged human beings to relationship with God.

How should we approach the 10 Commandments today? You may say 'I try to take them seriously, but every day I fail somewhere.' We have to admit our weaknesses, but we can turn to God for pardon and forgiveness. In the power of the Spirit, Christ brings us a new kind of life, in which our heart's deepest desire will be to go God's way and obedience will no longer be a burden.

God says 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.' (Jeremiah 31:33). The word of command becomes a promise of obedience: 'You shall not...'

Prayers ... for the people around us

Remember everyone who will be in our local hospitals at this time, may they find comfort and healing. Include in your prayers their families and friends who are anxious for them. Pray for the people who will be on duty over the holiday in this mission of service. Ask for God's blessing on the families around you that this may indeed be a season of happiness for them. Bring to God the lonely members of our community that they may find companionship and for those who have not the means to buy the special seasonal treats that most of us take for granted.

Remember those who will be travelling at this season that they may arrive safely and all those who must work over the holiday so that the rest of us may have an enjoyable time.

The Story behind the Hymn: So Send I You

Written by Margaret Clarkson

The words of this powerful hymn read as if they were penned by a missionary who had buried herself in darkest Africa. Instead, Margaret Clarkson spent her life in Ontario, Canada. Yet all the same, her hymn has power because it was truly born in the crucible of suffering.

Margaret Clarkson was born in 1915, and grew up in Toronto. Her parents' enmity and eventual divorce poisoned the family home with fear, tension, and insecurity. The stress probably affected Margaret's health: from childhood she suffered constant migraines, convulsive vomiting, and acute arthritis that left her bed-ridden for months on end.

Her isolation made Margaret turn in on herself, and therein lay her salvation: she found solace in words and music. The family attended St John's Presbyterian Church in downtown Toronto, where Margaret won a hymnbook for having memorised some Bible passages.

That hymnbook brought her hours of joy: when well, she would climb high up a certain favourite tree and sing her way through it, hymn after hymn. She loved both the words and the music. For years, hymns became Margaret's way of escape into a better world than any she had known. She later said that reading and singing them gave her a "sense of the community of saints". She 'met' in this way John Bunyan, John and Charles Wesley, Martin Luther, William Cowper, and John Newton. She came to see the Church as "one continuous, living stream of the grace of God," in which she, too, had a place.

At ten Margaret became a Christian, during a series of children's meetings. She began to write verses and get them published in church magazines. She also learned to play the piano.

Margaret trained as a teacher, but with the Depression on, jobs were few. In desperation, she finally accepted an elementary school in an isolated lumber camp in Barwick, Ontario. It was primitive, harsh, and the people were crude. It was here one night in 1936, feeling that her life was worthless, that "God seemed to tell me that that this was MY mission-field, and this was where He had sent me." And so that evening Margaret Clarkson sat down and wrote 'So Send I You'.

So send I you to labour unrewarded,
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing
So send I you, to toil for Me alone.

St Andrew's Fellowship – 8 December 2015

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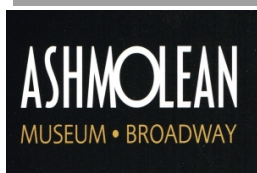
What a lovely afternoon party we had to finish off the year! We were entertained by June Herbert's wonderful group of ladies, called the 'Gilded Lilies'. They did short sketches, sang and told jokes for over an hour, which everyone seemed to enjoy, judging by the laughter and applause all the way through.

All the ladies, plus their gentleman pianist, were invited to stay for tea, which they did. The table was laden with a lovely buffet, supplied by all the members, so many thanks to everyone.

Members were given their new programme for 2016, and were reminded to their of £6.50 for the Christmas meal at the Northwick Arms on 26 January, to our meeting on 12 January. This will be our AGM, followed by a Quiz. Subs will be due then, these remain at £15.

Remember, we welcome new members, male or female, any faith or none, though we do start our meetings with a prayer. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Hampton Scout and Guide Community Hall at 2pm. Anyone interested in joining our group should ring 01386 49161 for more information.

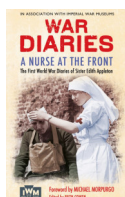
Jenny Perkins



The Ashmolean Museum, Broadway

is an independent community museum working in partnership with the Ashmolean Museum Oxford and Worcester County Council. It is based at Tudor House, a 17th Century former

Coaching Inn in Broadway. Since opening in September 2013, the museum and its volunteers have embraced their role of providing the community with the resources to learn more about local history and see the unique collections curated by the famous Ashmolean Museum Oxford. The loaned exhibits pieces from the founding collections of the Ashmolean, given by Elias Ashmole to the University of Oxford in 1683 as well as paintings by Gainsborough, Reynolds, Millais and Landseer in the 1st floor galleries. The top floor open to the public is a dedicated gallery for temporary exhibitions, curated by the Ashmolean Oxford and allowing access to current world class exhibits in a historic setting.



The amazing WW1 diaries of Sister Edith Appleton OBE RRC A talk by Lisa and Dick Robinson Wednesday 13 January 2016 at 3.00pm

Edith Appleton served in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve (QAIMNSR) throughout the First World War. Often near the Front in Northern France, she wrote an amazing daily journal.

Loftus Stevens Gray - Rector of Sedgeberrow 1866 – 1870 by Roger Horton

I first became interested in researching Mr Gray when I received an e-mail about him from a journalist in Australia. He understood that there was a picture of Mr Gray in the vestry and requested a copy. I sent him the picture and also a picture of the brass memorial in the chancel.

Mr Gray was involved in riots at the Eureka Stockade, having reported events to The Argus, a now defunct newspaper in the State of Victoria. The journalist also told me that Mr Gray could become part of Australian folklore. After being jailed for bankruptcy in 1852, he moved to Australia on his release. In an 1856 Australian census he is shown to be living in Avoca, Loddon, Victoria. He was described as a miner although the Electoral Role says that he was a graduate of Oxford.

1854 was the year of the rebellion at the Eureka Mine. At the time there were about 25,000 miners in the goldfields. Corruption amongst officials was rife. This came to a head when a group of men beat to death a drunken miner. The leader of the group was a friend of the local magistrate, so nobody was convicted. The diggers held meeting to try to bring the men to justice. After the meeting, a crowd of diggers went to the hotel owned by the murderer and burnt it to the ground. Three were arrested and charged with arson. Soon after a meeting of 10,000 miners demanded the release of the men, the abolition of licence fees and the vote for all males. Many of the leaders of this group had been leading Chartists in Britain. There was then an even larger meeting where the miners decided to burn their licences. About a month later there was a further public burning of licences and the men then marched to the Eureka Lead, which was an entrance to the deep mines. They built a stockade around the area and about 500 miners took an oath and collected weapons. In December of that year two regiments were ordered to restore order. The miners were greatly outnumbered and the battle was over in twenty minutes. 22 miners and 4 troops were killed. Thirteen miners were put on trial but all were acquitted. The only person to be convicted was a newspaper reporter who was sentenced for seditious libel. The following March the Gold Fields Commission handed down its report. All the demands of the miners were met and the vote was extended to all men.

This is sometimes regarded as the birthplace of Australian Democracy.

On return from Australia he served as Curate in Brierley Hill and Montgomery, before moving to Shrewsbury. In 1866 he became Rector of Sedgeberrow and was the incumbent during the period when Mrs Mary Barber, the widow of his predecessor, restored the interior of the church.

He died on 19 November 1870 aged 42 of heart disease. His death was reported by Elizabeth Carter. According to the 1871 census she was the wife of a labourer. She

must have been looking after him during his final illness. He was buried in Montgomery, Wales

Some of my information came from one of his descendants. I am glad that I was able to send him a copy of the photograph and of the memorial in our church.

Sedgeberrow News

We have had a good year with our Coffee Mornings. November total was £223 and December was £221. The next one will be in February at the home of Roger and Judith Horton.

Bingo is starting to pick up and the next one will be on 13 February 2016.

The Church looks wonderful with the Christmas Trees on display. Also the windows, porch and font look amazing ready to celebrate Christmas.

The Tree of Light and Dedication Service were well supported.

We will have had our Carol and Christingle Service and also the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

Our grateful thanks as a PCC go to all of you who helped and supported us during 2015.

This includes Churchyard Neil who keeps the Churchyard looking tidy throughout the year.

Baptism at Sedgeberrow on 11 October of Matthew Kai Mendoza –Ayres.

Again we would like to wish you all a Peaceful and Successful New Year.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 to 24 January

Monday 1pm

Quakers Meeting House

Tuesday 12 noon

Baptist Church

This will be followed by a light lunch

This will be followed by a light lunch

Wednesday 12 noon

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This will be followed by a light lunch

This will be followed by a light lunch

Thursday 1pm

Salvation Army

Friday time tbc

St Andrew's Hampton

Saturday time 12.30pm

Methodist Church

Hinton on the Green – St Peter's Church

A Food Bank? "Why do we need a Food Bank in Evesham?" This is certainly the question I asked myself when I first heard about it. Other volunteers have taken items there from our church, St Peter's in Hinton on the Green, and returned saddened to see the need and fully convinced of the good this service is doing. I'm reminded of the surprised comment of one of Jesus' followers - when did we see you naked or hungry Lord? - and his reply that he was anyone who was naked or hungry whom they had ignored.

So when I set out to take our latest offerings I didn't know what I would find. On each occasion I've been greeted and my donation has been warmly welcomed by the sincere volunteers. I can see there is a need even though I haven't seen the Food Bank 'in action'. So I urge everyone who comes to church to slip a tin or packet (in date please!!) in their bag and donate. Non-churchgoers can hand items to PCC members or leave items in the church porch. Hinton is a small parish with few resources yet over the last four months we have collected and donated 50 items - some of these are multipacks and some fruits and vegetables.

If I was just about keeping my head above water I would be glad of a helping hand. It seems that even in 2016 'the poor are always with us'.

What's new in Hinton? The PCC is delighted that our project for urgent church repairs draws ever closer. Hopefully we shall see scaffolding and workmen soon. The church tower has been suffering from the ingress of water to the extent that last year pieces of stone started to fall out. Alarming or what?

The relief of the PCC and village of Hinton generally when we received the offer of a substantial grant was palpable. After many damp years the church of St Peter's should finally be watertight again after the work has taken place. Fundraising is on-going to make up the shortfall and **YOUR** donation is most welcome to help us save this ancient listed building - Hinton's heritage.

What's happening in Hinton now? There will be two baptisms in Hinton in January and a wedding in May. Anyone in the village wishing to be baptised, confirmed or married should get in touch with Mark, our Vicar, so that this can be arranged. If you wish to choose a hymn for our Songs of Praise service please let Rosemary know on 01386 443240.

Our Annual Fete will be on Sunday 3 July 2016 and Harvesteen on Saturday 29 October so write these dates in your diary now! We shall have a special service for all those whose loved ones are buried in our churchyard. Those who visit graves in Hinton churchyard might like to consider volunteering a few hours of their time to help keep the churchyard in good order). It is anticipated that we shall also have a Picnic Service, outside if possible, and another Candlelit Evensong.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

THE DOUBLE "C" MONTHLY TEAS

Conversation

Company

For those who are lonely or bereaved.

Please come & join us for

Traditional Afternoon Tea

Last Sunday of month - next one - 31 January 2016

Hampton Guide & Scout Hall from 2- 4pm

For further information contact Elaine Major

01386 446381 or 01386 40722

Events Update – January 2015

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| SoulFood | Sun | 3 Jan 6pm | All Saints |
| St Andrew's Tots | Tues | 5 Jan 9am | Scout & Guide Hall |
| Café Church | Tues | 5 Jan 7pm | The Bear, Port St |
| Church Open Morning | Sat | 9 Jan 10am - Noon | Hampton |
| SoulFood | Sun | 10 Jan 6pm | All Saints |
| St Andrew's Tots | Tues | 12 Jan 9am | Scout & Guide Hall |
| St Andrew's Fellowship | Tues | 12 Jan 2pm | Scout & Guide Hall |
| Hampton WI | Thurs | 14 Jan 7.30pm | Scout & Guide Hall |
| SoulFood | Sun | 17 Jan 6pm | All Saints |
| Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Mon to Sat | 18 Jan to 23 Jan | Various Churches (see p11 for details) |
| St Andrew's Tots | Tues | 19 Jan 9am | Scout & Guide Hall |
| PCC Meeting | Wed | 20 Jan 7.30pm | Hampton |
| SoulFood | Sun | 24 Jan 6pm | All Saints |
| St Andrew's Tots | Tues | 26 Jan 9am | Scout & Guide Hall |
| Benefice Eucharist | Sun. | 31 Jan 10am | Bengeworth |
| Double C's Afternoon Tea | Sun. | 31 Jan 2 – 4pm | Scout & Guide Hall |
| SoulFood | Sun | 31 Jan 6pm | All Saints |

Hampton WI – December 2015

There was special feel to the hall when we met on 10 December for our Christmas Social. The tables were covered with red cloths and Ann Evans had made some very attractive seasonal table arrangements with candles in. With Christmas music in the background, this all created a very festive atmosphere.

We enjoyed an excellent meal, starting with a choice of five delicious home-made soups, followed by turkey, gammon, jacket potatoes, a selection of salads and Christmas pudding to finish, followed by a raffle and the distribution of presents from the bran tub.

A collection box was passed round for this year's charity, the local Alzheimer's Group, and to this was added the £35 raised from the book table sales during the year.

There will be no speaker at our meeting on 14 January, but we will get together for refreshments and a chat and hopefully there will be a good number of entries for the first competition of the year, for something beginning with 'B'.

On 11 February, Sara Lewis will tell us about **Organic and Ethical Beauty** Therapy and our New Year lunch will be at Broadway Golf Club on 24 February.

If you fancy joining us for one of our meetings at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm, you would be made most welcome.

Prayers ... for those who are unwell

With anyone you know who is unwell and the patients of our local hospitals pray for Janet Bailey, Anna Ballard, Maureen Cauldwell, Sarah Clements, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Richie Edwards, Monica Garston, Rosie Goodwin, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Margaret Goodman, Sue Jones, Lewis Langston, Clifford Lewis, Jackie Newbury, Nina Lippett, Ivy Pullin, Janice Sinclair and Cyril Westwood as well as others known to us personally.

Prayers ... for those who have died

For those who have died and all who mourn at this time including Emma Allard, Ray Wood, Beryl Collins, Ken Jennings, Dan Byrd, Baby Shane Smith, Eric Whiting, Gloria Miles and Ken Stewart.

God will bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear him

New Year Quiz

Question 1: When do the Chinese celebrate their New Year?

- A: On 1st January
- B: At the second new moon after the winter solstice
- C: On the 11th day of the 11th month

Question 2: How do the people of Ecuador, South America get rid of their faults for the New Year?

- A: They make a straw man and burn it
- B: They have a long bath
- C: They write them on paper and bury them

Question 3: On the morning of the Vietnamese New Year, called "Tet", what are children not allowed to do?

- A: Laugh
- B: Cry
- C: Sing

Question 4: What happens shortly before midnight, on New Year's Eve, in Japan?

- A: Buddhist temples ring their bells 108 times
- B: Buddhist temples wash their steps
- C: Buddhist temples light their candles

Question 5: In Greece kids leave their shoes by the fireside on New Year's Day so that St Basil will...?

- A: Fill them with presents
- B: Fill them with sweets
- C: Fill them with socks

Question 6: The Jewish New Year is called...?

- A: Chanukah
- B: Yom Kippur
- C: Rosh Hashana

Answers below



1B, 2A, 3B, 4A, 5A, 6C

St Andrew's CE First School

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New Year is always a special time in a primary school and as well as celebrating the period of Epiphany when we return to school in January, iSing Pop will be spending a week in school teaching children songs themed around our school's Christian Values. We will be making a professional recording and performing two concerts for parents on Friday 9 January. We hope it will be a truly exceptional event to celebrate our wonderful new hall and mark the completion (almost!) of our building and extension work.

We had an extremely busy end of term. SASSA, our parent teacher association organised a wonderful Christmas Fete which was very well attended. The total amount raised was over £880. All funds raised will go towards the development of our outdoor play facilities. Through raffles and refreshments at the Reception and Key Stage 1 Play, and a collection at the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at the church, we raised over £225 to support the fight against Ebola, which is devastating lives in Africa.

Our end of term events were extremely well attended, with the Reception and Key Stage 1 performance of 'It's a Baby' being performed in our amazing new hall. We also packed out the church for our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert, which was very well received by the children's parents and carers.



Finally, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

"Reach for the Stars"



Our Christian value this half term has been 'Peace' which is a lovely way to end the year being grateful for the harmony in our community and the sense of wellbeing that this brings. As a school we are blessed with many volunteers from our community who sit on the governing body, help raise funds through the PTA, come to listen to children read, organise the library and help the children with their allotment. Their gift of time is precious and helps bind our community together. Children have been reminded that there are many communities around the world who don't have peace due to hostility and war and we pray for those affected.

As the school Christmas events draw to a close the children of Sedgeberrow School are filled with excitement. The last few weeks leading up to the Christmas break have been filled with fun. Reception class performed a nativity called "*A Miracle in Town*" and we were so proud of them. They looked wonderful in their costumes and sung beautifully. I am sure that it will provide those parents and children with very happy memories. Key Stage 1's magnificent execution of "*Not Such a Silent Night*" kept the audience smiling throughout. And finally the huge audience that filled St Peter's Church in Bengeworth for the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert were not disappointed. The children sung their hearts out and created such a magical atmosphere. It really was amazing. Thank you to Rev. Binney for allowing us to use St Peter's and thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work.

The school managed to squeeze into St. Mary's in Sedgeberrow for our whole school Christmas Service, which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Rev. Wright and Anne Banks for all their help. Year 3 children had decorated a Christmas tree in the church, which was admired by everyone.

Our parent association, F.O.S.S. (Friends of Sedgeberrow School) have had a very busy half term. The new committee organised a stunning Christmas Fayre. Thank you to all those who attended or bought raffle tickets. The atmosphere in school was wonderful. The total raised was an incredible £2000. As I write, the committee and helpers are filling party boxes full of delicious goodies for the annual Christmas Party where the whole school get together in the hall to eat, sing and dance.

We look forward to the Spring Term, which will be full of the usual mix of hard work and fun. We will be competing in our first Floorball competition and Year 4 will be going to Malvern for an adventure-packed residential visit.

We wish everyone a peaceful and happy New Year.

SCOTTISH SHORTBREAD FOR HOGMANAY – THREE WAYS

The texture of the shortbread is a matter of taste, and can be adjusted by varying the coarseness of the flour, using ground rice for grittiness, and cornflour and icing for a more melting texture.

For a `gritty' granulated texture:

125g/5oz plain flour

25g/1oz rice flour

100g/4oz butter

2oz/50g castor sugar

For a fine but crunchy texture:

100g/4oz plain flour

25g/1oz rice flour

25g/1oz cornflour

100g/4oz butter

25g/1oz castor sugar

25g/1oz icing sugar

For a smooth `melting' texture:

100g/4oz plain flour

50g/2oz cornflour

100g/4oz butter

50g/2oz icing sugar

Method:

Put the butter on to a work surface and knead in the sugar, then the flour until it becomes a reasonably firm ball of dough. (To make in a food processor pulse butter and sugar till creamy, add flour and pulse until smooth. Remove and knead, adding more flour if needed.)

Either press dough into a greased 270mm x 175mm (14in x 7in) Swiss-roll tin and prick with a fork, or use a special shortbread mould, or roll into a cylinder shape and coat in granulated sugar. Chill and slice into thin round biscuit shapes. Bake slowly at 170C/Fan 150 C/325F/Gas 3 until an even golden brown.



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Services for January 2016

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| 3 January – Second Sunday of Christmas - Epiphany | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 9am | Parish Eucharist | Sedgeberrow |
| | 10am | All Age Worship | Hampton |
| | 3pm | Holy Baptism | Hampton |
| Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12 | | | |
| Wednesday 6 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 10 January – Baptism of Christ | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Parish Eucharist | Hampton |
| | 11am | All Age Worship | Sedgeberrow |
| | 6pm | Holy Communion | Hinton |
| Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17. 21-22 | | | |
| Wednesday 13 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 17 January – Second Sunday of Epiphany | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 9am | Parish Eucharist | Sedgeberrow |
| | 10am | All Age Worship | Hampton |
| Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11 | | | |
| Wednesday 20 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 24 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Parish Eucharist | Hampton |
| | 11am | All Age Worship | Sedgeberrow |
| | 11.15am | All Age Worship | Hinton |
| Nehemiah 8:1-3. 5-6. 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21 | | | |
| Wednesday 27 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 31 January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany - Candlemas | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Benefice Eucharist | Bengeworth |
| Ezekiel 43:27 – 44:4, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 2:22-40 | | | |

Services for February 2016

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| Wednesday 3 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 7 February – Sunday next before Lent - Quinquagesima | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 9am | Parish Eucharist | Sedgeberrow |
| | 10am | All Age Worship | Hampton |
| | 3pm | Holy Baptism | Hampton |
| Exodus 34:29-end, 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2, Luke 9:28-36 [37-43] | | | |