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Service Times (summer – except August)

(Check the calendar on the back page for changes to the regular pattern)

1st Sunday of the Month			2nd Sunday of the Month		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
11am	Family Service	Hampton	11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
4pm	Evensong	Hinton	2pm	Baptisms	
6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	Hampton	4pm	Holy Communion	Hinton
3rd Sunday of the Month			4th Sunday of the Month		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
11am	Welcome Service	Hampton	11am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
4pm	Evensong	Hinton	2pm	Baptisms	
			4pm	'Guest' Service	Hinton
5th Sunday of the Month					
	8am	Holy Communion			Hampton
	10am	Benefice Eucharist			Rotating
Wednesdays					
	10am	Holy Communion			Hampton

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PEACE and WAR

*Seasons of Mist and Mellow Fruitfulness
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;*

An extract from: Ode to Autumn by John Keats

Keats captures the joyfulness of the English countryside - it could have been written here in Evesham! How easy it is to see the work of God, and also the work of those who love God. What a lovely image this is, of a God who loves us, provides for us (Give us this day our daily bread) and cares enough about us to want us to enjoy life, with the company and joy of friends and neighbours. I imagine that God heaves a sigh of relief to see that all is well here.

Sadly, what we see here in Evesham is not the same the world over; for we are terribly aware of tension and war in other parts of the world, where people cannot live in harmony with others. When we think of Remembrance Sunday it is easy to call to mind those who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars, but we should not neglect the 200 or so British soldiers who have perished in Afghanistan. The following extract from The Times puts it into context:

Britain's frontline troops in Afghanistan are being killed at such a rate that, were it to continue, one in 36 would not survive a six-month tour of the country.

So how do we respond to this? Do we have a duty of care for those not in our parish?

Edmund Burke coined a pertinent saying: *Evil Flourishes When Good People Do Nothing*. If 'good people' are doing nothing does that make them any better than those, 'bad people' who are doing something? The quote should be, 'Evil flourishes when good people wait.'

In the events of the Holocaust, the evil or "bad people" were the Nazis, the people who were carrying out the orders, and taking pleasure in killing innocent people. With the Nazis being the bad, that then would make the "good people doing nothing" the citizens who weren't the victims of massive genocide and anti-semitism. The non-Jews, non-Roma, non-disabled, non-African, non-homosexual, the said 'approved Germans,' the socially accepted, the other countries who weren't directly involved; those were the 'good people'. Because of their waiting, 6 million people suffered. When WW2 ended fewer than 300,000 Jews were saved. Evil flourished. And Evil will continue to flourish as long as good people wait.

So we must, as a parish of good people, do our best to further peace in the world. There are many ways we can do this: we can pray and ask God to help, we can write to our MP and demand that our voice is heard, and we can sign a petition to improve conditions for our armed forces, organised by the British Legion - <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/campaigning/the-legion-manifesto/take-action>.

Finally we can ensure that there is harmony in our own family and community. Perhaps it is time to forget and forgive a quarrel with a friend or neighbour.

*Reverend Mark Binney
Priest in Charge, Hampton,
Sedgeberrow
and Hinton on the Green*

Why Wear a Poppy?

Please wear a poppy, the lady said
and held one forth, but I shook my head.
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,
And her face was old and lined with care.
But beneath the scars the years had made
there remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street
bouncing along on care-free feet.
His smile was full of joy and fun
"Lady" he said, "May I have one?"
When she'd pinned it on, he turned to say:
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way
and answered "This is Remembrance Day,
and the poppy there is a symbol for
the Gallant men who died in the war.
And because they did, you and I are free
That's why we wear a poppy, you see."

"I had a boy about your size,
with golden hair and big blue eyes,
and he loved to play and jump and shout.
Free as a bird, he would race about,
as the years went by he learned and grew,
and became a man, as you will too."

"He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,
but he'd seemed with us such a little while.
When war broke out, he went away
I still remember his face that day.
I'll be back soon Mum, so please don't cry."

"But the war went on and he had to stay
and all I could do was wait and pray.
His letters told of the awful fight.
(I can see it still in my dreams at night)
With the tanks and guns, and the cruel barbed wire,
And the mines and bullets, the bombs and the fire."

"Till at last, at last the war was won
and that's why we wear a poppy, son."
The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks lady, I'm glad to know,
that sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son, did he come back alright?"

A tear rolled down each faded cheek:
She shook her head, but didn't speak.
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me, you'd have done the same,
For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed,
though our freedom was bought and thousands paid.

And so, when we see a poppy worn,
let us reflect on the burden borne
by those who gave their very all
when asked to answer their country's call
that we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy! Remember and give!

*By Don Crawford
(contributed by Alan Roberts)*

Remembrance Sunday at Hampton

The main Eucharist will start at 9.45 to allow time for us to assemble after the service for the Act of Remembrance and Two Minutes Silence around the War Memorial at 11am.

Please join us if you can to remember all those killed in wars.

News from Hinton

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving took the form of Harvest Songs of Praise with four readings and six hymns linked together by Patrick to whom 'Praise and Thanksgiving' are due.

Several families brought children who, as suggested in Deuteronomy, put their offerings into baskets and presented them to 'the priest that shall be in those days', who 'took the baskets from their hands and set them before the altar'.

In the pleasingly large congregation it was notable that four of the main farms in the village were represented. We were also able to give a big welcome back to Ron Gardiner after an absence of many months.

Seven of our eight bells were rung before the service by ringers from Hampton and the Combertons. Yes it was only seven because during ringing the day before one of the ropes broke! John Smith offered to put his years of training in the Boy Scouts to use and splice the rope. Last but no means least grateful thanks to Charlotte our volunteer organist.

By this time in a normal year the grain harvest has been gathered in and safely put to store. Even before this, work on next year's harvest has begun and by now most of the seeds are in the ground, some of it already emerges, and waiting for that 'soft refreshing rain'.

Bill and Julie Newman

Hampton Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Supper on 10 October in the Scout and Guide Hall was a very happy and lively occasion.

Many thanks to all who provided and served the food, donated raffle prizes and provided the entertainment; William Wakefield and Susan Horsman made us all laugh. The quiz and singing were enjoyed by everyone.

Cath Lattimer reports that the total income was £408.05 (Tickets £282.00, Raffle £90.00, Wine £24.00 and Donations £12.05).

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the success of the evening.

Festival of Healing

Bishop John and the Health and Healing Group have planned this festival to be held at the Cathedral on Saturday 7 November.

The Workshop will be from 10 to 12.30 and will be lead by Dr. Sheila Cassidy. Please bring your own lunch and participants are requested to donate a minimum of £5 to cover costs.

In the afternoon there will be a Healing Eucharist at 2pm led by Bishop John. Please contact Sue Amer on 01562 66625. If anyone would like to attend but needs transport, please let Mark Binney know.

St Andrew's Church Plate and Notice Boards

Parishioners will be pleased to know that replacement notice boards are now being made and we hope they will be in place in time for St. Andrew's Day, 30 November.

The PCC have also authorised the Guild of Handicraft in Chipping Campden to make a new Chalice and Paten for the Church. These are being paid for by legacies to St. Andrew's. We are hoping that Revd Mark be able to consecrate the boards and silver at the Patronal Festival on 29th November at 10am.

St. Andrew's School Christmas Fayre

St. Andrew's School is holding a Christmas Fayre on 4 December and the Church is planning three stalls: Books, Wine and Water, and Crafts. We are looking for volunteers to help with these stalls on the night, to help us make items, and any donations towards them. Obviously children's books would be very welcome and we need empty screw topped wine bottles and **full** ones too.

For the craft stall, we would be pleased to receive any hand-made jewellery, wooden, knitted or stitched items, cards, Christmas decorations or anything we could use for these i.e. artificial flowers, candles, unwanted baubles, teasels or honesty seeds that we can spray. We are having an open craft session in the Church on the Open Day on the 14th November from 10.00 to 12.00, when we hope you will come along and help to make things we can sell. Please ring Shirley Lynch with your offers on 553392.

St Andrew's Parish Christmas Cards

The time is coming when we shall be distributing Christmas cards to every house in the Parish. Please will as many people as possible offer to help with this task, then nobody has to do too much. These cards will advise everyone of the Christmas service times. Please look out for a list to sign up to help or contact Michael Hunter or Gabrielle Falkiner if you can help.

St Andrew's Autumn Clean 21 November

This is the date for our annual Autumn Clean! We meet in the Church at 10am.

Many hands make light work, so if lots of people volunteer, it will be done very easily. Tea and coffee will be provided.



Feeding The 50,000

Chandamma Moligeri was born a 'weeder'. As a dalit woman, she worked for most of her life in others' fields, in exchange for grain or small amounts of money. Struggling to feed her family and with little chance of escaping the legacy of the Indian caste system, she lived unnoticed on the margins of society.

But out of the most severe poverty came an incredible story of rich generosity... Chandamma's life was turned around when she joined a local women's group, or sangham, supported by Christian Aid partner the Deccan Development Society (DDS). These women cleared an area of drought-prone wasteland and farmed it, using traditional methods learned from DDS. Slowly, they restored life to their land - and then brought the celebration of an enormous harvest to their whole community.

In sanghams across the Medak district in Andhra Pradesh, DDS now works with 5,000 women. These women have decided to do something amazing. From their excess harvest, they have helped to feed 50,000 of the poorest people in their communities. And the women are now passing on their knowledge. DDS is training them to use film and radio to raise awareness and campaign on issues such as climate change. Now their skills and passion are helping communities throughout Andhra Pradesh to share in the joy of harvest.

As for Chandamma, she is no longer reliant on others for handouts. Instead, she has become a landowner herself. 'I am the only person I know who has passed on land to her daughters,' she tells us with a twinkle in her eye.

To find out more come to an Indian Evening with supper (not just curry) at Avonbank Centre, Evesham Methodist

Church on Saturday 14th November 2009 at 6.30 for 7pm.

The Reverend David Halsam will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Caste Out' on the Dalit Struggle for Justice.

Do come along and enjoy and learn. If you plan to attend please let Ray Edwards on 446383 know by Sunday 8th November. There is no charge for this event but donations will be most welcome.

Synergy 2010

The next event in support of Synergy 2010 in Evesham is called 'Potential' a Ladies conference to be held on 14th November 2009 at the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre from 3.30 until 8.30ish.

This is an opportunity for ladies to come together, worship, be inspired and encouraged.

The Guest Speaker will be Sue Sinclair, who describes herself as an ordinary woman who is learning to walk with an amazing and awesome God.

The event costs £10 and includes a meal and refreshments.

Book on line at synergy2010@live.co.uk

Advance Notice Christmas Services

Sunday 20th December

4pm Carol Service at Hinton

4pm Carol Service at Sedgeberrow

6pm Carol Service at Hampton

Thursday 24th - Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service at Hampton

6pm Crib Service at Sedgeberrow

10pm Eucharist at Sedgeberrow

11.30 Eucharist at Hampton

Friday 25th - Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion Hampton

10am Holy Communion Hinton

10 am Eucharist Hampton

News from Sedgeberrow

September into October has been a busy time for us. With our Coffee Mornings still being very enjoyable and well supported. Next one is on November 26th 10 till 12.

The church was beautifully decorated for Harvest. The produce and all gifts Brian Palmer took to the Christian Centre in Evesham.

Our Harvest Supper was a huge success. We started in the afternoon with the school's Harvest Service and an auction of half the produce and gifts the children had brought in. We then auctioned the other half at the Harvest Supper. The proceeds of which was shared equally between "Seeds for Africa" and "The Children's Society" £130 to each, we also made £144 for Church funds of which £90 was raised by a very good raffle.

Bingo continues during the winter months. Our next one is on November 21st in the Village Hall at 8pm. The Christmas Bingo is on December 12th
From the Church Magazine November 1913:

The Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Thursday October 9th. We were sorry not to see more communicants present at which was the real Service of Thanksgiving at 7am. At Evensong there was a very large congregation.

The Service was well rendered, and the Preacher was the Reverend J.P.Oakey Vicar of Bengeworth. The collection which was for the Evesham Cottage Hospital amounted to £1 16 1pence. The fruit and vegetables were sent to the Cottage Hospital on the following day. The decorations were extremely effective, and quite up to their usual excellence.

Ann Banks

Hampton Friendship Club September Diary

2nd We held our usual games of Bingo today, but unfortunately had no Service because of the absence of both John Lynch and the Vicar.

9th Two members of Evesham Library Staff came today and gave members a very enlightening talk and demonstration of the many facilities provided by our Library Service, with quite a few surprises as to how many there are.

16th Once again the ladies of the WI at Eckington supplied a most delicious afternoon tea, very much appreciated by members after spending an hour or so browsing around Pershore.

23rd Worcester Age Concern sent Maggie Parker today to give a talk on Healthy Eating and Exercising. All her advice was taken on board by her audience.

30th The month finished off with Steve Turvey, who entertained us royally with his music. Everyone enjoyed joining in all those songs we knew the words to, and also enjoyed listening to many others.

We hope all our members who are absent from our meetings just now for different reasons will be with us soon.

Thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

Hilda Lawson



psssst! Is it just me - or is our Vicar being a bit over-zealous with his 'anti swine flu' precautions?!



HAMPTON WI PRESS RELEASE - OCTOBER 2009

At our AGM on October 8 we were joined by Anne Smith, our WI Advisor.

Following the presentation of the financial statement by the Treasurer, the President read her annual report. The President thanked the Committee for their hard work and all the members for the assistance they gave during the year and in particular she mentioned the support members had shown for each other during times of illness or problems.

The President handed over to Anne Smith, who began with the good news that four new WI's were being opened in Worcestershire, one of them as a direct result of the recent very successful 'Let's Cook' programme. Next, Anne informed members of the resolutions which would be submitted by the Worcestershire Federation for consideration at national level.

Anne then supervised the election of the President and committee members. Joyce Davey was re-elected as President for the coming year.

To conclude the business part of the meeting, Anne made members laugh by reading out several humorous emails which she had received.

It was then time for refreshments and a chat, plus a general knowledge quiz kindly provided by Ann Davis.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 12 November in Hampton Scout and Guide Hall, when David Chatterley will talk to us on the *History of the Teddy Bear*. Visitors and new members will be most welcome.

Christine Robertson



MU Outing on 13th October

A misty morning developed into a fine sunny day as 15 members of the Mother's Union travelled in Gloria II to South Wales for a day out.

After a fine run enjoying spectacular autumn colours, we arrived at our first destination, the magnificent Bryn Meadows Hotel near Ystrad Mynach in Glamorgan. The hotel is owned by the sister of one of the members, and enjoys stunning views over its own championship golf course to the Black mountains and Brecon Beacons, which we could see, even though they are over 40 miles distant!

We were treated to lunch in the verandah dining room with amazing views over the valleys that used to be black with smoke and slag heaps, but are now tree-stocked and luscious.

After lunch we got back into Gloria II for the short journey to Llancaiach Fawr Manor. (If you want to know how to pronounce that, ask Pam Eustace!) This is an old manor house carefully preserved as it had been in 1645, when the manor was visited by King Charles. The visit was enhanced by having just a few 'servants' dressed in costumes of the period, and who spoke in the manner of the period explaining the features of life in those days. The whole thing came to life in a quite extraordinary way. We came away (after the inevitable cup of tea) with a much heightened sense of how life really had been lived in those turbulent times.

We travelled south so that we could come home over the amazing Second Severn Crossing bridge and a stunning sunset to finally bless our journey. It was a long day which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who went.



"A school which makes you long for childhood"

European Day of Languages

At Sedgeberrow CE First we held our annual special day to celebrate the European Day of Languages on 26th September. This day is held every year to promote the learning of more languages and to embrace European culture and traditions.

All children and staff dressed in costumes from different European countries and spent the day in mixed age house groups moving round the classrooms. Each classroom represented a different country – Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Rumania, Luxembourg and the Czech Republic and the children learnt about the country, the language, their flags and customs. In each country they also had some exciting practical activities. For instance while visiting Ireland they experienced River Dance and tasted soda bread as well as creating their own Irish flags.



We love whole school days like this and hold at least one each half-term to give children as much real life experience as possible as we feel this is the best way to learn. We teach French and German at the school already but this sort of day gives children a much wider understanding of cultural diversity in Europe. They had a wonderful day and absorbed a lot of learning which will stay with them.

*Michèle Humphreys
Headteacher*

Benefice Youth Group

A new group has been formed consisting of several young people who were confirmed in July. The aim of the group is for these youngsters to grow their faith, and to develop Christian fellowship with one another.

At present there are six members; as the next group of candidates are confirmed, they will be invited to join.

Various activities are planned including a bonfire party on November 5 to which members can invite a friend.

The group has decided to meet on alternate Thursday evenings, 7-8.30pm in the parish room. Anyone wishing to help or donate refreshments please contact Charlotte Binney.

Charlotte Binney



St. Andrew's C.E. First School

It's been a very busy term so far at St Andrew's school. Reception class have settled in well and share their theme of learning 'What Makes Me, Me?' with Year One. Year Two have been learning how to make board games, applying maths and design skills and using instructions to help each other learn how to play them. In Year Three children have been investigating World War II and Year Four have been finding out all about the culture and geography of India.

Year Five have returned to school this week after a five night residential visit to Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centre in Albrighton – they had a fantastic experience which will stay with them forever. The usual mix of swimming, forest school, music lessons, sports, educational visits, after school clubs and a contextualised, engaging curriculum brings the building to life every day and is the reason why children thoroughly enjoy coming to our school.

We celebrated Harvest. Children in years 3, 4 and 5 visited a charity kitchen in Evesham to see the work being done by volunteers to help homeless people who live in the locality. A school worship assembly was held at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 15 October at 2:00pm, and we donated food collected in school during the week to the charity kitchen.

*David Coaché
Headteacher*

HINT OF THE MONTH

Bonfire Night Burgers

1 lb lean Beef, finely minced
1 medium Onion, finely chopped
Salt & Pepper, Cooking Oil, Butter

Mix the beef and onion together and season, roll into a long sausage, then cut into 6 to 8 rounds.

If grilling, brush with melted butter, otherwise, fry in oil.

Serve in Baps, with Salad.

Phillippa Henly

From the Parish Registers



Baptisms at Hampton

20 September	Freddie Hinsley
11 October	Josh Mathew Elliott Kiera Louise Elliott



Funerals at Hampton

14 September	Joyce Marshall
18 September	Philip Stubbs
24 September	Alwyn Evans Johnson
9 October	Patricia McLoughlin



Hampton Rotas

Date	Sunday	First Reading	Second Reading	
1 November 11am	All Saints' Day		Revelation 21.1-6a Ray Edwards	
8 November 9.45am	3rd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	Jonah 3.1-5,10 Mary Andrews	Hebrews 9.24-28 Rosie Woods	
15 November 11am	2nd before Advent		Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25 Margaret Thompson	
22 November 9.30am	Christ the King	Daniel 7.9-10,13,14 Susan Horsman	Revelation 1.4b-8 Carole Holland	
29 November 10am (Benefice Service)	Advent 1	Jeremiah 33.14-16 Pat Smith	1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Ida Roberts	
Date	Sunday	Intercessor	Communion Assistant	Server
1 November 11am	All Saints' Day	John Lynch		
8 November 9.45am	3rd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	William Wakefield	Carole Holland	Harry Edwards
15 November 11am	2nd before Advent	Elaine Major		
22 November 9.30am	Christ the King	Shirley Lynch	Michael Hunter	Daniel Lewis
29 November 10am (Benefice Service)	Advent 1	Brian Reid	Andy Vellender	Brian Reid

November



2009

1 Sunday		All Saints Day
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
	11am	Family Service – Coffee after (Hampton)
	6pm	All Souls Service (Hampton)
	4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
4 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
8 Sunday		3rd before Advent Remembrance Sunday
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9.45am	Eucharist and Act of Remembrance (Hampton)
	11am	Act of Remembrance and Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
	3pm	Remembrance Service (Hinton-on-the-Green)
11 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion Mother's Union Service (Hampton)
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (Parish Room)
14 Saturday	10am	Hampton Church Open Morning and Craft Session
15 Sunday		2nd before Advent
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
	11am	Welcome Service – Coffee after (Hampton)
	4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
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18 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
21 Saturday	10am	Hampton Church Autumn Clean
22 Sunday		Christ the King
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9.30am	Eucharist (Hampton)
	11am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
	4pm	Guest Service (Hinton-on-the-Green)
25 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
29 Sunday		1st of Advent
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	10am	Benefice Eucharist and Patronal Festival (Hampton)