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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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Love and Marriage

Could Kate and William encourage more people into marriage? The Church of England, through its Weddings Project (www.yourchurchwedding.org) hope that more couples will be choosing to marry in church; it is important that vows are taken in the sight of God.

The trend for weddings has been downwards for a long time. Latest figures show that the number of couples being married in the UK has declined by a third in the past 30 years, and in 2008 only a third of couples chose a religious ceremony. Interestingly, the average age of couples has increased to 29.9 years for the bride and 32.1 years for the groom; which may reflect that there has been a period of cohabitation before the marriage takes place.

Why marry at all? The issue seems to be about commitment. A high profile couple like Kate and William making a public commitment of their love for each other provides an example for others to follow. For many years the headlines have been dominated by celebrity divorces to the extent that some have even questioned whether marriage has a future. The Church responds to this with the view that less than 10% of cohabiting relationships last even to their 10th anniversary while two thirds of first marriages in 2008 could be expected to last a lifetime. The Mothers' Union has always been supportive of marriage and family life and appreciates that there can be difficulties in sustaining relationships. The forum pages of the Mothers' Union Web site reveal a wide range of discussion about married life which would never have been debated in the past.

Sue Burridge, the Archbishop's Council's Marriage and Family Policy Officer says:

"The Church of England believes that marriage is not only a gift to married people and their children, but to their neighbourhoods and networks because those who are married and committed to each other provide stability and security for communities that people who are unmarried by calling or circumstance can benefit from and tap into."

Society without marriage is more fragile and fragmented. Broken Britain is a direct result of neglecting marriage as a vital part of the fabric of society. Government policy has been unsupportive and we are now paying the price. It will take some time to reverse the decline. The Church hopes that Kate and William's wedding is the start of this process. With a high profile wedding comes a high profile responsibility. It might seem to be unfair to burden Kate and William with this task but the nation is looking to them for inspiration and hope. The Royal Family has a marvellous opportunity to lead the nation in a positive way. We should pray for them and all who are to be married this year.

*God of all grace, friend and companion
Look in favour on William and Catherine
And all who are made one in marriage.
In your love deepen their love
And strengthen their wills
to keep the promises they will make,
that they may continue
in life – long faithfulness to each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

(adapted from Common Worship)

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



Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2011

We are supporting Christian Aid Week and there is an envelope delivered with your magazine for any donation you wish to make. Christian Aid gives support to people in all kinds of problem areas. Currently they are working in Libya, with the victims of an earthquake in Thailand and Burma, and with the refugees and war victims on the Ivory Coast of West Africa. Please help with all these projects by giving as much as you can.

Mothering Sunday 3 April 2011

On Mothering Sunday we enjoyed a delightful Family Service. Mark explained the meaning behind our recognition of this special day in the life of the Church, and during the service posies were distributed to all the Mothers in Church that day and many more were taken to those who could not be with us.

Ivy Pullin and a team of Guides and Brownies made up the posies and the daffodils were most generously donated by Tomlins Funeral Directors.

It was a lovely morning and after the service we enjoyed refreshments in the Community Hall when the Quilt, which will be raffled at the Fête, was on display for all to see its progress.

Palm Sunday

Two special services took place at Hampton on Palm Sunday. The Family Service at 11.00am started with our traditional Progress with Palms from the Community Hall to the Church. During the service the Trial of Jesus was re-told by Revd Mark Binney and members of the congregation so we were reminded of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent trial and execution.

Later, at 6.30pm, a traditional service of Evensong took place at Hampton. This was an Asum Service bringing together all the parishes in our group. The Hampton Choir were joined by members of the All Saints and St. Peter's, Bengeworth Choirs, and the music for the anthems and psalms was known to the congregation who appreciated the 1662 Service.

Ascension Day

The Ascension of Christ is based mainly on Acts 1.1-9 where after 40 days of appearances, the Risen Lord speaks to the Apostles about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the mission of the Church, and then is taken up to heaven in a cloud. Behind this text is the belief of the early Church that God had vindicated Jesus after His crucifixion and that Jesus had been exalted to a place of majesty in heaven at God's right hand.

This is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year. It is kept on the sixth Thursday (the 40th day) after Easter. In early times its observance was frequently marked by a procession, apparently to commemorate Christ's journey to the Mount of Olives. The Paschal Candle used to be extinguished after the Gospel but this practice was changed in 1970.

This year the feast of the Ascension falls on Thursday 2 June. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.00am in St. Andrew's Church followed by a Breakfast Feast at the Vicarage. You are most welcome to join us on this special day.

Mark Binney

Natural Church Development Sunday 15 May 2011

Many parishioners will remember that last September we completed a survey to find out what church members thought about our Church.

On Sunday 15 May the Revd Andrew Mottram, the Diocesan Development Officer, whose responsibility it is to help Churches like ours, will preach at our 11.00am Service. Andrew will outline the next steps and explain how we carry out a Community Survey which will show us what local people think about us and the Church. This is an important occasion for the expansion of our Church and Mark Binney, the Churchwardens and all the members of the PCC hope as many people as possible will make the effort to be in Church on that morning.

Ed

St. Andrew's Church Annual Church Meetings

The Annual Church Meetings for St. Andrew's, Hampton took place during the 9.30am Service on Sunday 10 April 2011. Mr. Michael Hunter and Mrs. Gabrielle Falkiner were re-elected as Churchwardens for the year to April 2012.

The Annual Report and Accounts were presented as a record of our activities in the past year.

St Andrew's now has 114 people on the Church Electoral Roll. This means we can send three people to Deanery Synod; Mrs. Gabrielle Falkiner, Mr. Daniel Lewis and Mrs. Susan Wakefield were elected to serve for the next three years.

Mrs. Ray Edwards and Mrs. Elaine Major were re-elected to serve on the PCC for three years.

The date for the next Annual Meeting will be arranged by the PCC.

St. Andrew's Church Fete Saturday 16 July 2011

An appeal for help to all those readers of The Herald who don't come to Church very often.

We Need Your Help – please!

If you possibly can offer your support in any way for this important Fund Raising event, ring Shirley Lynch on 01386 553392.



Evesham Leisure Centre

A church feeds your spiritual needs so why not let your new leisure centre serve your recreational needs?

Have you been to the new leisure centre in Evesham yet?

With prior arrangement an attendant can take you around the centre to see the facilities that are on offer and the benefits you would get if you decided to use any of them.

There is quite a comprehensive list of activities available from a swim to a work out in the gymnasium, and for the very energetic 'a climbing wall'.

The health suite contains a Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna for relaxation or to while away the aches and pains of the day, and for the ladies perhaps a visit to the Rivers Beauty Salon for an extra bit of pampering.

The Leisure Centre is a community asset that offers a good family atmosphere, from childminding for mum to get some exercise to special mornings for the mature person.

Anyone can visit the centre without taking part in any physical activities. Take time out and come and have a coffee or a snack in the cafeteria, while watching the swimming.

Remember; a healthy body gives a healthy mind which can only be good for the soul.

Carole Holland

Rogation Day at Norton

There will be a Rogation Day Service at Manor Farm, Lenchwick on Sunday 29 May at 3.00pm when the fields will be blessed and we pray for a successful growing season. Tea will be served after the Service.



Notes from Hinton

Talking about daffodils, as we were last month, I heard a very disappointing horticultural debate on the radio quite recently. The problem seemed to be that our weather pattern – very cold January followed than a milder than average February and March meant that the daffodils were too early for Easter – all the fault of the weather. It did not seem to occur to anyone that the Easter festival was about as late as it can be! Sadly on a similar grumble I heard a little quiz on Hereford and Worcester radio. The question was, which is the odd one out, Christmas, Easter, the Ascension or Whitsun? One lady, who did not sound very young, phoned in to say that the answer had to be Ascension, because all the others were religious festivals. The real answer, if you were wondering, being Whitsun because all the others are islands.

At this time of the year it is usually a joy to see bulbs, shrubs and flowering trees spring into life, but for the second successive year we are counting the cost of the harsh weather. Some of the worst hit are the viburnums, and even variegated ivy is not going to make it.

By the way, if you are tempted to join it, just remember that atheism is a 'non prophet' making organisation.

Bill Newman



News from Sedgeberrow

Our next Coffee Morning is on Thursday 26 May from 10am to Noon, do come along and enjoy coffee and cake and meet with friends.

Our monthly Bingo sessions have now finished until September.

The Summer Fete is on 9 July in the School Grounds.

The children came down to Church from School on the last day of term for their Assembly when they performed the Good Friday story from "Open the Book".

On Mothering Sunday, Leonard Burn took the service and gave out posies of primroses picked from the Churchyard.

From the Magazine of June 1921

Whitsun Day

The morning was damp and cloudy, but in the afternoon the clouds lifted and the sun shone out.

The number of Communicants at the three Celebrations, we are glad to say, showed a slight increase on last year, and the attendance at the Choral Celebration was better than usual.

The collections throughout the day were for the Central Church Fund, and amounted to £1 2s.8d. This Fund, we may mention in passing, is a Church Fund to help all the Dioceses throughout the country in various ways. It gives large grants to help young men who desire to be ordained, to pay their College expenses. It gives grants to poor Clergy, and in a number of other ways helps forward the work of the Church.

Ann Banks

Mothers' Union Meeting 12 April 2011

The meeting began with prayers led by Rhoda Arora. She also told us about Enid, one of the ladies from the Uganda MU. Enid has been in touch with Rhoda for some time, and she recently sent a piece to meditate on. Members found this reading beautiful, and similar to the Ten Commandments. Members agreed that the reading inspired them to try and follow the Commandments every day.

The report from the last meeting was read.

The Lent Blessings appeal will continue to prompt the question: What can we do to help others?

Pippa Henly read a poem written by a young boy suffering from MS whom she helped nurse.

Raffle tickets are still on sale for the beautiful quilt made by some of our members.

Dates for your diary:

30 April: Uganda Reunion Meeting starting at 2pm in church with a memorial service to Rev Canon Phoebe Mutabazzi.

Following this the Reunion Meeting will continue at the Scout and Guide Hall.

4 June: Coffee morning and Bring & Buy Sale at the vicarage starting at 10.30am. All proceeds will go to our sisters in MU Uganda.

22 June: Diocesan Festival at Upton Church.

12 July: Strawberry tea. Invitations will be sent to Evesham MU, and members are welcome to bring one personal guest.

John Lynch gave his talk about working in the Probation Service. He initially trained as a Social Worker and went on to work for the Probation Service.

The main purpose of the service was to advise, assist and befriend. Some of his work involved dealing with marriage break-ups and reconciliation, making sure that any children did not suffer. John found some of this work very stressful.

It came as a shock for the country boy John to work in the inner cities! He

worked at Winson Green Prison in Birmingham, and also in Redditch – which he describes as a place with quite a lot of problems!

John told us some very interesting stories including of his time working at Long Lartin Prison for five and a half years. He enjoyed this period with both inmates and staff.

Ida Roberts thanked John for his most interesting talk and the meeting ended with refreshments.

Charlotte Binney

HINT OF THE MONTH

Mini Carrot Cakes

100g/4oz Butter

100g/4oz Brown sugar

1 Egg well beaten

200g/7oz Wholemeal self raising flour

150ml/¼pt Fresh milk

5ml/1tsp Bicarbonate of soda

75g/3oz Carrot grated

75g/3oz Canned pineapple, well drained and chopped

½tsp Mixed spice

225g/8oz Curd cheese

2tbs Orange juice

1tbsp Honey

Orange rind, grated for decoration

Method

Melt the butter and sugar in a saucepan and cook gently for two minutes. Add the egg, mix well then stir in the flour.

Mix the milk and bicarbonate of soda and stir into the mixture with the carrot, pineapple and spice. Spoon the mixture into the bun cases or greased muffin tins. Bake at 180C° / gas mark 4 for thirty minutes.

Mix together the cheese, orange juice and honey and spread over the cakes when they are cool and top with grated orange rind and enjoy.

Phillippa Henly



HAMPTON WI

In the absence of the President, the meeting on 14 April was chaired by Ann Davis, who welcomed 30 members and two visitors. Members were reminded of the coach departure times for the visit to St Fagans, Cardiff on 25 May, and there were invitations from other WIs to attend open meetings. At Wickhamford on 17 May, there would be a Fashion Show and the Littleton's WI are hosting an evening on 12 July, when Shirley Noble would talk on 'Scandalous Women'.

The Quiz Team had participated in the Group Quiz held at Childswickham, and had been beaten into second place by Pebworth, with the narrowest of margins – one point!

Those members who had attended the Annual Council Meeting at Malvern had enjoyed the day, and there would be a full report at the May meeting.

Our speaker for the evening was Rod Quilter who gave an interesting talk on the development of corsetry, entitled 'Remarkable Restraints'. Rod had brought along a large suitcase of corsetry items, covering several decades, and several different styles and materials. After he had talked about them, the items were passed round for members to examine in detail. Some of the later items brought back memories for some members, and the earlier ones looked so uncomfortable, we were all very glad not to have lived in those days. The weight and the stiff boning of many of the corsets must have made them extremely uncomfortable to wear. Rod was thanked for his talk by Sheila Harris.

The competition for a small arrangement of foliage in an unusual container, was won by Janet James.

The next meeting will be held on 12 May, when the Resolutions for the NFWI AGM will be discussed. Future meetings will feature John Turrell talking about '**Children's Traditional Games**' on 9 June, and John Clews of the RSPB talking on '**Action for Birds**' on 14 July. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome at our meetings.

Liz Rodway

Hampton Friendship Club Diary - March 2011

2 March – After our games of social Bingo this month's Service was led by Revd Mark Binney.

9 March – Hilda Lawson provided a General Knowledge Quiz today and members enjoyed exercising their little grey cells again!

16 March – This month's outing was a very enjoyable one to Banbury where there is plenty to see and do, giving our group a very pleasant afternoon.

23 March – Our Bi-Annual Coffee Morning was held today. Once again our faithful stall holders worked hard and plenty of members came along and supported their efforts, raising money for our Club Funds

30 March – The month was rounded off by a very welcome return visit by Freda and Dennis Colebourne who always delight Club members with their programmes. Wonderful films accompanied by beautifully chosen music, all entitled "Our Green and Pleasant Land" made a very enjoyable afternoon.

May Programme:

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| 4 May | Social and Service |
| 11 May | Music and Singalong with Steve Turvey |
| 18 May | WI Tea at Eckington |
| 25 May | Talk by Terry Harrison |

Hilda Lawson



“A school which makes you long for childhood”

Our fund-raising effort – ‘Let’s Dance’ was great fun and raised a wonderful total of £268.32 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who came to support. During the same week Year 5 had a bell-boating day at Fladbury in preparation for the bell-boating regatta which is due to take place at Pershore in June and Years 1 and 2 had a wonderful trip to Bristol Zoo to complement their topic work on animals this term.



Year 3 are really enjoying learning about World War II currently and have shown great enthusiasm for the topic bringing lots of memorabilia in from home as you can see below!! They created an air-raid shelter in their classroom which enabled them to prepare for some creative writing based on role-play.



As part of their Rainforest topic, Year 4 have been doing an art project based on Rousseau's 'Tiger in a Storm'. To begin with they looked at how Rousseau uses lots of shades of green and set themselves a challenge to find as many shades of green as possible

by mixing paint colours. Next they went outside to find as many different shades of green in nature. They also studied the painting very carefully looking at shapes, colour and detail. Next they had a trial run at dividing the painting into twelve frames and the children worked in pairs to paint one frame before setting to work using canvas blocks and acrylic paint. The children had to work together as a team making sure that trees, branches and the tiger itself were in the right places as they spanned several frames. There was great co-operation about mixing colours to ensure that the sky was a consistent colour.



The whole class worked fantastically and were so enthusiastic about this project. I am sure that you will agree that the final result is absolutely amazing!

Well done Year 4!

*Michèle Humphreys
Headteacher*



St. Andrew's CE First School

As we leave our Spring term at St Andrew's we reflect on some super achievements by our pupils. Our Key Stage Two footballers performed well representing the school at Prince Henry's High School football festival. Our Year 3s took part in the Evesham School's Languages Festival with a presentation about 'The Planets' in French. All of our classes learn 'outside the classroom' by going on at least one educational visit each half-term. This term includes visits to the SS Great Britain, Chedworth Roman Villa, Birmingham Sealife Centre and Bishop's Wood Outdoor Centre. These visits enhance and contextualise the learning for pupils and consolidate their knowledge and understanding across all areas of learning.



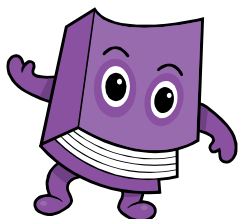
Children have been delighted by improvements to our play equipment – purchased through our incredibly supportive parent fund-raising group SASSA (St Andrew's School Supporters Association). This well organised and highly motivated group recently raised over £400 from a

Chocolate Bingo evening to further support educational visits and purchase additional play equipment for children.



We have also made improvements to our superb outdoor learning 'Forest School' area by cutting back some trees and creating another Base Camp area with a storytelling sofa created with a resident artist last year. This is a phenomenal learning resource for our school and supports our ethos of sustainability and looking after the environment.

As we return in the Summer term we look forward to children's new achievements in reading following the introduction of a new reading scheme. We have made a huge investment in new books and we are lucky enough to have many parent volunteers who have offered to hear readers every week across the school.



At St Andrew's we strive to offer the very best learning experiences for children, coupled with supportive teaching and high expectations. We believe that creating successful learners makes for successful lives. 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



27 March 2011
10 April 2011


Bryony Rose Askins
Alfie Oliver Grove

Funerals at Hampton



23 March
18 April
18 April

Dorothy Jones
Edith May Harris
Lynne Jeanette Egan

		May Readings
1 May 2011	Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.14a, 22-32 or Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-31
8 May 2011	Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.14a, 36-41 or Zephaniah 3.14-end 1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35
15 May 2011	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2.42-47 or Genesis 7 1 Peter 2.19-25 John 10.1-10
22 May 2011	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 7.55-60 or Genesis 8.1-19 1 Peter 2.2-10 John 14.1-14
29 May 2011	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17.22-31 or Genesis 8.20 – 9.17 1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14.15-21

A HAND FROM THE PAST

The world's oldest surviving complete manuscript of the whole Bible is a book which was made in Northumberland around the year 700. Three copies were made of the Latin Bible, one of which, the Codex Amiatinus, survives today in Florence, Italy.

Imagine all the work with every single word written out with a pen made from a bird's feather sharpened into a quill, written in ink made from oak or holly gall on sheets of vellum. Vellum is made from animal skins and this one book was made from the skin of 500 animals and took seven scribes several thousands of hours to write and decorate. They could only copy manuscripts when the light was good and in winter with no heating the ink might freeze.

If we want a new Bible, or any book, we can just go and buy one for a few pounds. Handwritten, illuminated books by monks were so precious that each book lived in its own special be-jewelled box. Each book was a work of art with brightly coloured pictures and decorated letters.

To give you some idea of just how long it took, why not try copying out one page of the Bible in your best handwriting? See how long it takes you and how many mistakes you make.

And to make it extra special, all the capital letters should be specially decorated with paint and real gold.



1 Sunday		Second Sunday of Easter
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
	11am	Family Service - Coffee after (Hampton)
	6pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing (Hampton)
4 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
5 Thursday	7pm	Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
8 Sunday		Third Sunday of Easter
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist (Hampton)
	11am	Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
10 Tuesday	2pm	Mother's Union (Hampton Vicarage)
11 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion – Mother's Union (Hampton)
12 Thursday	7pm	Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
14 Saturday	10am	Hampton Church Open Morning
	1pm	Wedding – Richard Hughes and Tracy Haines (Hampton)
15 Sunday		Fourth Sunday of Easter
Copy date for June Magazine	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
	11am	Welcome Service - Coffee after (Hampton)
18 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (Hampton)
19 Thursday	7pm	Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
22 Sunday		Fifth Sunday of Easter
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist (Hampton)
	11am	Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
	2pm	Baptism – Frazer Robert Allen (Hampton)
	6pm	'Marriage' Songs of Praise (Hampton)
25 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
26 Thursday	10am	Coffee Morning (Sedgeberrow)
	7pm	Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
29 Sunday		Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)
	8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
JUNE		
1 Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
2 Thursday		Ascension Day
	7am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		followed by Breakfast in Vicarage