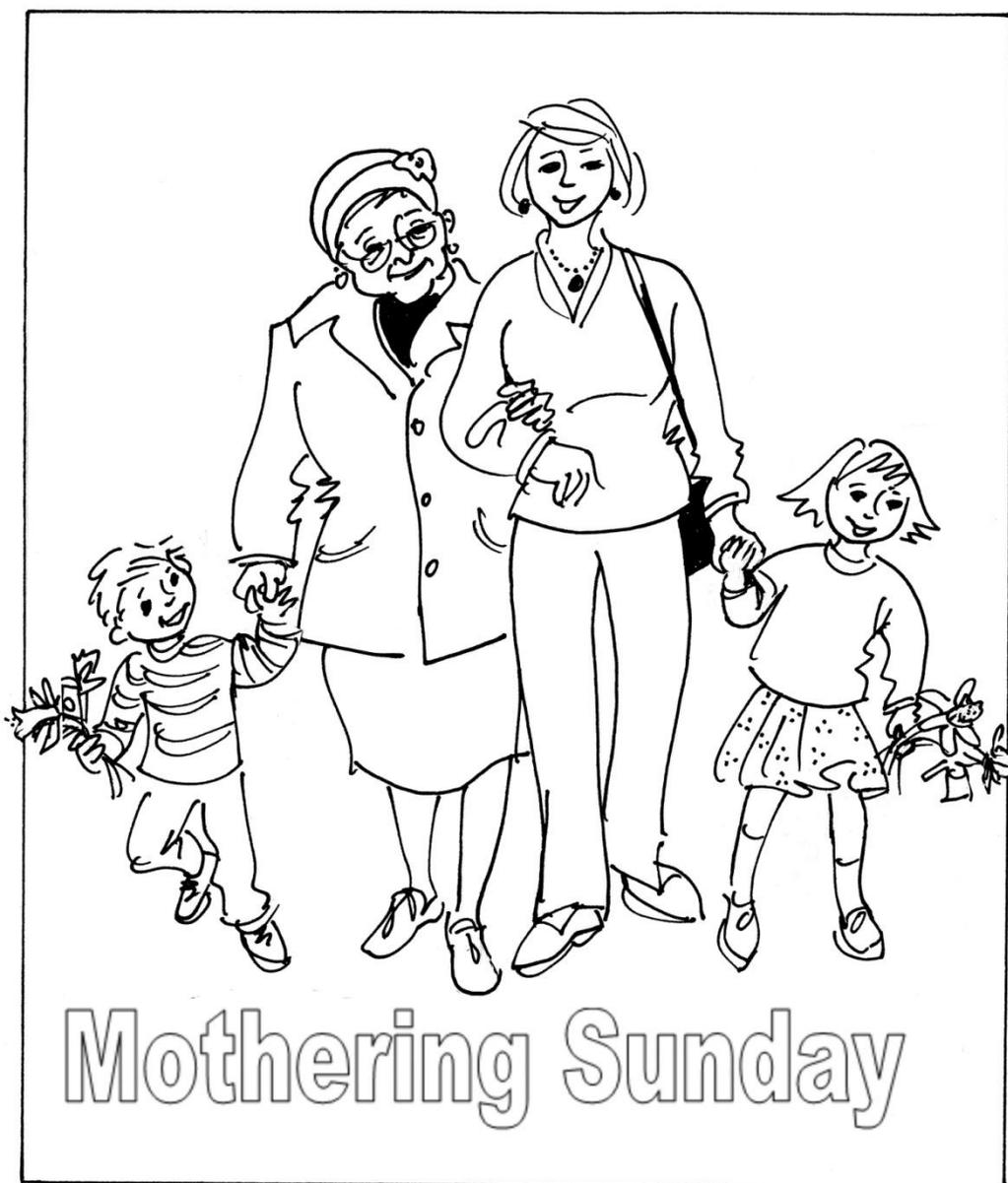


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(Check the calendar on the back page for changes to the regular pattern)

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
6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	Hampton	2pm	Baptisms	
			4pm	Evensong	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	
5th Sunday of the Month					
	8am	Holy Communion			Hampton
	10am	Benefice Eucharist			Rotating
Wednesdays					
	10am	Holy Communion			Hampton

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The Bishop of Worcester's Lent Message

As I speak to you I have been in post for approaching two years and it's a delight to be here in a diocese with a very warm heart. There is a real sense of 'togetherness' about the diocesan family here as I am constantly reminded at diocesan gatherings of various sorts. This is the fifth diocese in which I have ministered since being ordained and it is not the same everywhere.

With 281 churches it will take a while for me to get everywhere but I have explored most corners of the Diocese and have been really encouraged by the good things that I have seen. There are wonderful signs of growth in so many places where new people are coming to faith in Christ - I learned of a Youth Alpha Course recently, for example, which attracted twenty young people and, even where there are not new people coming in such numbers, I have been moved by the faithfulness of our people. I think of a very small village where over two hundred thousand pounds were raised to restore the church for the use of the community.

A lot has happened in my two years here. Deaneries have risen magnificently to the challenge of how to forward their mission with fewer priests. The reduction in the number of stipendiary priests that will be available in the future is sometimes seen as a disaster. I have made it clear that I believe that God is saying something positive to us in this and that part of that is that he is calling clergy to become more episcopal, in the sense of exercising oversight, in order that the people of God might be enabled to recover their priesthood, in the sense that St Peter speaks of it in his first letter (1 Peter 2.9).

This recovering of priesthood will entail the discovery of gifts and the discernment of calling. It is so good to see this happening par excellence in one of the most exciting things I have ever experienced in my Christian life, the development of Authorised Lay Ministry. Over one hundred and fifty people have felt God's call to offer themselves and be part of the first group to undertake training for such ministry and I am delighted to be recording this message at a gathering of those assembled for a training day. There's a real buzz in the air as God's presence is felt and the clear signs of the working of his Holy Spirit are discerned, transforming lives and setting people free to serve him.

There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, St Paul tells us (1 Corinthians 12.4), and I rejoice to see people training as pastoral assistants, evangelists, worship leaders, children's and youth workers and administrators. I give thanks for their call and pray for God's rich blessing upon their future ministry.

Not everyone, of course, is called to such ministry and, indeed, not everyone who is called to such ministry will need training and authorisation for it. The ministries for which people are training are not ones which require the Bishop's permission, after all, it's just that training and authorisation will often be very helpful. What undoubtedly is the case, however, is that we all have gifts and that we all have a calling from God to do something special for him, for he has given us our own indispensable part in His great plan to reconcile the whole creation to himself in Jesus.

When I consider the combined talents and commitment of everyone here I realise that I am in the presence of a very considerable force for good, a force for God. It makes me think what an enormous potential we in the diocesan family have for good, for God, if we will but seek to discern God's will and carry it out. We only need faith the size of a mustard seed, Jesus assures us, if we are to move mountains (Matthew 17.20). Extraordinary things can happen. The idea of one Christian to set up a foodbank in Stourbridge has now fed over one thousand people in six months. Some of our people are involved as street pastors in the same town, beginning to transform the community. What could happen if we were all to put ourselves completely at God's disposal?

Our trouble, as Christians, is that we so often think too small and do not realise that if we will let him God will do extraordinary and amazing things through us. The force for good represented by those training for Authorised Lay Ministry is just the tip of the iceberg. God can change the world through us. He did it two thousand years ago through the powerful witness of a few fragile groups of Christians in Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi and several other places - and he can do it again through us, now, today. Very truly I tell you, Jesus says,

the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these. (John 13.12)

We can be a vast army of indescribable force under God if we will but let God work through us. How do we do that? By entering so deeply into prayer and worship and study of God's word that we can say with St Paul that it is no longer I who live but it is Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2.20).

We can do nothing in our own strength but with God all things are possible (Luke 19.26). What he yearns to do through us is to make all things new in Christ. That is His mission and it is to play our full part in that mission that we in this Diocese have committed ourselves. I hope that individually and corporately, we shall all be able to own that commitment and enter more deeply into it this Lent. Things are good in this Diocese but they could be so much more wonderful and I believe they will be if we are able to consider our call in prayer, in worship and in study of God's word so as to allow God's power to be made perfect in our human weakness (cf 2 Corinthians 12.7-9).

God has great things stored up for us if we love him, things that surpass our imagination. He will work mighty wonders through us if we will let him: He will transform not only us as individuals, transform not only our church but transform the world and bring in His kingdom. Do all that in us and through us, earthen vessels though we are (2 Corinthians 4.7).

I beg you to enter more deeply into your relationship with Christ this Lent and put yourselves at His disposal. You will be surprised, amazed and delighted at what God can do through you.

+John
January 2010

Benefice Lent Study Course

This course continues on Tuesdays in March at 7.30pm in the Parish Room when we are studying 'A Way through the Wilderness' and the issues of self help in a time of crisis. New members of the group are most welcome.

Hampton Lent Project

This year we are supporting Street Pastors Ascension Trust which is an organisation that helps young people with drink/drugs problems in our cities. The work of these people helps not only the individuals but also the security of the area. Please bring your filled collecting jars back at Easter.

Confirmation Classes 2010

The next course of Confirmation Classes is planned for March, please will anyone who is interested in becoming a full member of the Church contact Revd Mark Binney. Hampton Vicarage tel: 01386 424235

Synergy 2010

2 – 6 June on the Crown Meadow

Teams of volunteers are now being set up to help with this important festival. Anyone wishing to take part please contact Ray Edwards tel. 443683, or Pastor Aaron Walker on 01386 765946 or email: synergy2010@live.co.uk

Women's World Day of Prayer

This service will be held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on Friday 5th March at 2.30pm. Although initiated by women, is for all people of all ages. It is always a lovely service, so please try and support it. If you have any queries please contact Shirley Lynch. 553392.

Christian Aid Lent Lunch

This annual event will be on Sunday 7 March in the Scout and Guide Hall at 12.30pm. Fair Trade goods will be on sale. Tickets £6 from Ray Edwards Tel. 443683

Mothering Sunday in the Benefice 14 March

The fourth Sunday in Lent is a special celebration when motherhood receives its true acknowledgement. Flowers are traditionally given and there will be posies for all the Mothers who are in Church on this Day.

Church Electoral Roll

The electoral roll of the church is the formal list of church members and everybody who worships regularly should have their name on the roll. Each year before the annual meeting the electoral roll must be brought up to date.

At Hampton this year the revision will start on 28th February and will be completed on 21st March. If you are not already on the roll please complete an application form, which can be found on the font, and return it to Michael Hunter. If you are already on the roll please check your entry and let Michael know of any changes which are required. The new roll will be published on 28th March.

Similar arrangements will apply at Sedgeberrow and Hinton.

*Michael Hunter
Electoral Roll Officer*

Sing the Messiah at Bengeworth Saturday 20 March 2010

This is an opportunity to sing this magnificent Easter Oratorio, which was first performed in Dublin in 1742. Copies of the text and music are available from Keith Biggin tel: 710599. Register at 4pm, with copy if possible. Participation Fee £8 includes a Light Supper at 6.45pm. Performance at 7.30pm followed by a glass of wine. There is no admission charge but donations for the Organ Fund will be appreciated. Please let Keith Biggin know by 17 March if you wish to take part.

Lent 2010 at All Saints

The series of lectures continues on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Church House, Evesham.

Holy Week/Easter Services

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday procession from Community Hall, Hampton at 9.30am
Palm Sunday Compline at 6.30pm at St Andrew's, Hampton

Monday 29th March

Holy Week Asum Compline and Address at 7.30pm at St Andrew's, Hampton

Tuesday 30th March

Holy Week Asum Compline and Address at 7.30pm at St Andrew's, Hampton

Wednesday 31st March

Holy Week Asum Compline and Address at 7.30pm at St Andrew's, Hampton

Thursday 1st April Maundy

Thursday

Asum Group Eucharist at 7.30pm at All Saints, Evesham

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 10.00am at St Andrew's, Hampton

Walk of Witness 10.30am at St Andrew's joining the Evesham Walk of Witness at 11am at Bridge Street.

Good Friday Liturgy at 2pm at St Andrew's, Hampton

Good Friday Liturgy at 2pm at St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Good Friday Evensong at 6pm at St Peter's, Hinton on the Green

Saturday 3rd April - Easter Eve

Easter Vigil at 8pm at St Peter's, Bengeworth

Sunday 4th April - Easter Day

Holy Communion at 8am at St Andrew's, Hampton

Holy Communion at 9am at St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Easter Eucharist at 11am at St Andrew's, Hampton

Healing Service 6pm St. Andrew's Hampton

Holy Communion at 6pm at St Peter's Hinton on the Green

For Our Younger Readers

Benefice Youth Group

The youth group has met several times and is well established. New members are expected to help improve numbers, and more will be added following confirmation later this year. The young people learn about a topic through an opening game or activity, followed by watching an episode of the Simpsons. Questions follow to ensure that the learning point is understood from the example given in the cartoon. Topics covered so far are gossip, relationships, self image, and responsibility. We then move on to bible study, reflection, and prayers. Usually there is an activity to accompany a specific verse which is taken home to remind the youngsters to apply the principle themselves.

Many thanks to the mysterious benefactor; your gifts of squash and chocolate biscuits are appreciated!

Charlotte Binney

JUMBLLED JOBS

All the answers to this are jobs but the letters have been jumbled up. For example TVE unjumbled is VET. Can you work out what these people do?

1. Sarah is a TODROC.
2. Peter is a RORLY VERDIR.
3. Amelia is a THEERAC.
4. Jack is a EFCH.
5. Rose is a GEDUJ.
6. Sam is a NICEOMPLA.
7. Liz is a HOSP STAISTSAN
8. Calum is a TOPLI.
9. Emma is a READRENG.
10. Andy is a MAFRER.

For answers see page 6

A Bible Quiz

1. How many books are there in the whole Bible?
2. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
3. How many books are there in the New Testament?
4. In which Testament would you look for the Sermon on the Mount?
5. In which Testament would you look for the story of Jonah and the great fish?
6. How many of the New Testament books are called the Gospels?
7. In what book of the Bible would you read about Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego?
8. What is the first book in the Bible?
9. What is the last book in the Bible?
10. If you opened the Bible in the middle, what book would you find?

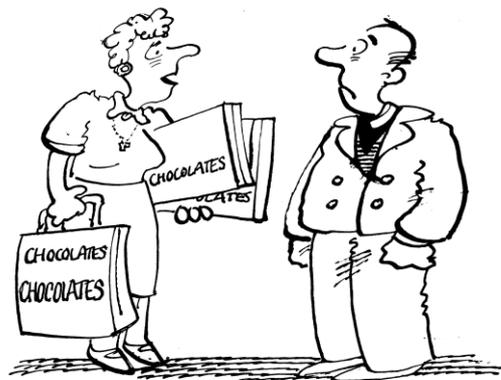
For answers see page 8

How many schoolteachers does it take to change a light bulb?

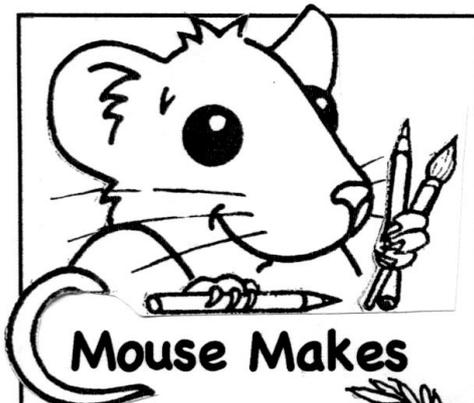
None. Anything not completed during the lesson is added to the homework.

How many firemen does it take to change a light bulb?

Four - three to cut a hole in the roof and one to change the bulb.



I was going to give up chocolates for Lent - then I thought of all those poor Cadbury workers and their anxious shareholders...

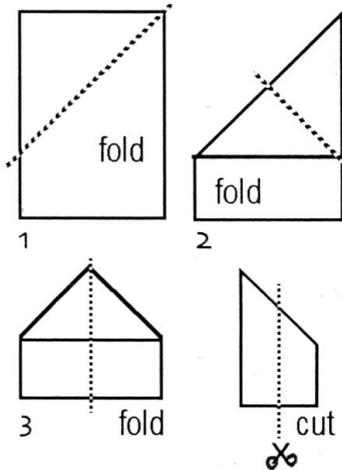


The Sunday before Easter is known as **Palm Sunday** - the day we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.

The people shouted '*Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*'.

Read Matthew 21:1-11

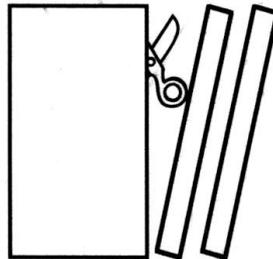
Fold-a-Cross



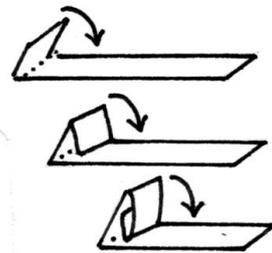
Decorate with Easter colours and patterns

open out

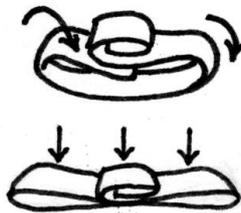
Palm Sunday Cross



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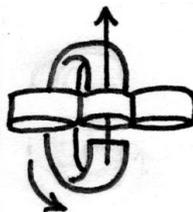
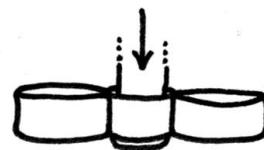


2. Take one strip. > Fold up about 17mm (a little wider than the paper strip) then fold over twice more



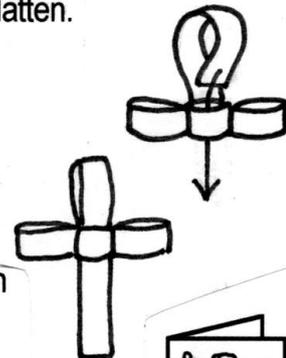
3. Fold the other end around and behind. Then push down and fold flat. This makes the cross-beam <

4. Put a blob of glue on one end of the > other strip of paper then push through the middle folds in the cross-beam



5. Bend the other end around and behind the cross-beam and back through the middle folds. Gently pull all the way through then flatten.

6. Bend the end again through the centre folds and pull through until you have a loop the same size as the loops on the cross-beam then flatten to make a cross.



Make a card for Mothering Sunday by decorating a paper folded cross with cut out flowers



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News from Sedgberrow

I'm afraid there doesn't seem to be much going on in March.

We have a Bingo on March 13th at 8pm in the Village Hall.

We will be having our first Coffee Morning this year on Thursday March 25th, 10am to 12 noon in the Church. We hope to have Easter gifts to sell.

If anyone is interested in joining the 200 Club please ring Cyril on 881623.

Funeral January 18th

Mrs Dorothy Harris of Eastwick Park, Evesham

Mrs Harris had lived in the Village for many years before moving to Evesham.

From the Church Magazine February 1902

The School Yard

During the last month another section of the School Yard has been paved with blue brick by Messrs. Hopkins of Dumbleton, and a little more than half the yard has now been paved. The paving has already proved to be of great advantage in the general cleanliness of the School floor and passages, as also of the children when out at play in muddy weather.

Also from February 1902

Our New Schoolmaster

Mr W J Rowlands, late Schoolmaster of Lampeter Velfry, has been appointed by the Managers to succeed Mr E Sutton. He commenced his labours on January 6th and has we believe, already won the attachment of his scholars. We are also glad to note Mr Rowlands takes an active interest in Sunday School and other Church work, so that we look forward to much progress in many ways during the coming year.

Ann Banks

Answers to Jobs Quiz:

1. doctor
2. lorry driver
3. teacher
4. chef
5. judge
6. policeman
7. shop assistant
8. pilot
9. gardener
10. farmer

News from Hinton

February is a much maligned month, usually quite correctly. The Feast of Candlemass on February 2nd is not just a notable day in the Church's Calendar but also in the countryside generally. The many sayings based on the weather on this day remind us that the winter is far from over. The most notable being, 'If Candlemass Day be fair and bright, winter will have another flight'. Luckily it was overcast this year. Another saying is: 'Candlemass Day, Candlemass Day, half your straw and half your hay'. This was a reminder that it would be some time yet before the Spring grass grew.

Finally you will have noticed a new pattern of services at St Peter's, due very largely to the kind offer to play from Diana Scorse to play the organ for us on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. Another volunteer organist!!!

Obituary

Irene Newman was a lifelong resident of Hinton. She was born in the house which also housed the Post Office; an organisation which in those days delivered the mail on Christmas Day. After attending the village school she went to Tewkesbury High School for Girls, travelling daily by train from Hinton Station. Until her marriage she worked at the Evesham telephone exchange. A keen tennis player, she played at several local clubs and sociably on the Rectory lawn at Hinton where they crowded round the pipe smoking organist who kept the mosquitoes at bay!

Housekeeping, helping on the farm and bearing five children meant that her time soon became fully occupied. She did however find time to take on the role of 'temporary volunteer' organist in 1972 following the retirement of Mrs Joyce Martin, sitting on the organ stool for the last time on Christmas Day 2009.

Nashville, Memphis and Georgia

On 3 January Harry and I flew from London Heathrow on American Airlines to John F Kennedy, New York and then on a connecting flight to Nashville, Tennessee.

After being awake for nearly 24 hours we arrived at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Centre, our base for the next four nights.

What a sight greeted us! It was like being at the EDEN Project! Three domed gardens with lush vegetation and palm trees touching the balconies of the guest rooms.

A river ran through the centre and waterfalls and fountains were interspersed with themed restaurants and lounges. It was made even more spectacular because of all the Christmas lights and decorations

Throughout the hotel were various giant Christmas trees. With 2,884 guest rooms, 85 meeting rooms, 5 ballrooms, over 20 shops and three swimming pools we needed a map to find our way around!

On Day 2 our bus took us on a guided tour of Nashville. A guide introduced us to the facets of the city and then we disembarked at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Here the great stars of Country Music are honoured - Tex Ritter, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton and many more. The museum takes you through country music history with exhibits showing the rhinestone costumes, vintage instruments, sheet music and videos of shows and everywhere is the sound of music.

On several evenings we joined our tour group dining in restaurants providing musical entertainment and line dancing.

Day 3 saw us travel to the small town of Lynchburg - small being the

operative word - as it was only a town square with shops, fast food and a bank and post office! Its claim to fame is the Jack Daniels Distillery, but as it's in a "Dry County" no whiskey crossed our lips!. As Prohibition came after the distillery was founded, the Company can export it and as a dispensation are allowed to sell only large decanters of whiskey, which cannot be bought anywhere else.

Next day was a free day so we explored the shopping Mall with shops selling cowboy hats and boots galore, with food available from many different cuisines. As well as the interesting array of shops it was nice to be somewhere warm as the temperature in Nashville from Day1 had been way below zero, so cold that warming centres were put up for the homeless and needy. Unfortunately some died from the cold. On day 5 we left Nashville for Tupelo, Mississippi to visit the birthplace of Elvis Presley. He was born in a two roomed house built by his father, grandfather and uncle. He was one of identical twins born to Gladys and Vernon Presley. His brother Jessie Garon was stillborn.

Elvis grew up in Tupelo surrounded by his extended family. They attended the Assembly of God Church where Elvis was first exposed to the gospel music that influenced his musical style throughout his career. A cousin introduced a presentation in the very church.

We returned to our hotel in downtown Memphis just a short distance from the famous Beale Street to where anyone with music ability gravitates. Music comes at you on all sides day and night from the clubs, restaurants and bars. BB King's Blues Club was superb and at the age of 82 he occasionally performs with the band. Needless to say we found an Irish pub further down the street with food and music!

The next day was 8 January and we headed to Graceland for the

celebrations on what would have been Elvis's 75th Birthday. Ex-wife Priscilla and daughter Lisa turned up with the two grandchildren who cut a tall blue and white cake after two short official speeches by the mayor and a councillor. Extra cakes had been baked, so free coffee and birthday cake was available from the "Grill" nearby.

The mansion Graceland is across the road from the Plaza and you are taken there by shuttle bus at a scheduled time. A tour of the house and grounds followed. There is a small cemetery where Elvis is buried along with his parents and aunty. Flowers and wreaths still arrive daily. A truly amazing experience!

During the next two days we visited the SUN Studio where Elvis cut his first record at the age of 18. Many famous names like Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis recorded there and it is still in use. We also visited the Rock and Soul Museum which explored the history of the Blues, and the Gibson Guitar factory where the famous guitar is made.

On our last night we had our evening meal at one of the Casinos in Tunica—that was an eye-opener! Before we returned to our hotel, the bus took us to see Graceland lit up at night with Christmas trees in front of the house and an illuminated life size Nativity in the garden, as well as the famous gates. A wonderful end to a great tour!

Next day we all travelled to Dallas and while the group returned to London we flew to Atlanta, Georgia to meet up with Ray's brother and spend a week in Rincon with him and his family before returning to England.

Ray Edwards

New Notice Boards

Most of the new boards are now in place, as well as the external displays by each gate to the Church we now have two inside which will be used to keep everyone up to date with future plans. New boards have also been ordered for St. Richard's Hall and St. Andrew's School. We also await the fitting of the new Notice Board in the Church Porch.

Over to You!

Do you have any ideas, funny stories, inspirational poem or story, or interesting anecdotes that you would like to share with our readers? You may also have examples where God has touched your life directly or guided you towards or away from a course of action. Please send to the editor. Sender's name can remain confidential if requested.

See calendar on back page for magazine copy date.

Answers to Bible Quiz

- 1 Sixty-six
- 2 Thirty-nine
- 3 Twenty-seven
- 4 New Testament
- 5 Old Testament
- 6 Four - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- 7 Daniel
- 8 Genesis
- 9 Revelation
- 10 Psalms



Mothers' Union Meeting

Most of our members were able to join our special New Year lunch at Norton Grange on 8 February. This was a most enjoyable occasion. The food was delicious and most of us did justice to the excellent puddings. John Lynch drove the minibus and joined our feast. Everyone was safely back in Hampton by about 3pm.

Here is the second principle of the Mothers' Union, we are printing these out over the next few months so that everyone can understand what this organisation aims to achieve.

2. The Mothers' Union recognises both the joys and the struggles of family life

The family is a valuable social network that provides extensive informal care and support. The family is where individuals first learn about themselves in a relational context; how their lives affect, and are affected by, others around them, and what it means to live alongside others. This can mean that the family is where many learn about love, stability, understanding and justice. However, others find that the reality of family life is difficult to express in such positive terms. There are those who experience exclusion, poverty, conflict, isolation or discrimination, those who struggle to balance work and family life, or to bring up their children alone, those who face domestic violence or abuse, or those who are desperate to have a child but cannot. Many families achieve much despite these struggles, but more must be done to tackle and prevent the external pressures put on families by society and to celebrate and enhance the positive aspects.

Charlotte Binney

Caring Hands in the Vale

This is the care outreach from the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre. We aim to support people in need, in many different situations within the Vale by providing practical resources and support, free of charge.

In the last few years we have seen a marked increase of individuals sleeping rough or who are homeless, also issues of debt and people struggling to live on limited incomes. We are able to provide some support by way of food parcels, toiletry packs, clothing, sleeping bags, blankets and back packs. The latter are specifically for rough sleepers/homeless, and are full of items including a towel and toiletry pack, good quality plastic cutlery, plate, dish and cup, a tin opener, hat, scarf and gloves, and a full sandwich box.

We currently receive an average of 8-10 referrals each week for the resources we provide, and in one week of January this year we received 18 referrals.

On a Monday lunchtime we run Caring Hands Diner, based at church which provides a free hot meal, and also on a Wednesday between 10.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon, providing a brunch type meal. We currently feed between 40 and 60 people each week.

We receive a tremendous amount of support from local churches and groups and individuals in the community by way of fundraising, donations and also gifts of food items, toiletries, etc., for which we are always very grateful.

Our ultimate vision is to open a drop-in centre which can provide a place for people to go, with meals, baths or showers, laundry facilities and advice.

Diane Bennett
Mobile: 07721 559387

This is where our Harvest Produce Gifts were used last October. *Ed*



HAMPTON WI

FEBRUARY 2010

To the disappointment of members, the inclement weather in January made it necessary to postpone our post-Christmas dinner at Evesham Golf Club, and this was rearranged for the 9th February, when members had a very enjoyable evening. Fortunately the snow had cleared in time for our social skittles match at St Ecgwin's Club. We had a very good evening and enjoyed the supper provided by the Club and the chance to get together again.

Our February meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on the 11th at Hampton Scout and Guide Community Hall, when our guest speaker will be Tony Whiting, who will talk to us about Evesham Abbey. We are looking forward to a very interesting and informative evening.

A variety of outings and events are being planned for the coming year, including a visit to Evesham Arts Centre in March to see Evesham Operatic's performance of Honk!, the Ugly Duckling musical, a garden visit in the Spring and a walking tour of Worcester.

The next meeting will be on 11 March, when the Michael Worton will speak on Chernobyl 2000. Any new members and visitors who would like to join us will be most welcome.

Christine Robertson

Hampton Friendship Club Diary

We began 2010 with two cancelled meetings because of the snow! So on 20 January we all wished each other belated Happy New Years and had one Bingo session and a short service conducted by John Lynch.

Wednesday 27 January Angie had compiled an enjoyable General Knowledge Quiz with questions read out by John. Once again we found out how much we don't know, but had some very good scores for a few of us.

Plans for February include our usual Bingo for the first meeting of the month to be followed on 10 February with a talk entitled 'May the Force be with you' on security in the home by Mike Stevens, Crime Risk Manager from the local Police Force.

On 17 February we are going to Redditch and on 24 of the month we will have a talk from Wiltshire Farm Foods about meals which they deliver to Hampton.

It was good to see members back together again and we all hope more you will be joining us again soon.

Hilda Lawson





Sedgeberrow C of E First School

"A school which makes you long for childhood"

Despite the unsettled start we have had a busy half-term with lots going on. After-school clubs are going well and this term they include Design Technology, Gymnastics, ICT, Multi-skills, Tri-golf and Dodgeball, so the children are enjoying some new sporting experiences.

On Thursday 21st January we held 'Hats for Haiti' day to raise funds for victims of the earthquake. The children have been discussing the news in school and were very keen to help. Everyone wore a hat to school and was challenged to keep it on all day. We raised a total of £640 which is amazing for such a small school. This included £100 raised by Marnie Smyly who did a sponsored silence for a morning. Well done Marnie.



We also held 'Care and Share Week' to raise money for Barnardo's charity. Children designed badges and were challenged to show how they could be a good friend to someone every day during the week. We had a whole school *PSHE day on the Friday when each class did special activities about aspects of caring and sharing.

On 2nd February Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Bishops Wood Environmental Centre near Stourport-on-Severn where they spent the day in the woodland building shelters and making natural sculptures. They brought lots of ideas back to school

Year 4 and Year 5 have completed 1½ terms tuition in clarinet and flute as part of our commitment to 'Wider Opportunities in Music' and will be performing to their parents the week before half-term before changing instruments. Year 1, 2 and 3 will also be inviting parents in to share the topic work they have been doing since Christmas and on the last day before half-term we have booked 'Drum Love' for a whole school Music Day when the children will experience African Drumming. This should be a very worthwhile and exciting experience and parents will be invited in to watch a performance in the afternoon.

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St. Andrew's C.E. First School

What a half-term! Although the weather caused us to close during the first fortnight back after Christmas we haven't lost any time in catching up. In school we are focusing on improving writing as a priority this year – all children have individual targets to help them improve their written work and there are new resources to aid spelling in every class. Parents are supporting children with their spelling and vocabulary, which is crucial to their language development in all aspects of learning and we appreciate the help they get at home.

Super work has been going on in all areas of the curriculum - Year 5 have been studying Brazil and demonstrated what they had learned in a Samba music workshop to the whole school; Year 4 showed adults and children a range of models and circuits in their Electricity presentation; Space exploration and the Planets were the focus of Year 3's visit to @Bristol; Year 2 enjoyed a huge variety of Chinese food at The Laughing Buddha restaurant to celebrate Chinese New Year; The Year 1 Toy Museum for parents demonstrated all that they had learned about toys from the past and present, and Reception started the year with a highly topical theme - SNOW!

Reverend Binney and the 'Open the Book' volunteer group have been developing the children's knowledge of Bible stories. Each Tuesday the school takes part in an act of worship with the group narrating a story acted out by children from a different class each week. This is very popular with children and is an important part of our continuing development as a church school.

David Coaché – Headteacher

HINT OF THE MONTH - Parsnip and Tomato Gratin

600g/1¼lb parsnips, peeled and sliced

Salt and pepper

400g can of whole plum tomatoes

100-125g (3-4oz) mature Cheddar cheese, grated

4 tbsp coarse breadcrumbs

A little paprika

Oven Gas 6 or 200°C

Add sliced parsnips to a pan of boiling salted water, bring back to the boil, then simmer for 5 minutes. Drain well.

Place half the sliced parsnips in a deep buttered oven-proof dish. Season, then add the tomatoes and their juice. Layer the rest of the parsnips on top. Season, then sprinkle with the grated cheese, breadcrumbs and paprika.

Place dish on baking tray and cook for 30 – 45 minutes, until golden brown on the surface and the parsnips slices are tender.

NOT SUITABLE FOR FREEZING

Phillippa Henly

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms



Baptism at Hampton

7th February Lara Grace Clements

Funerals

Funerals at Hampton

8th February Walter Williams (87)

12th February Matthew Richards

15th February Ann Halford (68)

17th February Vera Kennedy (88)



Funeral at Hinton

21st January Irene Newman (91)

Funeral at Sedgeberrow

18th January Dorothy Marion Harris (88)

March



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Hampton Rotas

	First Reading	Second Reading
7 March 2010 11am Lent 3		1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Gabrielle Falkiner
14 March 2010 9.30am Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-end Mary Andrews	2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17 John Cotton
21 March 2010 11am Lent 5		Philippians 3.4b-14 Ida Roberts
28 March 2010 9.30am Palm Sunday	tbc Michael Hunter	tbc Duncan Savory

	Intercessor	Communion Assistant	Server
7 March 2010 11am Lent 3	Shirley Lynch		
14 March 2010 9.30am Mothering Sunday	William Wakefield	Carole Holland	Harry Edwards
21 March 2010 11am Lent 5	John Lynch		
28 March 2010 9.30am Palm Sunday	Peter Hanagan	Peter Hanagan	Daniel Lewis

March



2010

2	Tuesday	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Study Group (Hampton Parish Room)
3	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
4	Thursday	7pm	Benefice Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
5	Friday	2.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer (St. Mary & St. Egwin's)
7	Sunday		Lent 3
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
		11am	Family Service – Coffee after (Hampton)
		12.30pm	Christian Aid Lunch (Scout & Guide Hall)
		6pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing (Hampton)
9	Tuesday	2.00pm	Mother's Union (Hampton Vicarage)
9	Tuesday	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Study Group (Hampton Parish Room)
10	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton M.U. Service)
13	Saturday	10am	Hampton Church Open Morning
14	Sunday		Mothering Sunday
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9.30am	Sung Eucharist (Hampton)
		11am	Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
		4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
16	Tuesday	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Study Group (Hampton Parish Room)
17	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		7.30pm	PCC Meeting (Hampton)
18	Thursday	7pm	Benefice Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
21	Sunday		Lent 5
		9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
		11am	Family Service – Coffee after (Hampton)
		4pm	Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)
23	Tuesday	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Study Group (Hampton Parish Room)
24	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
25	Thursday	10am	Coffee Morning at Sedgeberrow (St. Mary the Virgin)
28	Sunday		Palm Sunday
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9.30am	Sung Eucharist (Hampton)
		11am	Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
		6.30pm	Palm Sunday Compline (Hampton)
29	Monday	7.30pm	Holy Week Asum Service (Hampton)
30	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Week Asum Service (Hampton)
31	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		7.30pm	Holy Week Asum Service (Hampton)