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Service Times (winter)

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

1st Sunday of the Month

8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
11am	Family Service	Hampton
4pm	Evensong	Hinton
6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	Hampton

2nd Sunday of the Month

8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
2pm	Baptisms	
4pm	Holy Communion	Hinton

3rd Sunday of the Month

8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
11am	Welcome Service	Hampton
4pm	Evensong	Hinton

4th Sunday of the Month

8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
11am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
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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Gabrielle Falkiner

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or given to Gabrielle Falkiner before the deadline shown on the Calendar.

A Spiritual Crunch Christmas?

Our thoughts at this time of year are turning towards preparation for Christmas; in each shop there are constant reminders of Christmas through decorations, Christmas music of various kinds, gifts, wrapping paper, cards, and all manner of special food. It now appears that to have a good Christmas you must have a highly decorated tree, you must decorate your home as soon as possible, you must sing Christmas songs (not necessarily carols), you must send a card to everyone, have presents for all, and you absolutely must eat for England and spend a fortune.

How easy it is to be caught up in all the razzmatazz, but ironically, how hard you have to look to find a true Christmas. I remember in my childhood, Christmas was a very simple affair, just a tree, a stocking and a couple of presents. Of course there was the turkey, but things were simple, yet meaningful. We went to church, and the church was usually full. There was happiness over all that the day had meant to us, and children were satisfied with smaller gifts. Nowadays, there are such daft things as doggie advent calendars, the Top Gear Advent calendar where the baby Jesus can be visited by three unwise petrol heads. Not to mention every children's character chocolate advent calendars. Woe betide you if today you give a child an advent calendar with no chocolate!

In America it is even worse, with the frequent greeting "Happy Holidays!" – What on earth is that supposed to convey about Christian faith? Likewise, Christmas cards hardly ever have a Christian picture, text or message. Is it any wonder that more and more people are finding secularism all too easy? There have been some bizarre decisions in recent years by local government and other organisations who fear offending any other culture than our own. The renaming of Oxford's Christmas festival as the 'Winter light Festival' is a prime example. One primary school tried to ban pupils exchanging Christmas cards.

It is saddening that as Britain rapidly becomes a secular society the need to outdo ones neighbour with Christmas decorations increases. One home had 22,000 fairy lights but a court forced the owner to scale back the lights to just 300. What does it proclaim? A light festival!

What do we find at the heart of Christmas? From the Christian point of view we find a birth, a child, new life, new hope, a challenge, a strong voice saying:

"I was naked and you clothed me, I was hungry and you fed me. When you did it to the least of these my sisters and brothers, you did it to me"

We bring our gifts to the Christ child when we love our neighbour, when we take up our cross and work for justice in the world. Such thoughts make us fearful and uneasy. But then we remember the words an angel spoke to a young girl.

"Do not be afraid. The Lord is with you".

And hopefully we, too, have the courage to say 'Yes' to God.

Recently a Unicef report put Britain at the bottom of the developed world for the subjective well being of our children. We are poor in ways that money cannot buy; a poverty of spirit, relationships and hope. All these things are the traditional message of Christmas. May we share the real meaning of Christmas with everyone around us and thereby bring true light into the spiritual darkness of this age.

*Mark Binney
Priest in Charge of Hampton with
Sedgberrow and Hinton-on-the-Green*

Ballad of the Breadman

Mary stood in the kitchen
Baking a loaf of bread.
An angel flew in the window
'We've a job for you,' he said.

'God in his big gold heaven
Sitting in his big blue chair,
Wanted a mother for his little son.
Suddenly saw you there.'

Mary shook and trembled,
'It isn't true what you say.'
'Don't say that,' said the angel.
'The baby's on its way.'

Joseph was in the workshop
Planing a piece of wood.
'The old man's past it,' the neighbours
said.
'That girls been up to no good.'

'And who was that elegant fellow,'
They said. 'in the shiny gear?'
The things they said about Gabriel
Were hardly fit to hear.

Mary never answered,
Mary never replied.
She kept the information,
Like the baby, safe inside.

It was the election winter.
They went to vote in the town.
When Mary found her time had come
The hotels let her down.

The baby was born in an annexe
Next to the local pub.
At midnight, a delegation
Turned up from the Farmers' club.

They talked about an explosion
That made a hole on the sky,
Said they'd been sent to the Lamb and
Flag
To see God come down from on high.

A few days later a bishop
And a five-star general were seen
With the head of an African country
In a bullet-proof limousine.

'We've come,' they said 'with tokens
For the little boy to choose.'
Told the tale about war and peace
In the television news.

After them came the soldiers
With rifle and bombs and gun,
Looking for enemies of the state.
The family had packed up and gone.

When they got back to the village
The neighbours said, to a man,
'That boy will never be one of us,
Though he does what he blessed well
can.'

He went round to all the people
A paper crown on his head.
Here is some bread from my father.
Take, eat, he said.

Nobody seemed very hungry.
Nobody seemed to care.
Nobody saw the God in himself
Quietly standing there.

He finished up in the papers.
He came to a very bad end.
He was charged with bringing the living
to life.
No man was that prisoner's friend.

There's only one kind of punishment
To fit that kind of crime.
They rigged a trial and shot him dead.
They were only just in time.

They lifted the young man by the leg,
They lifted him by the arm,
They locked him in a cathedral
In case he came to harm.

They stored him safe as water
Under seven rocks.
One Sunday morning he burst out
Like a jack-in-the-box.

Through the town he went walking.
He showed them the holes in his head.
Now do you want any loaves? He
cried.
'Not today' they said.

Charles Causley

Report from Palestine

As some of you know, John and I have recently returned from a pilgrimage to the 'Holy' Land with a group from Pershore. It was a wonderful experience but it was quite an emotional roller coaster. Unfortunately there is a darker side to the country in what is going on politically.

I understand that there are two sides to every story, and there are extremists at work on both sides, but the West Bank was portioned to the Palestinians for their own use as a homeland. However the land is being illegally and insidiously settled by Israeli immigrants, and a separation barrier is being built which digs deep into Palestinian lands, separating families from their land, jobs, schools, churches, mosques and medical support. We see these things on the television, but so often they seem to be the more dramatic occurrences. These people live with uncertainty and humiliation every day of their lives. As the 'wall' is extended the Israelis clear the land on either side of it, which means a child going to school in the morning may come back to find he has no home in the evening. The diggers come in and destroy everything, and the family has to pay for the demolition and is not found anywhere else to live. In other cases, Palestinian families are evicted from homes they have lived in for generations, sometimes in the middle of the night, without warning.

We visited a Palestinian secondary school very close to the separation barrier in Bethlehem. They have been given notice that their school canteen is to be demolished because it is deemed to be too close to the wall. Many of these children have had their homes destroyed and live in temporary accommodation, some in tents, so the school canteen is an important part of their lives. There are now over 200 Israeli settlements and settlement outposts in the occupied West Bank,

including East Jerusalem, where at least 450,000 Jewish settlers live. The Fourth Geneva Convention, a part of international humanitarian law, forbids an occupying power to transfer its population onto occupied land. This is why the international community has always regarded these settlements as illegal.

The settlements also deprive Palestinians of their ability to move freely. In order for the settlers to be able to move freely and quickly from settlement to settlement there are big and fast new roads being built, which we used on most of our excursions. You can see the roads coming from the Palestinian villages and towns, but they are cut off and barricaded when they reach the main roads. Palestinians have different coloured number plates on their cars and are not allowed to use the main roads. There are over 600 physical obstacles (checkpoints, earth mounds, barrier gates etc.) scattered within the West Bank which are used to control the movements of the Palestinian population.

It is ironical that all this is happening in Palestine today when we are celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the demolition of the Berlin wall. We must support with our prayers if nothing else, all those Palestinians, many of whom are Christians, as well as those Muslims and Israelis who are working so hard to bring peace to this broken 'Holy' land. There are more details on the board at the back of the church.

Shirley Lynch

St. Andrew's Christmas Card

The Parish Christmas card is from a photograph taken by Elaine Major of part of the East Window. The cards are being distributed to every dwelling in the parish with the generous help of the Guides and members of the congregation.

Thankyou.

Ed

House Groups

Recently many members of the congregation have expressed a wish to further their understanding of the Bible by choosing to attend a house group. There are four house groups, each with their co-ordinator who will arrange the dates and times of meetings. The material to be studied will be provided by the Vicar.

Group A: Ida and Alan Roberts
Tel 01386 421632

Margaret Thompson
Bill Wakefield
Susan Horsman

Group B: Ray and Harry Edwards
Tel 01386 44683

Wendy Green
Phillippa Henly
Gabrielle Falkiner

Group C: Michael and Karen
Hunter Tel 01386 41490

Brian Reid
Jean Gershom
John and Shirley Lynch

Group D: Rev Mark and Charlie
Binney Tel 01386 424235

Cath Lattimer
Ann Fletcher

If you are not yet in a house group and would like to find out what you are missing out on, please contact the Revd Mark Binney.

Services for Families

Crib Services: at 3pm at Hampton and 6pm at Sedgeberrow on Christmas Eve. These are special Christmas Services especially for families with young children

Christingle Service at 11am at Hampton on 17th January. Another special family service when we remember children who are less fortunate than ourselves. Proceeds will go the Children's Society.

Offers of help to make the Christingles, please, to Ivy Pullin Tel: 41694

Finance...

not the most exciting or riveting subject to write about I agree but I feel it is a good idea for everyone at St Andrew's to know a little of what is happening 'behind the scenes'.

Each year we pay a Parish Share to Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance, this year the amount is £28,126.61, it is paid out of our income:- weekly givings, fund raising, magazines etc. So as you can see we need a substantial amount of money before we even think of the day to day expenses of the Church :- Gas, Electricity, publications, printer, paper, general upkeep and repairs to our Church to name but a few. So far this year we have raised £13,068 from weekly collections. This compares well with £12,889 donated for the same period in 2008.

St Andrew's is in a very fortunate situation, namely the John Martin Charity from whom we receive a generous annual grant to offset our expenditure (but we may not pay Parish Share from this grant), if it were not for the generosity of this Charity our Church would find it very difficult to survive.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Church so that St Andrew's will still be here for future generations, I encourage you all to support the efforts being made in fund raising events in the future.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. God Bless.

Cath Lattimer

Copy Date for the Magazine

Please will all contributors, regular or occasional, make every effort to get their copy to the editor by the copy date given in the parish calendar.

This will give time for more particular editing and any last minute changes which may be required. Your cooperation will be appreciated. *Ed*

News from Sedgeberrow

Our Coffee Mornings and Bingo sessions are still being successful, and they are raising useful funds for our Church.

Christmas Services at Sedgeberrow

20 December 4pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve 6pm Crib Service
10pm Eucharist
Christmas Day 8.50am Holy Communion

Remembrance Services

The Remembrance Service was also a Family Service. Mrs Maureen Pratt laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council after the Roll of Honour which was followed by 2 minutes silence.

The afternoon Service of Remembrance was this year at Sedgeberrow with the act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at which the names on the Roll of Honour were read, and the Standards were dipped. Both British Legion Presidents then laid the Branch Wreaths

Social Calendar for December and January:

Dec 12 Bingo 8pm in the Village Hall
Dec 13 Wassail Evening in the Village Hall

Dec 17 Christmas Coffee Morning in the Church, with mince pies and punch. 10am to Noon

Jan 16 Bingo in the Village Hall
There will be **no** Coffee Morning in January.

From the Church Magazine February 1917 Christmas 1916

Last Christmas was a very quiet one for most people, and in most families there was someone missing. This makes us all think of the war. There were no Christmas bells on Christmas Eve to brighten the dull, cold and damp, with a slow thaw. Inside the Church, however everything was

as bright as usual. The Church was well decorated, and the altar looked very dignified with its magnificent frontal and its bright flowers and altar lights. The services were well rendered, and the congregations were fair. The number of Communion on Christmas day showed a satisfactory increase over the last year, though the number during the Octave was not so great. We trust, though the probabilities do not look very promising at present, that, if we are spared to see another Christmas, we may be able to thank God, not only for the peace which our Saviour came to bring between God and man, but also for peace between man and man, in the end of war.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

Ann Banks

News from Hampton

For some time now Hampton PCC has been holding several legacies donated by past members our congregation. It has now been decided to have a new Chalice and Paten made for our Church. These have been crafted from silver by the Guild of Handicraft in Chipping Campden and were dedicated at our Patronal Service on 29 November 2009. They will be used at our Christmas Eucharist services when members of the congregation will be able to see them.

Another happy announcement; our PCC Secretary William Wakefield and Susan Horsman, who does so much to help in the Church, are to be married in the spring. We all wish them every happiness.

News from Hinton

Harvest has long gone, Halloween- which sadly is better known for “trick or treat” than the eve of All Saints day is past, fireworks have been let off although it seems that any day within a week either side will do and the clocks have gone back. That is all the excitement for November packed into the first few days, so what of the rest of it?

“No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease, no comfortable feel in any member, no shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees, no fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, November”

That just about sums it up.

There were two events to look forward to at the end of the month however. We had a wedding on the 28 and the Hinton Community Group obtained a grant to finance the planting of some flowering cherry trees in the playing field. This was done in National tree planting week.

After November comes December with so much to look forward to. Not just turkey and tinsel and who shall we have for lunch although I expect the turkeys would like to know that - but the wonderful anticipation of the joys of celebrating Christmas with the different services. Advent, Christingle, Crib services, Carol services and the first Communion of Christmas; there should be something for everyone there!

Happy Christmas to you all, and just remember that seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

Christmas Services at Hinton-on-the-Green

20 December 4pm Evensong & Carols
Christmas Day 10am Holy Communion

HINT OF THE MONTH Turkey Kebabs

1lb	Turkey Meat
4 tablespoons	Peanut Butter
1 teaspoon	Ground Cumin
1 teaspoon	Chilli Powder
¼ pint	Fresh Milk
6oz	Fromage Frais

Endive and Wedges of Lime to serve

Serves 4

Cube the turkey meat and thread on to skewers.

Blend together the peanut butter, spices and milk, pour over the kebabs, and marinate for 2 hours.

Grill the kebabs, basting with the marinade.

Place the remaining marinade in a saucepan, bring to the boil and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes.

Remove from the heat, and stir in the fromage frais, then re-heat without boiling.

Serve the kebabs with the sauce, endive and lime wedges.

Phillippa Henly

Mince Pie Give-Away

Churches Together in Evesham and District is giving away mince pies on Saturday 12th December starting at 10am in Evesham Town Centre. Offers of ready packed mince pies or donations to buy them please, and volunteers to help with the distribution of this Christmas cheer, to Ray Edwards Tel: 01386 443683.

Mothers' Union Meeting

Minutes of the Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting held on 10 November 2009

There were 15 members present.

The meeting began with prayers. This was our birthday meeting; our branch has been open now for one year.

Ida presented her report for the past year. Membership has grown from 12 to 20. Speakers have given insight into the work of MU. The day out in October, the coffee morning and strawberry tea were successful, with the help and support of many. The Committee has produced ideas. We have supported diocesan and deanery festivals.

Treasurer's Statement: Total income was £609.70 including members subscriptions of £37.39.

Charlie now is the secretary, Betty Keane and Ruth Cropper joined the committee. The Branch Leader will continue to be Ida Roberts

- The outing was enjoyed by all. The subscription will be £16.00 per head, due before the end of December 2009 - for enrolled members only. This is payable in advance for next year.
- The new programme will be available in January, however in February there will be a Lunch at Norton Grange, costing £10.
- Baby gowns and cot blankets are needed but not baby clothes.
- Ruth has volunteered to put the prayers together for our December meeting. In January Betty will do this.
- Prayer partners: Members were given envelopes with the name of the recipient to pray for.

The meeting ended with refreshments.

Wednesday 7:

Today we were due to hear a talk on the Ffestiniog Railway, but unfortunately our Speaker was unable to attend having suffered a thrombosis, so once again John Lynch came to the rescue with one of his entertaining quizzes, this time all about money, to keep us all guessing.

Wednesday 14:

Once again, it was time for our annual Harvest Festival, and once again John Lynch and Harry Lawson auctioned off all the appropriate gifts brought by members, and so raised a nice sum towards our Club Funds. Afterwards, a Service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest was held by Revd Mark Binney.

Wednesday 21:

For this month's outing, members enjoyed a visit to St Peter's Garden Centre, after having spent an hour or so browsing around Pershore.

Wednesday 28:

A Sing-a-long, with a few jokes thrown in, was the order of the day for our last activity in October, and on a perfect autumn day, members joined Ted and George of the Pershore Singing Group, in singing all the old songs we know so well. The Pershore Group's ambition is to get people singing again, and today they certainly succeeded.

Those members unable to join us at present are always in our thoughts, and we all look forward to the day when you are with us again.

God Bless

Hilda Lawson



HAMPTON WI

PRESS RELEASE -
NOVEMBER 2009

During the month some members had enjoyed a guided walk in Tyddesley Wood and a shopping trip to Merry Hill. On 3

December, Joyce Davey would be welcoming members to her house for tea and mince pies and the January meal had been arranged at the Evesham Golf Club.

In preparation for next year's AGM, a voting form for the shortlisted resolutions would be in the November issue of WI Life. Members were asked to hand their completed forms to Pam Wills. Betty Groves told members that, so far, 66 boxes had been filled for the Shoebox Appeal and a total of £94 collected towards the cost of transporting them.

Following the business section, members were entertained by David Chatterley, who gave a most interesting and detailed talk on the history of the Teddy Bear. He explained how the bears were named after Theodore Roosevelt. An immigrant family of toy makers in Brooklyn sent Roosevelt a toy bear as a mascot and copies of this bear were then sold and were called Teddy's bear. David showed members a selection of bears from his collection of over 500, some dating from the early 1900's, including three little bears in felt waistcoats, one red, one white and one blue, which were made by Chad Valley for the coronation in 1937.

Prior to 1900 the bears did not have moveable joints and stood on all fours. Some of them were on wheels, so they could be pulled along. In conclusion, David told members that to keep the bears in good condition he put them in plastic bags in the freezer for 24 hours

to kill moths and then stored them out of the light and protected by mothballs.

Our next meeting on 10 December will be our Christmas social, held as usual at 7.30 pm in Hampton Scout and Guide Hall. There will be no formal meeting in January, as we are combining our meeting with our New Year Dinner at Evesham Golf Club.

Christine Robertson

John Martin's Charity Winter Heating Grants

Winter heating grants are now available for older people living in the parishes of Great and Little Hampton, Bengeworth and Evesham, but not to those who live in other postal areas of the Evesham district, to qualify:

1 You are in receipt of the Pension Credit Minimum Income Guarantee with savings of less than £12,000.

Or

2 You live on your own and your total income from all sources does not exceed £180 per week.

Or

3 You live with a spouse or partner and the total income from all sources does not exceed £240 per week

Or

4 Your savings/investments and/or capital (excluding your own residence) does not exceed £12,000.

How to apply:

Applications should be made in person at the Charity's Office: 16 Queen's Road, Evesham between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday from 1 – 23 December or 4 January – 26 February 2010. Tel. 01386 765440.

Supporting documents needed: Details of current income, pension, bank and building society statements and details of any other savings or investments.

John Daniels Clerk to the Trustees



Sedgeberrow C of E First School

"A school which makes you long for childhood"

The term is speeding by very fast and it is hard to believe that we are already in November.

Year 4 enjoyed a day at Worcester Cathedral taking part in JC Today where they made a banner and prepared a dance which they performed as part of a Eucharist service during the afternoon. This is a lovely occasion when lots of church schools join together to worship.

Our Reception class have settled very well into school and have already been on their first visit. They also went to Worcester Cathedral for a visit as well as to Pizza Express where they made their own pizzas.

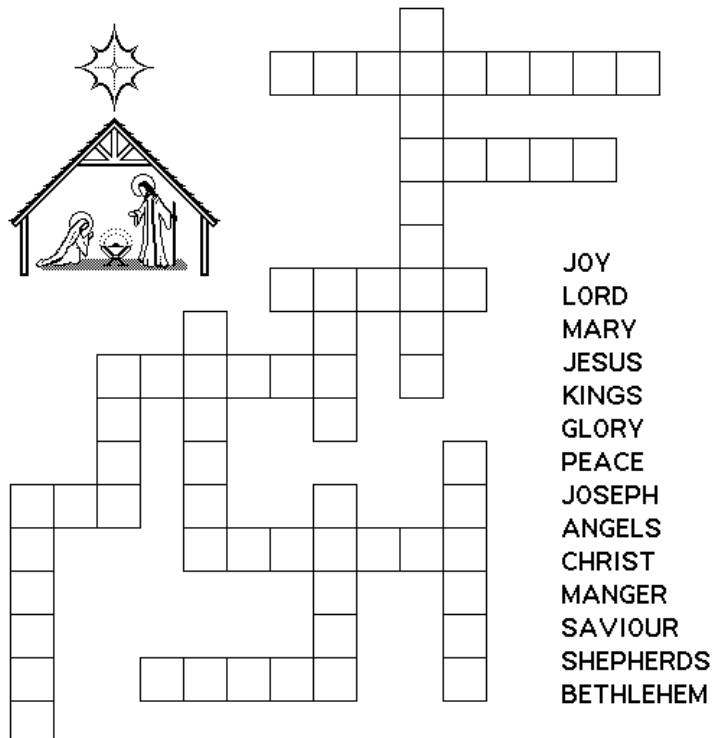
We have had two workshops in school recently enhancing the topic themes that children have been studying – a Tudor visit for Year 4 and a Roman workshop for Year 3. In both cases the children learn from direct experiences such as dressing in costume and role-play as well as being given a wealth of information in a fun and interesting way.

I would like to invite everyone in the community to our Christmas Fayre which will take place in the village hall on Saturday 5th December from 2.00 – 4.00 pm and also thank everyone for their continued support to the school.

*Michèle Humphreys
Headteacher*

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



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St. Andrew's C.E. First School

St Andrew's has been extremely busy since the last newsletter. Our learning themes currently cover Dinosaurs, Diwali, Ancient Egypt and Electricity with children visiting different venues in the Midlands to learn about aspects of these different topics.

We have worked hard to raise money for Children in Need and raised nearly £270 through cake sales, a Pudsy Cake raffle and a Pyjama day in school. Our X-factor competition to mark the occasion was a huge success and after an extremely entertaining show the Year Five girls group performed their winning act.

The Switch it Off! campaign has been implemented by the school's Eco Club, ensuring that we continue to conserve electricity in school. They informed the whole school how we could perform better at not wasting electricity and raised awareness for us all.

Finally I would like to thank all families who contributed to Operation Christmas Child. Some Year One children went down to the depot where they prepare all the shoeboxes for shipping. They saw how each shoebox is processed and packed to distribute around the world for those children who are less fortunate at Christmas time. We were delighted to be able to offer our support.

We are looking forward to our Christmas celebrations in school. If you are interested in attending our Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, then please visit our website for more details.

*David Coaché
Headteacher
r*

Storybook

Have you ever thought that children in school might be missing out on what the Bible has to show them? They could go through their entire school life without ever learning about Adam and Eve, Noah, Samson, David, Jonah... or even the life of Jesus and the stories of the New Testament.

OPEN THE BOOK offers a free programme of themed and dramatised Bible stories, each around 10 minutes long, that fit comfortably into assembly times in schools.

Our teams of volunteer storytellers (in Sedgeberrow – Ann Banks, Toni Rains, Revd Mark and in St Andrew's First School - Rev Mark, Cath Lattimer and Charlie Binney) use drama, mime, props, costume – even the children and staff themselves – to present Bible stories in ways that are lively, engaging, informative... and great fun for everyone involved!

There are 105 stories in a complete 3-year rolling programme – and in Year One, we give an overview of the Bible in 33 stories, from Genesis to the Gospels.

You are welcome to come along and see it, and if you would like to be involved either by making costumes or taking part in schools, please phone the Revd Mark Binney.

Charlotte Binney

1st Hampton Guides

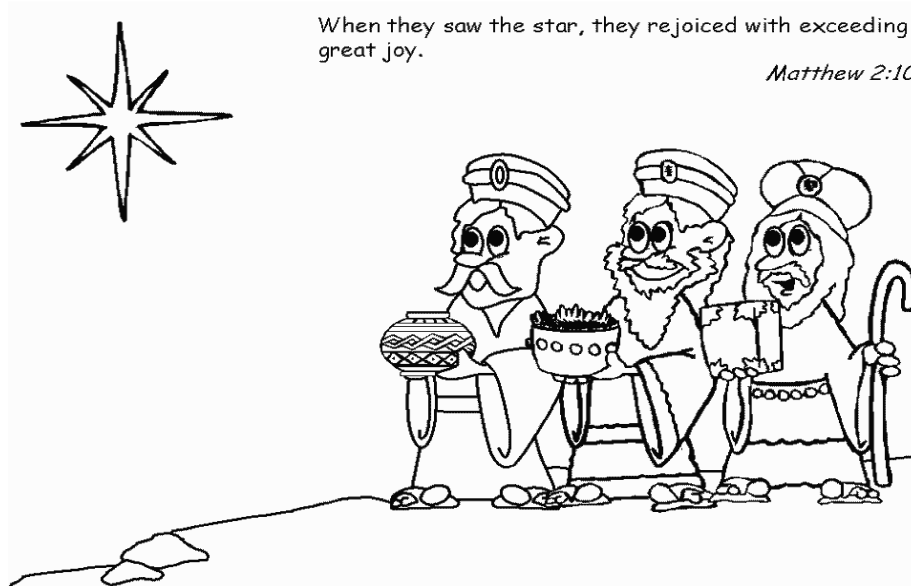
1st Hampton Guides are run by Linda Brown and Diane Langston, with help from Charlie Binney.

This year Girl Guides around the country are celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the founding of the Guiding movement. Each unit has been given challenges which have been divided up into ten different areas. It is up to individual Guide units to decide just how these should be met.

This term the 1st Hampton Guides have enjoyed making upside-down fruit puddings, they have made kites, pampered their mums, sung campfire songs, visited Operation Christmas Child, where they helped out with the unloading and sorting of the shoe box donations. They have also attended Church for Harvest Festival and on Remembrance Sunday.

If you were a Guide many years ago, your Leader would have planned, organised, run and supervised the activities. Now the Guides do all this themselves, which gives them greater ownership of the activities, and leadership skills. In turn, the other Guides gain a greater respect for those who run various activities, and are always ready to help one another.

Charlotte Binney



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CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZ

1. In a parable told by Jesus, who was it that helped a man who had been robbed and wounded?

Priest

Man from Nazareth

Levite

Samaritan

2. What was the name of the older brother of Moses?

Rameses

Able

Reuben

Aaron

3. What was the name of Abraham's son?

Cain

Japhet

Abel

Isaac

4. Whom did God tell to build an ark?
[Enter name]

5. Which disciple was known as Doubting -----?

Bartholomew

Peter

Thomas

Thaddeus

6. Which one of the disciples denied knowing Jesus?

Thomas

Matthew

James

Peter

7 Who were the first two disciples of Jesus?

Judas and Paul

James and John

Matthew and Mark

Andrew and Peter

8. What was the city where Abraham lived?

Babylon

Ur

Jerusalem

Nazareth

9. Which Gospel writer was a doctor?

Luke

Mark

Matthew

John

10. The first letters of the answers to questions 1 to 9 spell the name of a man who was converted to Christianity on the road to Damascus. Originally named Saul, he is now known by this name. Write name in full (see hint)
(Two words - 5 letters and 4 letters
(title and first name)

Answers in February Herald

Benefice Youth Club

The new Benefice Youth Club is well underway with half a dozen members, meeting fortnightly at the vicarage.

They are following a new and fun syllabus: they watch an episode of the Simpsons (cartoon family) and discuss the issues raised with reference to the Bible. They have looked at the way in which God loves us, and how to say sorry to God when we do something that we ought not to. In addition, there has also been a bonfire party, with members bringing along a friend.

The Thursday evening meetings always start with a fun game and some treats to eat and drink. If anyone is willing to donate cake, crisps, or drinks please see Charlie Binney or leave them in church or at the vicarage.

Charlotte Binney

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms at Hampton



18 October India Rose Hiden, Jayjai Liam Hiden
Harrison Andrew Taylor

22 November Evie Jane Boulter and Lana Madison Williams

Baptisms at Hinton-on-the Green

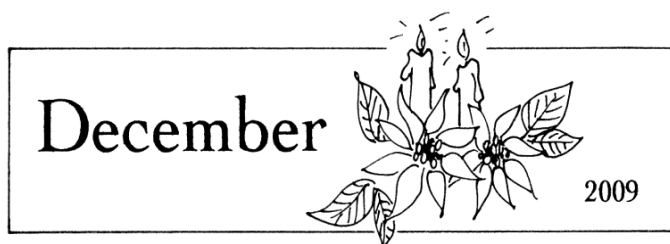
20 September Millie Freya Davies-Blount

Funerals



28 October Phyllis May Knight (85)

5th November June Audrey Brotherton (80)



Hampton Rotas

	First Reading	Second Reading
06 December 2009 11am Advent 2		Philippians 1.3-11 John Cotton
13 December 2009 9.30am Advent 3	Zephaniah 3.14-20 Gabrielle Falkiner	Philippians 4.4-7 Duncan Savory
20 December 2009 11am Advent 4		Hebrews 10.5-10 Daniel Lewis
25 Decemeber 2009 10am Christmas Day	Isaiah 52.7-10 TBA	Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12] TBA
27 December 2009 10am (Benefice Service – Sedgeberrow) John Apostle and Evangelist	Exodus 33.7-11a	1 John 1

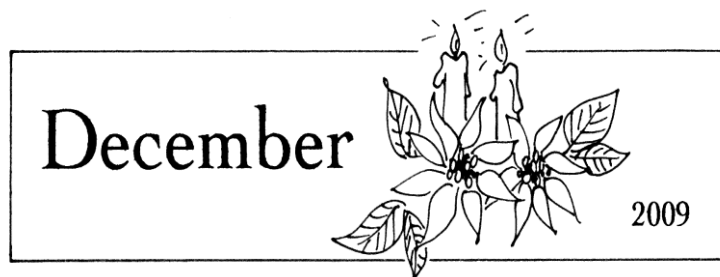
	Intercessor	Communion Assistant	Server
06 December 2009 11am Advent 2	Shirley Lynch		
13 December 2009 9.30am Advent 3	Peter Hanagan	Elaine Major	Peter Hanagan
20 December 2009 11am Advent 4	William Wakefield		
25 Decemeber 2009 10am Christmas Day	TBA	TBA	TBA
27 December 2009 10am (Benefice Service – Sedgeberrow) John Apostle and Evangelist			



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	First Reading	Second Reading
03 January 2010 11am The Epiphany		Ephesians 3.1-12 Margaret Thompson
10 January 2010 9.30am Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 43.1-7 Gabrielle Falkiner	Acts 8.14-17 Rosie Woods
17 January 2010 11am Epiphany 2 (Christingle)		1 Corinthians 12.1-11 Carole Holland
24 January 2010 9.30am Epiphany 3	Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10 Susan Horsman	1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Daniel Lewis
31 January 2010 10am (Benefice Service - Hampton) Epiphany 4	Ezekiel 43.27-44.4 Michael Hunter	1 Corinthians 13 Duncan Savory

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03 January 2010 11am The Epiphany	William Wakefield		
10 January 2010 9.30am Baptism of Christ	Peter Hanagan	Peter Hanagan	Peter Hanagan
17 January 2010 11am Epiphany 2 (Christingle)	John Lynch		
24 January 2010 9.30am Epiphany 3	Brian Reid	Michael Hunter	Daniel Lewis
31 January 2010 10am (Benefice Service - Hampton) Epiphany 4	Shirley Lynch	Andy Vellender	Harry Edwards



2	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
6	Sunday		2nd Sunday in Advent
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
		11am	Family Service – Coffee after (Hampton)
		4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
		6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing (Hampton)
8	Tuesday	2.30pm	Mother's Union Carol Service (Badsey)
9	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion Mother's Union Service (Hampton)
13	Sunday		3rd Sunday in Advent
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9.30am	Eucharist (Hampton)
		11am	Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
		4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
16	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	Sunday		4th Sunday in Advent
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
		11am	Welcome Service – Coffee after (Hampton)
		4pm	Carol Service (Sedgeberrow)
		4pm	Evensong and Carols (Hinton-on-the-Green)
		6pm	Carol Service (Hampton)
23	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
24	Thursday		Christmas Eve
		3pm	Crib Service (Hampton)
		6pm	Crib Service (Sedgeberrow)
		10pm	Christmas Eucharist (Sedgeberrow)
		11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist (Hampton)
25	Friday		Christmas Day
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		8.50am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
		10am	Family Eucharist (Hampton)
		10am	Holy Communion (Hinton-on-the-Green)
27	Sunday		St John the Evangelist
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		10am	Benefice Eucharist (Sedgeberrow)
30	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)



3 Sunday		Epiphany
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
	11am	Family Service – Coffee after (Hampton)
	4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
	6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing (Hampton)
6	Wednesday	10am Holy Communion (Hampton)
10 Sunday		The Baptism of Christ
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
Copy Date for Magazine	9.30am	Eucharist (Hampton)
	11am	Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
	4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
13	Wednesday	Holy Communion Mother's Union Service (Hampton)
17 Sunday		2nd Sunday of Epiphany
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
	11am	Christingle Service – Coffee after (Hampton)
	4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
20	Wednesday	10am Holy Communion (Hampton) 7.30pm Hampton PCC (Parish Room)
24 Sunday		3rd Sunday of Epiphany
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9.30am	Eucharist (Hampton)
	11am	Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
	4pm	Guest Service (Hinton-on-the-Green)
27	Wednesday	10am Holy Communion (Hampton)
31 Sunday		4th Sunday of Epiphany
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	10am	Benefice Eucharist (Hampton)