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Service Times (summer – except August)

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

1st Sunday of the Month			2nd Sunday of the Month		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
11am	Family Service	Hampton	11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	Hampton	2pm	Baptisms	
			6pm	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
6pm	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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A Day of Hope

What a difference a day can make! One moment all is well and we are absorbed in our familiar routines and then something dramatic happens and our lives are turned upside down. You can be certain that other things will suddenly choose this moment to go wrong as well! It is called Sod's Law, the axiom that "anything that can go wrong, will". We have all probably had a time when this has happened to us. This can be anything from dropping your toast on the floor butter side down to more serious setbacks.

The floods a few years ago are a local example where many people were affected. Occasionally a disaster will affect a wider area or nation. Recent dramatic images from New Zealand and now Japan have demonstrated the moment when disaster strikes and lives are seriously changed.

In Japan, an unfortunate turn of events happened when the earthquake was followed by the tsunami, and then followed by the crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant. Each in itself is a major event, however a series of events begins to resemble a disaster film. Sod's Law certainly seems to have affected the nuclear power plant. Everything that could have gone wrong, did.

Engineers prefer to start with what is called Murphy's law which is based on Capt. Ed Murphy's comment that "*If there is any way to do it wrong, he will*", when referring to a technician who had bodged a job. It is less random than Sod's Law and starts from working out what could go wrong.

I am not an expert but earthquakes and tsunamis are highly likely on the edge of a tectonic plate. After a disaster we can all be experts and there is bound to be an inquest into what went wrong. Therefore, we have to question ourselves; have we been too complacent about nature? Do we assume that natural disasters will not happen in the worst possible way during our lifetime? Los Angeles, lying on a similar fault line is another example.

Whilst in the U.K. we welcome spring, Easter and a Royal Wedding, we can bear in mind the difficulties of other nations. When we enter into Holy Week this year it is against the backdrop of the events in Japan, New Zealand and Libya. Those are the images that will resonate in our hearts, minds and prayers. Our faith must apply to the disasters of life as well as the joy and hope of Easter.

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 24 verses 3 – 14 Jesus talks to the disciples in private about the troubles and persecutions that are to come. The disciples were worried about his speaking about the destruction of the Temple. For them it would have been a complete disaster; unthinkable! Jesus tells them to be on their guard. "*Countries will fight each other, kingdoms will attack one another. There will be famines and earthquakes everywhere. All these things are like the first pains of childbirth.*"

The Japanese-like disaster films in which the hero sacrifices everything for the greater good, refusing to back down despite adversity or certain death. At Fukushima the small group of workers have been battling to save the nuclear plant for the nation. They have become known as the Fukushima 50. These workers have sacrificed themselves for others. There are many stories of individual heroism, including the firemen who attempted to push the wave barrier back, but were swept away.

For Christians the day that gives us hope is Easter Day. After the suffering and despair of Good Friday comes new life. In all the news items there is the possibility that hope can follow despair.

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

Easter Lilies

The great festival of Easter falls very late this year so there will not be many daffodils left to fill the Church with gold; however we can still fill it with beauty and scent with Easter Lilies and with the lovely late flowering narcissus which are mostly white. Your donations are invited to cover the cost of these beautiful flowers. There will be a box on the Font for the gifts which will enable those decorating the Church to buy the flowers. The purchases are normally made about a week before decorating takes place, as the Lilies need time to open and release their perfume, so donations by Palm Sunday please.

Little Hospice Hoima

Those of you who come to coffee after the 11.00am service will know that we make donations to this Hospice in Uganda. Hoima is a town on the shores of Lake Albert which now has a population of 400,000 people and oil has recently been discovered there which is leading to rapid development. The Hospice started from very humble beginnings, hence keeping the Little in the name, but it is the initiator of successful development of sister branches in other areas away from the town centre and is meeting the needs of a rapidly growing population. The Hospice is heavily dependant on voluntary contributions so our small gifts are greatly appreciated.

The Vision of the Team at LHH

- To make a peaceful life for patients and families during their terminal illness with existing health providers.
- To create a service suitable to all in rural community.
- To train Health Professionals and community carers in Principles of Palliative Care and how to train others.
- To use experience to help other African Rural communities.

Lent Course Reminder

Our Lent course continues on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. There is also a Thursday afternoon course at 2pm in the Vicarage. We are studying the Acts of the Apostles and how they established the Christian Church.

Good Friday at St. Andrew's Hampton

On Good Friday Morning we meet at St. Andrew's for the service of Stations of the Cross and then walk through the Crown Meadow to the Methodist Church where we join the Procession of Witness up Bridge Street, through the Market Square and on into the Church Yard of All Saints. This is a wonderful way in which we can show our faith, do come and join us if you possibly can. At 2pm there will be the final hour of the Good Friday Liturgy in St. Andrew's Church.

Preparing for Worship

On Ash Wednesday I attended the Wednesday morning 10am service. For a few minutes before the service the congregation sat quietly preparing to worship God. There was a 'stillness' in the church.

As a contrast, at the main service on the following Sunday morning, when the bells had stopped ringing and the organ started playing the noise level increased rather than that being a cue to sit quietly and prepare for the service. The choir and clergy were standing quietly in the vestry and some members of the congregation were sitting quietly preparing. I know that many of them find the chatter off-putting.

The end of the hymn 'Dear Lord and father of Mankind' comes to mind:

Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

Why not try, in the few minutes before the service, to spend time listening to the 'small voice' of God. After the service you can speak to your friends and neighbours – over a cup of tea or coffee perhaps?

*Michael Hunter
Churchwarden*

St. Andrew's PCC Annual Meetings

The Annual Meetings of St. Andrew's Church, Hampton will take place during the 9.30am service on Sunday 10 April. This is your opportunity to bring up anything you would like discussed and to take part in the election of new members of the PCC.

THE EASTER LILY

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies spring up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and distress. Christian churches continue this tradition at Easter by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter lilies to commemorate the Resurrection and hope of life everlasting.

The pure white lily has also been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the Mother of the Christ child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the Infant Jesus.

The legend is told that when Mary's tomb was visited three days after her burial, it was found empty save for bunches of majestic white lilies. Early writers and artists made the lily the emblem of the Annunciation, the Resurrection of the Virgin: the pure white petals signifying her spotless body and the golden anthers her soul glowing with heavenly light.

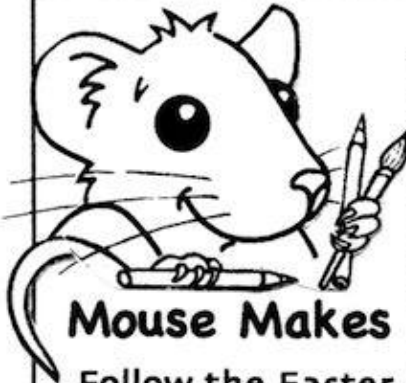
*On Easter Day the lilies bloom,
Triumphant, risen from their tomb;
Their bulbs have undergone rebirth,
Born from the silence of the earth
Symbolically, to tell all men
That Christ, the Saviour, lives again.
The angels, pure and white as they,
Have come and rolled the stone away
And with the lifting of the stone,
The shadow of the cross is gone!*

*Love is such a mighty urge
At springtime of the year,
Flowing pond and bursting buds
To tell us Easter's near.
Life's as new, by act of faith,
As when the world began,
Robins sing in every branch
And lilies rise again.*

June Masters Bacher



For Our Younger Readers



Mouse Makes

Follow the Easter story using the Bible references, then look for the words in the wordsearch puzzle

Into Jerusalem
read Matthew 21:1-11
 DONKEY • ROAD
 BRANCHES • PALMS
 KING • HOSANNA

Last Supper
read Matthew 26:17-30
 PASSOVER • ROOM
 BREAD • WINE
 BODY • BLOOD
 CUP • MEAL

Betrayal and Death
read Matthew 26:36 - 27:56
 KISS • MESSIAH
 CHRIST • SON
 CRUCIFY • JESUS
 CROWN • THORNS
 ROBE • TREE
 NAILS • CROSS
 DARKNESS • QUAKE
 DEATH • LOTS

Easter Wordsearch

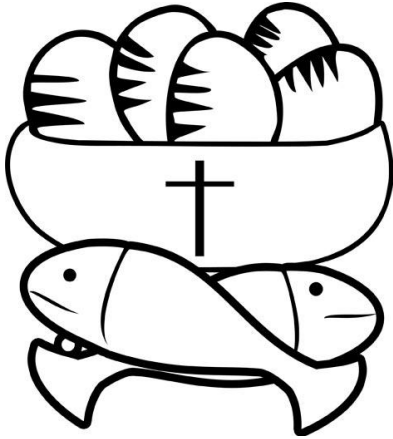
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Burial and Resurrection
read Matthew 27:57 - 28:20
 TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY
 BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING
 MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN
 GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL
 GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
 SAVIOUR • PRAISE

EASTER

MOTHERING SUNDAY 3rd April

The old Gospel reading for this Sunday was about the feeding of the 5,000 so it was originally called Refreshment Sunday. This Sunday became linked with family reunions and gatherings and became Mothering Sunday.



Mother's Day, which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention started in 1906. Mother's Day is directly connected with the mother of the family but Mothering Sunday is more connected with Mother Church, the family meaning has been added on.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Nice cards for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be an artist to make a lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Cut your decoration from the doily, some have lovely patterns of hearts, flowers and leaves. Put a very small amount of glue on the back of the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish by writing a nice message inside.



Why was the Egyptian girl worried?
Because her daddy was a mummy.

What stories do the sailor's children like to hear?
Ferry tales.



Mothers' Union Meeting -
March 2011

There was no meeting at the vicarage this month as members enjoyed a splendid afternoon out.

We all enjoyed a delicious meal at the March Hare in Broughton Hackett, and some of us were naughty with yummy puddings!

On the return journey John took us on a tour of the countryside, where we saw new born lambs, students of Pershore College in the fields, and the small signs that spring is on the way.

Many thanks to Ida for arranging the outing and to John for driving us in Gloria.

Charlotte Binney

HINT OF THE MONTH

Chocolate Cream Truffles for those of us who gave up Chocolate for Lent.

50g/2oz Plain chocolate

2 Tbls Fresh double cream

1 Tsp. Vanilla essence

225g/8oz Sifted icing sugar

Chocolate vermicelli

Fluted Sweet cases

Method

Break up the chocolate and put it in a basin standing over simmering water to melt, stir from time to time. Add the cream and vanilla essence then gradually stir in the icing sugar. Mix well. Transfer to a plate and leave to cool until firm enough to handle, about one and a half hours. Roll equal amounts of the mixture into 18 balls, toss them in chocolate vermicelli and transfer to the fluted sweet cases.

These would make a lovely alternative to Easter Eggs.

Phillippa Henly

St. Andrew's, Hampton PCC Report

The meeting opened with prayer.

Finance always comes high on the agenda, fund raising is as usual an important issue. The annual accounts were signed off for the Church AGM in April and other regular administrative items were discussed. There was discussion about the Asum Group, the Deanery, the recently announced resignation of the incumbent at Broadway and how this affects the plans for reorganisation in the Deanery. The Deanery Synod was asked to put forward their plans for a future reduction to six ordained priests in the district, but this change at Broadway means that plans will have to be rethought. This PCC is firmly in support of maintaining the Asum Group as at present constituted.

There was discussion about admitting young children who have not yet been confirmed to Holy Communion. This practice is growing within the Church and our priest, Mark Binney is cautiously in favour, however there was a degree of uncertainty about this within the PCC and the issue of where it may happen – in school as well as in Church – and also the youngest age were both issues of importance, however it was decided to go ahead with this plan.

Our Child Protection Policy was an item on the agenda, we agreed that it does not need changing, but some people who work regularly with children may need to go on a Child Protection Course. Some peoples' CRB checks may be out of date, but this will be checked on.

Evangelism within the Parish is a big subject, the PCC are discussing ways in which to make the Church more user friendly to more people. The big issue is no toilet in the Church and if we can plan a reorganisation of the Vestry to accommodate one together with more satisfactory facilities for

providing refreshments we could use the building in a more effective way. Your PCC is seeking advice and hopes to have more positive news shortly. Ideas are also being considered for a more effective use of St. Richard's Hall which is a wonderful but under used asset in the Fairfield part of the Parish. The meeting closed with The Grace at 9.45pm.

News from Hinton

Perhaps we should call this column notes from Hinton not news as there is not always a lot of that. It must be very confusing to the average layman, that means me and probably most of you, as to how the very variable date of Easter is arrived at. Now if you are confused, what about your daffodil bulbs. In order to be the 'Lent Lily' – the old mainstay of floral decorations at Eastertide - their flowering time is crucial. So up they pop on 25 March only to find that they are a month too early. Next year they will leave it a bit later, say late April only to find that Easter has moved again! Who would be a Narcissus - the family to which all daffodils belong. [Narcissus by the way was a mythological Greek youth who was warned never to look at his reflection. He did see it reflected in water, fell in love with it, and pined away, leaving in his place a yellow flower.]

At the moment Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon or after the 21st of March, the vernal equinox, unless the moon happens upon a Sunday in which case Easter is the following Sunday (I think !!!). Simple isn't it, but it took many attempts before this was arrived at - such as the day of the killing of the Paschal lamb, or should it be celebrated on a DAY or a DATE. Perhaps there is something to be said for some dependence on the forces of Nature in our age of computers and electronic wizardry.

Bill & Julie Newman

News from Sedgberrow

Our monthly Bingo will be on 16 April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The Coffee Morning is on 28 April from 10am to Noon, please support us and come and buy a cake.

THE SUMMER FETE is on 9 July in the School Grounds.

From the Magazine of March 1921

Lent

While we are writing these notes Lent has not yet begun, and when our readers receive the Magazine it will be nearly half over. We earnestly hope that everyone is doing his best to keep a good Lent this year, and that when Holy Week comes may find himself well prepared to enter into the great Tragedy of our Saviour's Crucifixion, which means so much to every one of us. Don't forget the Thursday evening service. Come yourself and try to get everyone you can to come with you.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, when we see our Saviour making His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches will be put up in our Church as usual for the morning service in remembrance of that great event. We hope that all the services in Holy Week will be well attended, so that some of us may be able to follow day by day the solemn events which culminate on Good Friday.

Good Friday

This is the day of the Great Sacrifice offered by our Lord for us men, and for our salvation; the Sacrifice which meant His Death. It is therefore the most important day in the whole year to us, because, if He had not died in this world we could not have lived in the next. To many of us it is the dearest day of the year. Because it shows to us the great Love of God for sinners, and to others He says "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like unto My Sorrow!" We all love the Three Hours Service; it seems to bring home to us so forcibly the sufferings of our Lord upon the Cross, and no doubt everybody in the parish will be sure to be at Church during that most solemn time, so we shall look for a great congregation. We hope also that there will be a good attendance at the evening services. Let us put aside the things of the world that we may attend to the things of God. The collections will be for the East London Fund for the Jews.

Easter Eve

The day when our Saviour lay resting in the Tomb, a day of quiet and peace.

Easter Day

The glorious Festival of OUR Lords Resurrection. Very early in the morning went the women to the Sepulchre, so let us rise and seek Him at His Altar. When the women went to the Tomb they found He had gone. When we go the Altar we shall find He has come. Everything will be bright and joyous and triumphant on that Festival.

Ann Banks

St. Andrew's Church Fete

Saturday 16 July 2011

at

The Vicarage, Hampton

Opening at 2.00pm

This Fete is the major Money Raising Event of our year and the fund raising committee, chairman Shirley Lynch, needs all the support they can get. Please can we have lots of volunteers to help on the day and to man the stalls. If you can help please contact Shirley on 01386 553392 as soon as possible.

The Hand Stitched Patchwork Quilt

This quilt is nearing completion and will be raffled at the Church Fete in July, but more sewers are needed to help with the final quilting process. This is quite straight forward for anyone with a little sewing ability. Each dinner plate sized part of the design needs to be sewn round twice to 'quilt' it and it takes about one and a half hours to do. If anyone can offer to complete one or more of these sections – there are about forty still to do – please ring Shirley Lynch on the above number and arrange to go to her house to help – ample fuel in tea or coffee form available.

Mothering Sunday 3 April 2011 Morning Service at 11.00am in St. Andrew's Church

The quilt, see above, will be on display in the Church on this special day when we hope many people will see it and buy raffle tickets.

A reminder: Please will all the people who have already taken tickets to sell return the stubs and the money so that we can assess how well sales are going.

At our meeting on 10th March we enjoyed a very informative and at times amusing talk by Jo Shadbolt on unusual vegetables and how to use them. Jo was the manager of Hillers Farm Shop for 8 years and during that time she had answered many questions on how to prepare and cook different vegetables, often from younger people who had little experience of cooking. She brought a large variety of vegetables, from cabbages to Chinese mushrooms, as well as a selection of cookery books, including Sarah Raven's Garden Cookbook, which she calls her 'bible'. She has about 200 cookery books at home, she said, which she enjoys reading while her husband does most of the cooking. She also grows her own vegetables. Jo began by talking about the Globe artichoke, which she told us could be traced back to the Roman occupation of Egypt. Apparently the Italians use them to make liqueur and in Vietnam they are made into tea. Jo passed on other interesting 'tit bits' while she showed us how to prepare the different vegetables, some of which, such as kohlrabi, were unfamiliar to some of us. She also gave us useful tips, including freezing the woody stems of asparagus to use for soup at a later date, and serving the seeds of butternut squash, either raw or toasted, as nibbles with drinks. We were given handouts with recipes for each of the vegetables to inspire us to try something different. Pam Wills thanked Jo for her most enjoyable talk.

Other events during the month included tea and Welsh cakes at Joyce Davey's house, the Annual Council Meeting at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern on the 23rd and EODS's production of Thoroughly Modern Millie. We are also looking forward to our trip to the National Museum of Wales at St Fagans on 25 May. (see next column)

Joyce Davey distributed some 'Message in a Bottle' containers, which had been provided by the Lions Club. These contain a sheet which can be filled in to give essential information on allergies, medication, contact addresses, etc. The

container is then stored in the door compartment of the fridge where it is easily available to the Emergency Services in the case of accident or sudden illness.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 14 April, when Rod Quilter will talk to us on the subject of 20th Century Corsetry. New members and visitors are welcome to join us.

Hampton WI have organised a coach trip on 25 May, to St Fagans: National History



Museum, near Cardiff. It is one of Europe's foremost open-air museums representing the life and culture of Wales and situated in 100 acres of parkland.

There are some places available on the coach at a cost of £10 to non-WI members, the entry to the museum is free. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Joyce Davey on 01386 443755.

Christine Robertson

Hampton Friendship Club

February 2011

2 February – Mark Binney came along to conduct a short Service to celebrate Candlemas after we had played our usual First Wednesday games of Bingo.

9 February – Today's Quiz was cancelled when the talk given by a young lady named Sinita about the W.R.V.S. took more time than expected. Sinita answered questions and went round the room talking individually to members and proving herself to be an enthusiastic representative of the W.R.V.S.

16 February – Redditch always proves to be a popular venue for a shopping trip due to its undercover shopping area. All of our group who went along on this month's outing enjoyed an afternoon of browsing followed by a welcome cuppa!

23 February – We ended February's programme with a visit by Maggie Parker of Age Concern who once again put us all through our paces with her advice and demonstration of exercises to music. Everyone left the club today full of good intentions.

Hilda Lawson



“A school which makes you long for childhood”

Our Multi-Cultural Week was a great success. We began the week with an African Drumming Workshop from ‘Drum Love’. Each class had a workshop during the day where they learnt different rhythms and then parents were invited during the afternoon so that the children could display their new skills. It was a wonderful day in which all children could participate regardless of their ability. The activities really helped to improve concentration and co-ordination skills as well as the ability to work together co-operatively. We are very grateful to our parents organisation F.O.S.S for funding the day. Here you can see some of our Reception children taking part.



Throughout the week the children learnt about different cultures with an emphasis on music and art work as well as learning about their traditions. Tasnim Khawaja, County Advisory teacher for Multi-Cultural Awareness (pictured above), spent a day with us focusing on Islam and we had two more visitors to talk to us about Christianity. We also held our inter-house competition for the half-term with some superb multi-cultural art being produced in each class. It was a difficult one to judge but the overall winner was Glebe. This means that each house has won an inter-house competition so far this year which is excellent.

Our fund-raising appeal for Comic Relief this year will take the form of ‘Let’s Dance’. Each class is learning an entertaining dance to perform to a well-known song and parents are invited to watch the final performances in the school hall. We are also learning the Red Nose Day School Song for this year - ‘Entertain’. Garth Raymer from Bredon Hill Rotary Club came to talk to the children in assembly recently about a special project to fund a new school in Nepal. The children enjoyed his talk and are very keen to help so we have decided to donate our non-uniform money on the last day of this term towards the cause.

*Michèle Humphreys
Headteacher*



St. Andrew's CE First School

We are well into the Spring Term now and starting to notice a big improvement in the weather, which means enjoying lessons beyond the classroom using the extensive outdoor resources which we have at St Andrew's. We are making our forest grounds more accessible and safer with tidier pathways, lighter tree canopies and a fence to mark the forest boundary along the playground. For playtimes we are looking forward to receiving new bikes for the playground and having some new play equipment installed before Easter, using money raised by SASSA. Additionally the Reading Room, also provided by SASSA is now relocated and fully connected to heating and electricity - providing a much needed learning area. Our ongoing projects to improve the school entrance and office accommodation have also received approval for funding and we hope to see these completed over the summer holidays – watch this space!

During our recent parent interview week we also held a book fair. We raised a total of £530 to buy new books for the children to use in our School Library.



For a donation of £1, children came to school **dressed in red** for the day on Friday 18th March. We have so far raised £180 for Comic Relief.

Fun was had by all, flipping and running with pancakes to a cheering crowd on a sunny Tuesday 8th March morning. A massive thanks to parents who cooked over 200 pancakes for racing and eating for children that morning!

Our eco team are very busy at present. Here is a snapshot of what they've been up to...

Litter patrolling every Thursday lunchtime – weighing waste and evaluating increase/decrease. We are pleased to report that the school is looking tidier and waste is reducing!

Our energy enforcers are collecting meter readings and we will be evaluating electricity and water usage every month against last year's figures

We are about to formally submit our application for Green Flag status – watch this space...

Gardening club has begun again on Tuesdays after school with 12 children taking part.

Forest School: as work to clear and tidy the forest begins, Year 1 and Reception are again regularly visiting the forest.

World Maths and World Book Days 2011

This was a very busy week in school but we thoroughly enjoyed experiencing a day of Maths with different teachers and groups.



The book character costumes were outstanding and children loved listening to their favourite stories at the end of the day.



We continue to strive to be an outstanding school providing the very best experiences for children, believing that successful learning provides success for life. If you want to find out more about the school please visit our website at www.st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk

*David Coaché
Headteacher*

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms at Hampton



6 March 2011

Callum Lewis Griffin

Funerals at Hampton



16 March David Harvey James

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3 April 2011	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-end 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25b-27
10 April 2011	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45
17 April 2011	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21.1-11 Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11
24 April 2011	Easter Day	Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6 Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10



3 Sunday

Mothering Sunday

- 8am Holy Communion (Hampton)
- 9am Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
- 11am Family Service with Distribution of Posies (Coffee after) (Hampton)
- 6pm Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing (Hampton)

5 Tuesday

7.30pm Lent Course (Hampton Parish Room)

6 Wednesday

10am Holy Communion (Hampton)

7 Thursday

2pm Lent Course (Vicarage)
 7pm Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)

9 Saturday

10am Hampton Church Open Morning

10 Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8am Holy Communion (Hampton)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist (Hampton)
- 11am Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
- 2pm Baptism – Alfie Oliver Grove (Hampton)
- 6pm Evensong (Hinton-on-the-Green)

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| 12 | Tuesday | 2pm | Mothers' Union Meeting (Vicarage) |
| | | 7.30pm | Lent Course (Hampton Parish Room) |
| 13 | Wednesday | 10am | Holy Communion (Mother's Union) (Hampton) |
| 14 | Thursday | 2pm | Lent Course (Vicarage) |
| | | 7pm | Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room) |
| 17 | Sunday | | Palm Sunday |
| | | 8am | Holy Communion (Hampton) |
| | | 9am | Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow) |
| | | 11am | Welcome Service - Coffee after (Hampton) |
| | | 6.30pm | Asum Palm Sunday Service (St Peter's, Bengeworth) |
| 18 | Monday | 7.30pm | Asum Group – Talk and Compline (Hampton) |
| 19 | Tuesday | 7.30pm | Asum Group – Talk and Compline (Hampton) |
| 20 | Wednesday | 10am | Holy Communion (Hampton) |
| | | | Standing Committee (Hampton) |
| | | 7.30pm | Asum Group – Talk and Compline (Hampton) |
| 21 | Thursday | | Maundy Thursday |
| | | 2pm | Lent Course - Vicarage |
| | | 7pm | Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room) |
| | | 7.30pm | Asum Maundy Thursday Eucharist (All Saints, Evesham) |
| 22 | Friday | | Good Friday |
| | | 10am | Stations of the Cross (Hampton) |
| | | 10.30am | Walk of Witness (Hampton) |
| | | 11am | Procession of Witness (Evesham) |
| | | 2pm | Good Friday Liturgy (Hampton) |
| | | 2pm | Good Friday Liturgy (Sedgeberrow) |
| | | 6pm | Good Friday Liturgy (Hinton-on-the-Green) |
| 23 | Saturday | 8pm | Asum Easter Vigil (St Peter's, Bengeworth) |
| 24 | Sunday | | Easter Day |
| | | 8am | Holy Communion (Hampton) |
| | | 9.30am | Sung Eucharist (Hampton) |
| | | 11am | Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow) |
| | | 6pm | Easter Communion (Hinton-on-the-Green) |
| 27 | Wednesday | 10am | Holy Communion (Hampton) |
| 28 | Thursday | 7pm | Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room) |