

# The Herald

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with Sedgeberrow and Hinton-on-the-Green

# The United Benefice of Hampton with Sedgeberrow and Hinton-on-the-Green

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

<b>1st Sunday of the Month</b>			<b>2nd Sunday of the Month</b>		
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
<b>3rd Sunday of the Month</b>			<b>4th Sunday of the Month</b>		
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	
<b>5th Sunday of the Month</b>					
	8am	Holy Communion		Hampton	
	10am	Benefice Eucharist		Rotating	
<b>Wednesdays</b>					
	10am	Holy Communion		Hampton	

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# Love is in the air

It can't have escaped your notice that Valentine's Day is fast approaching. The shops are filled with chocolates; Jewellers have special necklaces and rings, and florists have ever more beautiful displays of red roses and the like.

I wonder if you still send your loved one a card for Valentine's Day. I know that many younger people do, but as love blossoms and deepens through the years it is important to continue to treat your loved one. During a marriage service I often say "every day is a wedding day!" This means that, regardless of the number of years you have been together, each day must have an element of care and tenderness.

In his book, 40 Ways to say I Love You, James Bjorge tells a story about Ole and Olga. Ole and Olga lived on a farm. Olga was living on a starvation diet of affection. Ole never gave her any signs of love, and Olga's need to be appreciated went unfulfilled. At her wit's end, Olga blurted out, "Ole, why don't you ever tell me that you love me?" Ole stoically responded, "Olga, when we were married I told you that I loved you, and if I ever change my mind, I'll let you know."

While love cannot be explained, it does need to be talked about. It is easy to take it for granted. How many couples do you see at a meal sitting in silence as though there is nothing more to be said? They know each other's thoughts. But there has to be more, perhaps the words "I love you".

Love is very strong and binding. St. Paul wrote that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8.38).

Everyone is loved. Valentine's Day is an opportunity to love and be loved.

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

## LENT COURSE

You are invited to participate in this year's Lent Course. We will be studying the book of Acts to learn about the spread of the Gospel. The Church is in desperate need for answers about how to grow. Can we find the answers in Acts?

The course will take place on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Room at Hampton Vicarage. Each session will start at 7.30pm and conclude by 9pm. There will be a DVD input as well as a study guide.

There will be a social evening on Shrove Tuesday, 8th March, which starts at an earlier time of 7pm.

Shrove Tuesday 8 March	7pm (Social Evening)
Tuesday 15 March at 7.30pm	Session 1
Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm	Session 2
Tuesday 29 March at 7.30pm	Session 3
Tuesday 5 April at 7.30pm	Session 4
Tuesday 12 April at 7.30pm	Session 5

*Mark Binney*

## **Evesham Parish Church - Lent Series 2011 Places of Belonging**

### **Austen Ivereigh – Monday 14 March 2011 at 7.30pm**

Austen Ivereigh is a prominent figure in London Citizens, one of the pre-eminent Roman Catholic social commentators in Britain today, and author of Faithful Citizens. He will be describing how it is possible for people of faith to be catalysts for social change in the places where we live.

### **Robert Beckford – Monday 21 March at 7.30pm**

Robert Beckford, author, lecturer in theology at Goldsmith's College, London and regular broadcaster for Channel 4, argues that the New Britain is full of opportunities scarcely imaginable in the last century, and that you don't have to look too hard to see our changing nation as a place of potential rather than decline.

### **Paula Gooder – Monday 28 March at 7.30pm**

New Testament scholar Paula Gooder will be exploring what sense of belonging which the early church had, and what bonded Christians together in the inhospitable culture of Imperial Rome.

### **Phil Groves – Monday 4 April at 7.30pm**

Phil Groves holds the post of Director of Indaba at the Anglican Communion Office. Indaba is a Zulu word for a method of Bible study which seeks to engage Christians of opposing positions. Dr Groves will be asking how it is possible to remain a single church in the midst of diversity of conviction.

### **Clare Short – Monday 11 April at 7.30pm**

Clare Short, Minister for International Development in the last government, will be sharing her experience of the change in global politics, and asking what role we should seek in the new international order.

All talks take place in the Church Rooms and will be followed by discussion and questions. Doors open at 7pm for tea or coffee.

## **The New Prayer Diary**

I hope that by now everyone has seen and is using our new prayer diary. The deepening of prayer is one of Bishop John's key priorities for the diocese and with that in mind, it was felt important to place greater emphasis on our intercessions diary to enable it to be accessible to everyone.

The prayer diary is pocket-sized to enable it to be carried around or simply kept by your bedside; as well as being suitable for use in church. It features news happening around the diocese as a basis for prayer (as well as praying for the individual parishes as has always happened). Hopefully it will be an effective prayer tool as well as an alternative way of communicating some of the great things that are happening in the diocese.

The diary is free to all parishes and there should be enough for everyone who wants one to have a copy, it's definitely not just for readers and clergy. If you haven't seen it, then please do ask in church and make sure you get your copy! It's also available on the diocesan website and I'm happy to produce versions in large-print if people contact me.

The January-March edition is the second prayer diary in the new format and it still continues to evolve, so I'd really appreciate any feedback and thoughts about what you find most and least useful.

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## Church Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll is the formal list of church members and everybody who worships regularly should be on the roll. Each year the roll must be brought up to date. If you are not already on the roll please complete an application form. It is important that the list is up to date.

Under Church Representation Rules you are entitled to have your name entered on the roll, if you:

- Are baptised
- Are a member of the Church of England
- Are aged sixteen years or over,
- Are resident in the parish, or, not being resident in the parish, have habitually attended public worship in the parish for the last six months.

At St Andrews the revision will start on 20th February and application forms will be available in church and must be returned to Michael Hunter, The Electoral Roll Officer, by 13th March.

## hamptonchurch.org.uk



On St Andrew's Day we launched our updated website. The site is part of our communication strategy and provides a resource about the church, our services with links to other partner organisations and much more. It includes a calendar of all the events and services. There is a link to a page and diary for Sedgeberrow and Hinton parishes.

There is information about Weddings and Baptisms, details of our services and services of morning and evening prayer.

The downloads section contains copies of the Herald and also the weekly pew sheet.

Over the coming months the site will continue to grow. If you have any ideas to improve the site please let me know.

*Michael Hunter*

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## Year of the Bible

2011 will be the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, which was completed in 1611. To celebrate the impact that this edition had on our faith and society generally, this year has been dedicated as the 'Year of the Bible'.

The King James Version was the bible's third translation into English, completed by more than 50 scholars. It became known as the '**Authorised Version**' and was, for many years, the bible in standard use in churches and regularly read aloud in people's homes.

There are a large number of phrases which were first used in this version which have crossed over into daily use such as

**'Let there be light',  
'My brother's keeper',  
'The apple of his eye',  
'Ye of little faith', and  
'Broken-hearted'.**

The KJV was also directly quoted in Martin Luther King's '**I have a dream**' speech and President JFK's inaugural address, as well as many hymn lyrics.

Events and activities will be happening both nationally and as a diocese to commemorate the year of the bible and a virtual parish tool-kit is also planned to help churches mark the occasion.

## Natural Church Development

On St Andrew's Day we launched our development programme for Hampton. Natural Church Development is a different way of thinking about growth. It focuses on quality rather than quantity; good quality will bring increased numbers. In fact research shows that going for increased numbers rather than increased quality is counter-productive.

Improvement in quality of the church is like growing a plant – it is a long term process and to be successful all parts of the church need to 'grow'.

The research with over 50,000 churches in 70 countries has identified Eight Quality Characteristics required for church growth – and in healthy, growing churches none were missing. NCD does not tell us what we must do – rather it guides us to discover and develop what works in Hampton.

### Eight Quality Characteristics

**Empowering Leadership:** Leadership is obviously important but the 'all powerful one leader' does not work. In growing churches the leader 'empowers' other Christians to become what God intends them to be.

**Gift-orientated Ministry:** God has a plan for us all and has given each of us 'talents'. What the leaders do is to help church members to discover their gifts – and then find a role which is suited to their gifts.

**Passionate Spirituality:** It is difficult to put into a few words just what this means: a commitment to faith being lived out with dedication, with passion. Without this passion a church will decline – no matter what else is done!

**Functional Structures:** Structures and ways of doing things which work help growth. There can be resistance to change 'we have always done things that way' but patterns of life have changed and we need to respond to those changes.

**Inspiring Worship Services:** Worship needs to be inspiring! This is not about following recent trends – it is about making the services indispensable experiences which the congregation enjoy attending and leave uplifted.

**Holistic Small Groups:** Small Groups allow church members to get to know each other better, get support and practical help and to deepen their spiritual life. Holistic Small Groups encompass all of that; new members can feel part of the church and not just anonymous members of the congregation.

**Need-orientated Evangelism:** A church will only grow if it spreads the good news and more people come to join the church. But we need to think about how we do that; we need to think about those outside the church and find out what their needs are and how to make the faith relevant to them.

**Loving Relationships:** Relationships are very much at the core of any organisation – and Christian love is a central part of Jesus' message.

### Putting NCD into practice

It would be impossible to try to develop all eight of the characteristics at once. At the start of the process the factors will not be equally developed so it is best to focus initially on the 'least developed'. In order to discover which is least developed members of the congregation were surveyed and the results identified the 'minimum factor'. The questionnaire asked how we feel about our church; the survey will be repeated in a year or so to check on progress.

The survey asked each of us to agree or disagree with almost 100 statements such as:

*'The tasks I perform in our church match my gifts.'*

*'I enjoy listening to sermons in the worship service.'*

*'I experience God's work in my life.'*

*'The activities in our church are well planned and organised.'*

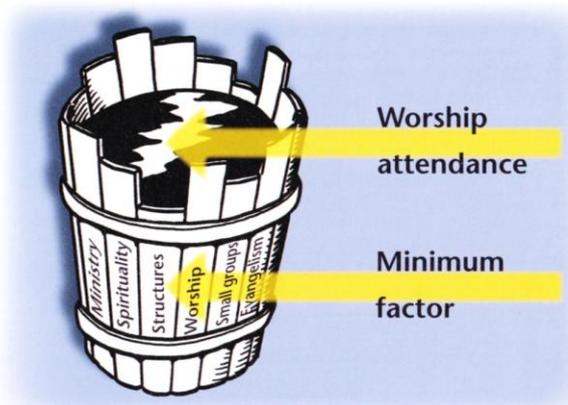
The results of the questions were compared statistically to give a score for each of the quality characteristics for our church.

### **The Minimum Barrel**

NCD has developed a model to illustrate the importance of each of the eight quality characteristics. The staves of the barrel represent the eight characteristics.

The barrel will only hold water up to the lowest stave. The level of the water represents the attendance at services.

We must focus on the shortest stave and make it longer.



### **Survey Results – September 2010**

The survey of 27 members of the congregation, including Mark, gave us a starting point. Our highest score was 49 for Gift-orientated Ministry and our lowest was 22 for Need-oriented Evangelism; our average was 36.

### **Next Steps**

The Natural Church Development programme should involve all parts of the Church Community – those who come to all services, the choir and bell ringers, the Mothers' Union, the Youth Group, etc. A small group consisting of Mark, Michael Hunter and Bill Wakefield have started the process but as things get underway others will be involved too.

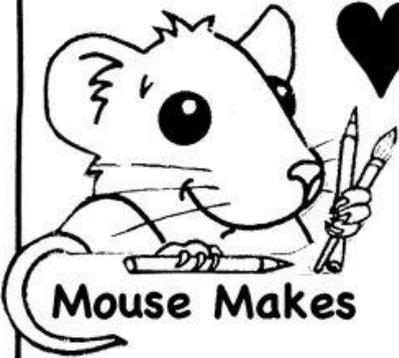
Our Mission Plan is the key document which guides us. Rather than a five year plan we are converting it to a rolling programme which will be updated regularly. In future our Annual Report will give details of the progress made each year.

In order to move forward with Needs-oriented Evangelism we are planning to bring together those who have the 'gift' or 'calling' for evangelism. This will not be a subcommittee with minutes etc but rather a group who focus on discerning how we can address the needs of the community and putting it into practice.

Although we are going to start by focussing on Needs-based Evangelism we need to continue to work on the other aspects of church life. For many years we have said we need to get more people involved – and that is not going to happen unless we all put effort into developing the areas identified in the Mission Plan and do not become side-tracked.

*Michael Hunter*

# For Our Younger Readers



**Mouse Makes**

**WHAT IS LOVE?**  
*Cross out every **second** letter and find the bible verse:*  
 OHNMETJSOAHYF,  
 CAHQAXPZTDEKR  
 WFBHUKRL,  
 VAECRLSWE  
 CTMER  
 NQ

**HOW DOES GOD SHOW HE LOVES US?**  
*Look at this page in the mirror*  
 "God showed his love for us by sending his only son into the world, so that we might have life through him"  
 1 John 4:9

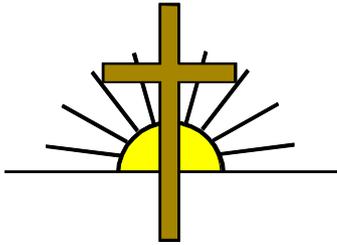
"The **steadfast** love of the Lord **never** ceases, his mercies **never** come to an end, they are new every morning"  
*Lamentations 3:22-23*

**GOD'S LOVE**  
*Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet:*  
 "Hpe mpwfe uif xpsmfte tp nvdi uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp uibu fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu ibwf fufsobm mjgf"  
 kpio 3:16

**HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?**  
*Cross out all the xxx to find out.*  
 "OxgxixvxextxhxaxnxkxsxtxoxtxhxexLxoxrxdx,fxoxrxhxexisxgxoxoxdx,xhxixsxsxtxexadfxaxxsxtlxoxvxexexndxuxrxexsxxfxoxrxexvxexrx."  
 pxxsaxlxm  
 136:1

## A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

On 18<sup>th</sup> February 1678, one of the most famous Christian books was published for the first time. It was 'The Pilgrim's Progress' by John Bunyan. The book tells the story of a character called Christian who travels towards the heavenly city, encountering many difficulties and getting led astray, but finally succeeding.



John Bunyan suffered many difficulties in his own life. He was put in prison twice because he refused to stop preaching God's word. His strength of purpose and the story of a pilgrim's journey through the troubles of life have been a source of strength to many people in the years since the book was published.

## BIBLE WORDS

Can you find all the answers to this Bible Quiz? All the words begin with the letter **P**. Answers at the bottom of next column

1. Andrew's brother, one of the disciples.
2. Another name for a king of Egypt.
3. A tribe who fought Saul and David (2 Samuel).
4. The first place in Europe where Paul established a church (Acts 16).
5. The island where St John had his revelations.
6. She travelled with St Paul and was married to Aquila (Acts 18).
7. The Italian port where Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28).
8. The Roman Governor who set Barabbas free (Matthew 27).

## NEWSFLASH:

Two prisoners escaped from custody today. One is 7 feet tall, the other is 4 feet 3 inches. The Police are looking high and low for them.

## The Scrap Quilt A Fund Raising Raffle

The Fundraising Committee came into the possession, through Elaine Major, of a hand made hexagonal, English Patchwork, scrap quilt top.

We do not know who made it or when, but it represents many hours of hand sewing and we felt it would be criminal just to dispose of it, and that it should be finished and raffled to raise much needed funds for St. Andrew's.

It is King sized and very much a 'scrap' quilt, backed with navy cotton sheeting, and it is now in the process of being quilted. It will be raffled at the Summer Fete on 16 July 2011 and books of raffle tickets, £1 a ticket, are now available at the back of Church or from Elaine Major or Phillippa Henly.

We would be very pleased if as many people as possible would take tickets to sell to their friends and relatives. There is a photograph of the quilt, in its present state, on the board at the back of Church. If you are taking tickets to sell, please will you write your name and telephone number and the numbers of the books taken on the record sheet provided.

We do hope you will support us in this project.

*Fundraising Committee*

### Answers to Bible Words:

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1 Peter       | 5 Patmos         |
| 2 Pharaoh     | 6 Priscilla      |
| 3 Philistines | 7 Puteoli        |
| 4 Philippi    | 8 Pontius Pilate |

## News from Hinton

The instructions were that this edition of the Herald should contain double the amount of joyful news of the Christmas Festival. Try as hard as I might I couldn't find double the amount of anything! IT SNOWED. To start with it was picturesque, very beautiful, very seasonal, and with the blessed absence of wind it was indeed, deep and crisp and even. Then it became too much of a good thing and finally it was a d\*\*\*\*d nuisance!

On Sunday 19th whilst we in Hinton were sadly coming to terms with the decision to cancel the Carol Service – as was Ann Banks at Sedgeberrow – our dairy farming neighbour rang at 1pm. He and his sons had not yet managed to have any breakfast! They had been thawing out numerous drinking troughs, feeding stock and indeed thawing out the milking parlour despite having two large space heaters running continuously. A task they had begun at 5am – the next milking session was due to start at 2pm! Helps to puts it all into perspective!

Despite all this gloom our church was decorated to its festive best, including the spectacularly packed organ window. We did have that special first communion of Christmas where Mark and Diana led the worship and the music for those few was able to make it through the Bleak Midwinter Night.

Thank you to everyone!

*Bill Newman*

## From St Andrew's Treasurer

January is a time to reflect on what has happened during the previous year in our own lives and also in the events in St Andrew's Church year. I look back on the fantastic Summer Fete, Harvest Supper, Christmas Fayre at St Richards Hall and St Andrew's school to mention but a few. Our fund raising team are enthusiastic so I am looking forward to this year's events.

Our regular weekly giving plays an important part in the future plans we have for St Andrew's so I encourage anyone who has not joined the envelope scheme to consider doing so, and if you are a tax payer please consider 'Gift Aiding' your donations as this will increase the amount we can claim without any extra cost to yourselves. Thank you to everyone who has done this in recent weeks. Thank you to everyone for all your donations and weekly giving.

*Catherine Latimer*

## News from Sedgeberrow

Our Christmas bingo on 11 December was well attended and made £198 for Church Funds.

The following evening we were entertained with Christmas music and Readings organised by Brian Palmer and the Drama Group; this made £108 for Church Funds, a good evening was had by all.

The Christmas Tree Festival was a huge success, raising £46.00 although the snow prevented us from opening the Church on 18 December. We are going to repeat the festival next Christmas. If you are interested please contact Ann Banks on 01386 881263, details will be given nearer the time.

We decided to cancel our Carol Service on 19 December due to snow and dangerous conditions.

The Church was full for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve; it was a lovely and enjoyable occasion. The children taking part were enthralled with the story and taking part in building up the Nativity. The Christmas morning service was well attended and services resumed as normal on the 2 January.

On 8 January a table top sale for Church Funds made £44.00. The next Bingo will be on Saturday 12 February at 8pm in the village hall.

*Ann Banks*

## **Mothers' Union Meeting - January 2011**

The meeting began with prayers led by Ida Roberts.

### **The AGM:**

Ida gave a report on the last year, and thanked those who helped in any way. This last year included trips out, speakers, visitors from Uganda, and making baby shawls. Jenny has been sending cards on the anniversary of baptisms, and we hope to add cards on marriages.

Shirley gave her treasurer's report. We have £350.24 in the bank account and £17.50 in the petty cash.

**Officers for next year:** Charlie, Ida and Shirley are committee members, and Betty, Ruth and Pam are members' representatives.

Shirley had spoken to the two Pats and they would like to be indoor members.

Next month Mr and Mrs Price will be coming to speak about their life on the Isle of Arran.

Holy Communion will always be on the day after our meeting, at 10am at St Andrew's Church. This will hopefully include a reading by one of the members.

### **Meeting following the AGM**

Ida has a copy of the list of members and a programme for the coming year, for all members.

The New Year Meal has been moved to 8th March, and will be at the March Hare at Broughton Hackett. The cost will be £7.50 to include a carvery meal and minibus transport. Drinks and sweets will be extra. Please pay Ida by next meeting.

All members have signed the Data Protection Act form, and subs for the coming year were collected.

Members' opinions were sought about finding a suitable replacement for the Diocesan President.

Pippa told us about her recent trip to Cyprus, and the fun she had there.

The meeting ended with refreshments.

*Charlie Binney*

## **Hampton Friendship Club Diary**

### **November 2010**

Our November meetings included a Christmas Shopping expedition to the Kingfisher Shopping Centre in Redditch and a successful Coffee Morning which raised funds for our Club. We also enjoyed an excellent talk given by Helen Gray from the Evesham Volunteer Centre; she was full of information, humour and surprising faces. Evesham residents are very fortunate to have such an asset.

### **December 2010**

Just sixteen members attended our first meeting when we played Bingo and John Lynch led our Carol Singing.

On 8 December the weather was open for our Christmas lunch at Norton Grange which was followed by a coffee and shopping visit to Evesham Country Park – a very pleasant day.

Our last meeting of the year brought us together for a Christmas Sing Song of carols played by the popular Diana Scorse followed by a beautiful buffet meal catered by Fiesta Cakes and provided from our own Club Funds. Dot Camden gave thanks to her fellow committee members and to all club members, who in turn thanked the Committee and Dot, for all their hard work during the year. After many Good Wishes amongst all of us, we said our Goodbyes and we look forward to another successful year in 2011.

*Hilda Lawson*

## DECEMBER 2010

After the recent spell of wintry weather we were all relieved that most of the ice had cleared and our Christmas Social meeting on 9 December could go ahead as planned. The President, Joyce Davey, welcomed members and visitors and dealt briefly with the business matters. Unfortunately, because of the slippery conditions, the tea and mince pies afternoon arranged for 30 November had been cancelled, but another date for a get-together would be arranged, possibly in early March. The overall competition winner for the year was Ann Davis, who was presented with a voucher. The final total of boxes filled for Operation Christmas Child was 66. Thanks were expressed to Betty Groves for all her efforts in co-ordinating the collection of donated items and filling the boxes and to her husband for his help, which included wrapping all the boxes in Christmas paper. Joyce reminded everyone that the collection this year would be in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance Service and a collection box would be passed round after the meal.

The business having been concluded, it was then time to fill our plates from the buffet, which had been provided by members and, as always, offered delicious savoury items and puddings to suit all tastes. For some of us the temptation to try just a little bit of everything proved irresistible!

After the meal, members of the committee provided entertainment in the form of a short sketch about Cinderella, with fairy godmother, one ugly sister, and Prince Charming, but no glass slipper unfortunately, and three amusing poems, all of which were enjoyed by the audience.

When coffee had been served the raffle was drawn and members chose a parcel from the Bran Tub, to which they had each contributed a small gift.

## JANUARY 2011

After all the excitement of Christmas and New Year and, for some, a spell of being confined to the house for several days because of the snow and ice, it was good to get together and there was plenty for everyone to talk about when we met for our social evening on 13 January.

After welcoming everyone, Joyce Davey dealt briefly with a few items of business. Joan Parry then read out an amusing and thought-provoking e-mail she had received, which reminded us of things we used to do when we were children, and how different it was before the introduction of today's health and safety regulations. Ann Davis provided a Christmas themed quiz, which got our brains working and provoked much discussion, and committee members prepared some welcome tea and coffee - talking is thirsty work.

We are now looking forward to the coming year, when we have what promised to be some very interesting talks to enjoy at our monthly meetings. There are also other events, including next month's lunch at the Evesham Golf Club and a visit to St Fagan's National History Museum near Cardiff in May.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 10 February at Hampton Scout and Guide Community Hall, when Rob Hemming will talk to us on the subject of Small Town Cinema. New members and visitors are welcome to join us at any of our meetings.

*Christine Robertson*



*“A school which makes you long for childhood”*

Our Christmas Fayre was a great success – thank you to everyone from the village and the parish who came along to support us. Key Stage 2 staged a wonderful carol concert, Key Stage 1 a Christmas Show and Reception, a nativity. All were beautifully performed and well-attended by parents. We ended the term with our annual whole school Christmas Lunch provided by F.O.S.S.

Sedgeberrow School Eco-committee have been working very hard to lead us towards being a more sustainable school. They achieved the Bronze Award early in December and their progress can be followed on the school website. Alternatively use this link. <http://ecosedgeberrow.blogspot.com/> Here is a flavour from their last meeting before Christmas:

*“This morning we had our termly meeting with the adults involved in the Eco Committee to feed back our progress so far this term. When we talked about it, we really surprised ourselves at how much we have achieved! We received an email in response to our message to Wychavon's waste manager. He said that the council do not currently offer food waste collection for schools, but felt that maybe in the spring things would change. He promised to let us know if there were any developments. Now we have researched this and put our milk carton recycling into practice, we have made significant progress toward 2 of points from our action plan. This means we are one step closer to achieving SILVER eco schools award!! Today Joe did a fantastic job emptying our recycling bins and the school are all trying really hard to remember where to put their cartons. Hopefully we will have achieved just as much by the time we next feed back to the adults at Easter!”*

This term got off to a wonderful start with three days of circus skills workshops. Steve and Jackie Grainger from ‘Shooting Stars’ worked with the children and they were able to practise their concentration, hand – eye coordination, teamwork and balance whilst having great fun and acquiring new skills. Activities included juggling, stilt walking, unicycling, plate spinning, tight rope walking and much more. Children (and staff!) discovered unknown talents and were very keen to perform to their parents under the big top on Friday afternoon. During class time they learnt about the origins of the circus and created some lovely artwork; an all round worthwhile experience.

Key Stage 1 are off to Warwick Castle for an educational visit to enhance their topic work this term and are really looking forward to this. We also have a multi-cultural week coming up before half-term when we will all experience African drumming as last year and will have a focus on religion and art. Watch this space!

*Michèle Humphreys  
Headteacher*



## St. Andrew's C.E. First School

Once again, an exciting and activity-packed Autumn term at St Andrew's, culminated in a very busy final week! The school used the celebrations and worship time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas to Christians and the important values that set the tone for the season. Reception and Key Stage 1 performed and sang brilliantly in their Nativity play, and Key Stage 2 hosted a wonderful and memorable carol service. Thanks go to everybody involved in organising and running these events. SASSA organised refreshments and raffles for both Reception and Key Stage 1 performances, raising an amazing £316.00 which went towards the costs of the children's parties and Christmas lunch.

Year 5 were invited to sing carols outside Morrisons, which went down well with the shoppers! They raised nearly £70 which will go towards new playground equipment.

The Christmas Fête was a fun packed event which raised almost £1000. Thanks to everyone who attended and worked so hard to make it a huge success

**Staffing News:** Mr Collett finished teaching at St Andrew's at the end of the Autumn term. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching in Year 3 and will be missed by us all – although we hope he might be back later in the year. Mrs James started as our new Deputy Headteacher and she teaches Year 3 with Mrs Millar. Mrs Green relaxed over the Christmas break, after doing an excellent job as Acting Deputy Head during the Autumn term.

It was wonderful to finally start the New Year on 10th January with very enthusiastic children and a fully operational heating system for the school! My sincere gratitude to all parents and carers for your patience and understanding whilst we were closed to carry out the major repairs.

*David Coaché  
Headteacher*

### HINT OF THE MONTH

#### **Cabbage and Chorizo Soup - Serves Four**

Chorizo is a spicy Spanish Paprika Sausage or try using your favourite salami

400g/14oz Small potatoes, unpeeled and thinly sliced

1 Medium onion peeled and sliced

1.5l/2½ pts Vegetable or Chicken stock

200g/7oz Savoy cabbage

225g/8oz Chorizo Sausage, sliced

Salt & Pepper

Parsley to garnish

#### **Method**

Put the potatoes and onion in a large pan with the stock, cover, bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes

Finely shred the cabbage, add to the pan, half cover and steam for 5 minutes.

Heat the sliced Chorizo in a frying pan until slightly brown on both sides.

Stir the cabbage into the soup, check the seasoning and serve in warmed bowls.

Spoon the Chorizo slices on top and garnish with parsley leaves.

*Phillippa Henly*

## From the Parish Registers

### Baptisms at Hampton



28 November 2010	Hywel Rhys Glyndwr Davies
9 January 2011	Paige Karen Marie Whittaker
16 January 2011	Dexter Logan Skinner
23 January 2011	Jacob Oliver Robson, Olivia Grace Bailey

### Funerals at Hampton



5 January 2011	Beryl Johnson
5 January 2011	David Peck
10 January 2011	Lillian Middlicott
12 January 2011	Baby Leon Wooldridge
14 January 2011	David John Gannaway

		<h2>February Readings</h2>
6 February 2011	Fifth Sunday before Lent	Isaiah 58.1-9a [9b-12] 1 Corinthians 2.1-12 [13-16] Matthew 5.13-20
13 February 2011	Fourth Sunday before Lent	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 or Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 Matthew 5.21-37
20 February 2011	Third Sunday before Lent	Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18 1 Corinthians 3.10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5.38-48
27 February 2011	Second Sunday before Lent	Genesis 1.1 — 2.3 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-34

### Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall

The Hall can be booked for events, such as birthday and christening parties, meetings and classes etc.

For any booking enquiries, please contact:

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2 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion (Hampton)  
 3 Thursday 7pm Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)

**6 Sunday Fifth Sunday before Lent**  
 8am Holy Communion (Hampton)  
 9am Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)  
 11am Family Service - Coffee after (Hampton)  
 6pm Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing (Hampton)

8 Tuesday 2pm Mothers' Union (Hampton Vicarage)  
 9 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion (Mother's Union) (Hampton)  
 10 Thursday 7pm Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)  
 12 Saturday 10am Hampton Church Open Morning

**13 Sunday Fourth Sunday before Lent**  
 8am Holy Communion (Hampton)  
**Copy Date for** 9.30am Sung Eucharist (Hampton)  
**March** 11am Family Service (Sedgeberrow)  
**Magazine** 4pm Holy Communion (Hinton-on-the-Green)

16 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion (Hampton)  
 7.30pm Standing Committee (Hampton)  
 17 Thursday 7pm Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)

**20 Sunday Third Sunday before Lent**  
 8am Holy Communion (Hampton)  
 9am Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)  
 11am Family Service and Baptism - Daisy Elizabeth Troth  
 - Coffee after (Hampton)  
 4pm Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)

23 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion (Hampton)  
 24 Thursday 7pm Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)

**27 Sunday Second Sunday before Lent**  
 8am Holy Communion (Hampton)  
 9.30am Sung Eucharist (Hampton)  
 11am Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)

## Questionnaire for The Herald

For some time now your editor and her colleagues have been discussing ways in which to make the Herald both more interesting and also appealing to more people. Before we make any decisions about what to do we thought it would be a good idea to consult our present readers. Please answer the questions below and bring your response to Church or return it to: Gabrielle Falkiner at Avon House which is off School Road in Hampton.

Do you read The Herald carefully? Which parts do you always read?

Do you value The Herald as a community newsletter? Yes/No

What changes would you like to see to The Herald?

Do you know that The Herald is edited, printed, collated and delivered by volunteers? Yes/No

What do you particularly like about The Herald?

What would you like to change?

The Herald is available on the Parish website; do you read it on-line? Yes/No

The cost of The Herald lies in paper, printing and maintenance of the printer. Would you be prepared to pay a higher subscription of up to £7.00 per year for your magazine? Yes/No

Please complete this questionnaire, do add anything else which you think will help us to improve The Herald, and return it to the Church or to Gabrielle Falkiner at the above address