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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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THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

On the 19 June we celebrate Trinity Sunday and also by happy coincidence Fathers Day. It is the start of the long Church time of Trinity which takes us through to All Saints Day in November. What is the Trinity and why is it important to the Church?

The Apostle's Creed is arranged in three parts which begin:

I believe in God I believe in Jesus Christ I believe in the Holy Spirit

This is called the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God – that is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Where has this understanding of God come from? You will not find the word 'Trinity' in the New Testament or any passage which explains what it is. The quotation most commonly used is the last verse of Matthew's Gospel where it is recorded that Jesus commissioned his disciples to 'make disciples of all the nations and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

This belief in the threefold nature of God was experienced by the disciples and the early Church long before it was defined. It was not until the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 that the whole Church adopted this belief. They did not invent the Trinity but tried to define the way God had been experienced. There is plenty of material in the Bible to help us fill out the detail. The Old Testament tells us about God the Father. The New Testament tells us about God the Son, Jesus Christ. It also tells us about what happened at Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit.

The early believers had the key belief that 'The Lord your God is one God' (Deuteronomy Ch.6). They could not deny the divinity of Jesus nor reject their experience of the power of God's Spirit. So they developed an understanding of God as being a Holy Trinity.

How should we understand this today? There is the example of the Stool with the three legs giving stability. Take away one of the legs and it falls over. Add a leg and the Stool is less stable. No wonder then that engineers and architects use triangular structures. The three part nature of God gives stability and strength. Another way of looking at the personal side is that I can be a father to my children, a son to my mother and my wife's husband. Yet I am the same person but in three different relationships. Likewise with God who has been revealed to us in a threefold way.

Different symbols can help us to understand the great mystery of the Holy Trinity. A triangle is often used. How many can you find in the Church building? Once you start looking you can find quite a few.

What really matters about the Trinity is that we should experience it first like the early Christians. Any attempt to explain it is built upon our encounter with God. That is what Christianity is all about, a living relationship. Glory be to the Father who loves us, the Son who redeems us and the Holy Spirit who empowers us.

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

Ascension Day 2 June 2011

A **BIG** reminder. Special Ascension Day Holy Communion at 7.0am at St. Andrew's Church followed by a good breakfast in the Vicarage. Please support this special celebration.

Elaine Major to be Licensed Reader

On Saturday 11 June 2011 the event which Elaine has been working so hard towards and her friends looking forward to will take place at the Cathedral. Elaine will be Licensed as a Reader in the Church of England by John Inge Bishop of Worcester. Gloria II will leave the car park by the Church at 1.30pm to take Elaine's friends to the Cathedral so if you would like to join them please let John Lynch, who will be driving Gloria II, know to expect you, please ring him on 01386 553392. There is room for sixteen or seventeen people in Gloria so quite a few of us can go to support Elaine. On Sunday 19 June we will celebrate Elaine's Licensing at the Community Hall following the 11.00am service, when we will raise a glass and toast our new Reader.

From Reader to Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)

With Elaine coming 'on stream' as the new member of our Benefice ministry team, it was thought appropriate to have a short article about Readers – who we are and what we can (and cannot) do.

First, what can we do?

A Licensed Reader is authorised by the Bishop to:

- Preach
- Preside at services of the Word.
- Take the traditional role of Deacon at the Eucharist.
- Administer the sacrament of Holy Communion in church and/or to the sick at home or in hospital.
- Read Banns of marriage.
- Undertake general pastoral and educational ministry.

Then, with further training a Reader may receive permission from the Bishop to preside at:

- Communion by extension.
- Funerals.

What we cannot do is what Richard Meyer (of hallowed memory) once described as "the magic bits"; by which he meant:

- Presiding at Holy Communion
- Or at Baptism.
- Or at Marriage

Although we can assist in preparation of candidates for any of these three sacraments.

A recent ruling by the national governing body for Readers, the Central Board for Readers, has decided that the term 'Reader' is a bit ambiguous and needs clarifying. Particularly in the light of the recent arrival of 'authorised lay ministries' it was felt that the role of Reader needed to be distinguished. So we are now in the process of adopting the title 'Licensed Lay minister (Reader)'.

Elaine will be Licensed on 11 June, and at her licensing by the Bishop she will be given the cherished blue scarf to mark her out as one of just over 150 active Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) in the Diocese. (There are others, generally retired, who have what is called 'Permission to officiate' but who are less active.

To become Readers, Elaine (recently) and I (36 years ago!) successfully completed a two year training course covering: Spirituality and prayer, detailed Bible study, Preaching, Voice production, Pastoral theology and practice, Ethics, Theology, Liturgy and Worship, and Doctrine, among other things!

Readers receive no fees, but are entitled to receive reasonable expenses, and are ex-officio members of PCCs.

Readers have a 'working agreement' with their Incumbents and have a formal review of their Ministry every 5 years prior to renewal of their Licence.

Basically we are unpaid lay theologians who try to help to maintain the spiritual life of the parish.

If you would like to know any more, please don't hesitate to ask either Elaine or I.

John L. Lynch Licensed Lay Minister (Reader).

Confirmation Service 12 June 2011

On the 12 June there will be an ASUM Group Confirmation Service at All Saints Church Evesham at 10.00am. There will be no 9.30am Service at Hampton on that day or 11.00am Service at Sedgeberrow. Everyone is encouraged to support our Confirmation candidates by attending this Service. The Bishop of Worcester, Rt Revd John Inge will be presiding.

There are seven candidates from Hampton and one from Sedgeberrow. The candidates are; from St. Andrew's School, Hampton: Vincent Wood, Ella Sadler, Christopher Hawkins, Alex McCulloch, Sophie Jackson and Bethan Parry (Confirmation course in 2010). Also Rosie Goodwin. From Sedgeberrow School: Chloe Davis (Benjamin Hughes also did the Confirmation course but will be confirmed at Childswickham later this year).

Celebration of Ordination as Deacon Revd Mark Binney – Twenty five Years

This year sees the twenty fifth anniversary of Mark's Ordination as Deacon in the Church of England. This took place in Chelmsford Cathedral at Peter Tide 1986 when the celebrant was the Rt. Revd John Wayne.

Growing Our Church

We now have a date when Revd Andrew Mottram will preach, he is coming here on 19 June when he will talk about how we can grow the Church through Needs Based Evangelism. Please do try to be in Church on that Sunday, we will also be celebrating Elaine's Licensing as a Lay Minister with extra refreshments at Coffee after our 11.00am service.

Natural Church Development

Over the coming months we are going to include articles about Natural Church Development (NCD) and why we are putting so much effort into it.

Mark Binney, Bill Wakefield and Michael Hunter have been on workshops to understand how to put NCD into practice but everybody has a role to play.

Natural Church Development is a way of thinking about the church and its mission. It focuses on the quality characteristics which are basic to healthy growth of any church and which should concern every Christian.

Why is Church Growth so Hard to Achieve?

Although many individual churches are showing some signs of growth, the predominant pattern is still one of decline. If we asked leaders and members the reasons for this we would probably hear something like the following:

'I think too many people are opposed and apathetic to Christianity in our country today.'

'We Christians honestly try hard, but we do not seem to be able to communicate the message clearly to those outside the church.'

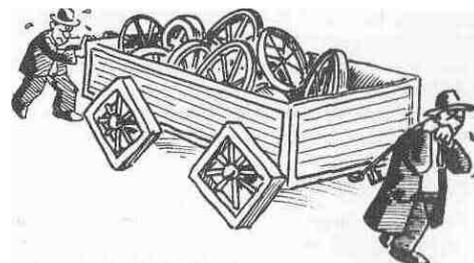
'Non-Christians are not attracted to either the church or its doctrines and its members are not good enough advocates for the faith.'

'Perhaps the timing for growth is not right in today's economic climate.'

This drawing illustrates some of these points.

The cart is trying to move with four square wheels, while carrying a multitude of good and extremely efficient round wheels.

The cart is pushed and pulled by two men who are extremely devoted to the task in hand, but who show by their facial expressions that they are finding the whole undertaking very laborious, slow and frustrating.



This picture is a description of the current state of affairs in the Body of Christ, the Church. The Church is certainly moving forward, but progress seems extremely hard work and slow.

Why is this?

If we ask people in the church **after** they have seen the picture why it should be so hard, we would probably get the following answers.

'Because there is a strong head-wind blowing against us.'

'Because we have to push the cart up a very steep hill.'

However the picture helps us to understand that the real problem does not lie with external factors - we are having problems even when there is a positive urge to grow.

All the means which we need to build the church, God has already made available to us - if



we only open our eyes and see things his way. The problem exists within us, when we feel that we have no need of God's resources; instead of using the tools which God has given us, we try to push and pull the Christian community using only our own strength.

So when we look at the diagram **we should also** say,

'We should fit the round wheels immediately, for they belong in God's plan'.

When we do this the picture changes!

The work becomes much lighter as the round wheels, which we find are already there in abundance in our church, help the cart to roll more smoothly.

But there is even more that we need to do. We need to set the sails which were hidden under the wheels and pray that God will send the powerful wind of the Holy Spirit to fill them. When this happens the leaders and members reflect the joy of being part of the church under God's direction and moving in his power.

If we can take note of the particular natural ways in which God operates in the world and take these into the church, then we really can see the church develop in the way that God intends.

NCD in Practice

NCD says that there is no one blue-print for church growth. What works in one area may not work in another as God uses a variety of methods to achieve his purposes. NCD has researched which principles, used by God, should be taken on board in order to build his church.

Research

The research was carried out by Christian Schwarz assisted by Christoph Schalk and they have developed questionnaires with rigorous standards for objectivity, reliability and validity. The addition of a complex computer programme for the analysis meant that the task was made easier. They have surveyed churches - large and small; growing and declining; persecuted and state-subsidised; charismatic and non-charismatic; of different denominations and churchmanship; from areas of the world where spiritual awakenings are occurring such as Korea and Brazil, as well as from declining areas such as Europe. In each case at least 30 members including the priest or pastor completed the questionnaires building up a database of over 4.2 million responses.

Eight Quality Characteristics

The research revealed that there are Eight Quality Characteristics **required** for church growth and that these characteristics are based on Biblical Principles.

- Empowering Leadership
- Gift-Orientated Ministry
- Passionate Spirituality
- Functional Structures
- Inspiring Worship Services
- Holistic Small Groups

- Need-Orientated Evangelism
- Loving Relationships

Each characteristic has two parts: a noun (e.g. leadership, evangelism, spirituality, structures) and an adjective (e.g. empowering, need-orientated, passionate, functional). NCD embraces in the practical application of those qualities which lie behind the respective adjectives.

In the coming months we will look at what these characteristics mean for us at St Andrew's.

Michael Hunter

Tuesday 21 June 2011

On Tuesday 21 June Bishop David Walker, Bishop of Dudley will be spending the day in our Parish, he would like to know us better and find out how life is in Hampton, many of us will see him out and about with Mark.

Gabrielle Falkiner

Hooray - the Quilt is Finished !!

It has been a long haul, but I want to say a very big 'Thank You' to the willing team who have helped me finish the Patchwork Quilt which is to be raffled at the church summer Fete on 16 July namely Jenny Perkins, Gabrielle Falkiner and Betty Keane. There are still plenty of tickets left and I would encourage everyone in our congregation - that is all services, to buy at least one book of tickets and maybe sell to friends and relatives. After all, this is a Church project to raise money for church Funds. Many thanks to all those who have already bought and sold tickets, to date I have received over £100 and I know there is more to come - please help.

Shirley Lynch

St. Andrew's Church Fete Saturday 16 July at 2.0pm on the Vicarage Lawn

Our Annual Fete is getting closer, this is our major Fund Raising event of the year and we need to make it a Big success. Our Fund Raising Committee has planned a number of Stalls, Activities and Entertainments and if anyone can offer to help please contact Shirley Lynch on 553392. We particularly need offers of cakes for the teas and to sell on the Cake Stall also jam, marmalade and other homemade goodies. The plant stall is open to offers of plants, likewise the Wine & Water Stall would like bottles of wine plus empty screw top wine bottles for the water. Prizes for the Raffle and Tombola are also needed. For further information please contact me, Shirley Lynch, on 01386 553392.

Shirley Lynch

Evesham Music Festival 2011

The Evesham Festival of Music 2011 begins on Saturday 25 June and runs until Saturday 2 July, when the closing event will be a Gala Night Concert which includes the 'Last Night of the Proms' with flags, banners and lots of singing.

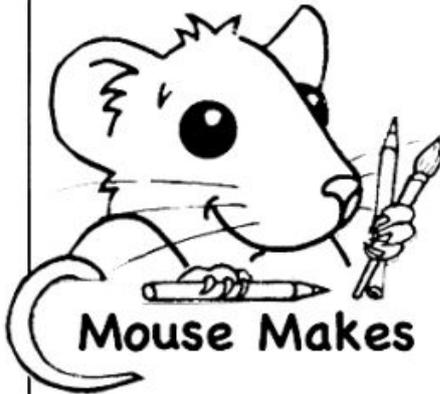
Tickets for all events are available from The Almonry Museum, Evesham on 446944 or from Carrick Travel, Port Street, Evesham 41474 or from the stall in the Market Square each Saturday morning until 25 June 2011.

Free copies of the Souvenir Programme are available on the font in Church.

Frances Smith

Chairman of Evesham Festival of Music





Jesus said: -
 "The **Helper**,
 the **Holy Spirit**,
 whom the Father will
 send in my name, will
teach you everything
 and make you
remember all that
 I have told you:."
John 14:26

Jesus said:
 "I will ask the Father,
 and he will give you
 another **Helper**, who
 will stay with you
 forever. He is the
Spirit who reveals
 the **truth** about God."
John 14:16,17

Jesus said:
 "...how much
 more shall your
 Heavenly
 Father give the
 Holy Spirit to
 them that ask
 him?"
Luke 11:13"

Read the story of
 Pentecost in Acts 2

The Fruit of the Spirit

"The Spirit produces

LOVE
 JOY
 PEACE
 PATIENCE
 KINDNESS
 GOODNESS
 FAITHFULNESS
 HUMILITY
 and SELF CONTROL"
Galatians 5:22

"Let the Spirit direct your lives"
Galatians 5:16

"...the spirit also
 comes to help us,
 weak as we are.
 For we do not
 know how we
 ought to pray; the
 Spirit himself
 pleads with God
 for us"
Romans 8:26"

Cut out , keep and learn these
 Holy Spirit Bible verse cards.

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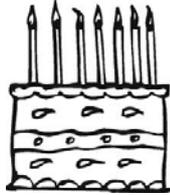
PENTECOST

12 June

Of the three main festivals in the Christian year, Pentecost or Whitsun is the least celebrated today.

Christmas celebrates the birth of a baby in a stable. Easter celebrates that baby grown to a man, our Risen Lord. And Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the beginning of the Christian Church.

Pentecost is the birthday of all Christian Churches. It was the start of all those ripples that spread wider and wider to cover the whole world. From the 11 disciples and Matthias (who replaced Judas Iscariot) to us today.



But we don't send Whitsun cards or give sweets or presents to mark Pentecost, do we? Nowadays it isn't even a Bank Holiday. How do you think we should celebrate Pentecost?

PEN-THINGS

Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter. PENTA means 5 so a pentagon has five sides and the first five books of the Old Testament are called the Pentateuch.

There are quite a number of words that begin with the letters PEN, so can you say which PEN is... (answers at the bottom of the page)

1. A free kick in football?
2. A female swan?
3. Someone you write to?
4. An early kind of bicycle?
5. A sporting event?
6. A small coin?
7. A flag?
8. A black and white bird that can't fly?

Why did the man take a pencil to bed?

To draw the curtains.

What did the pencil say to the rubber?

Take me to your ruler.

Answers: 1. penalty 2. pen 3. pen friend
4. penny farthing 5. pentathlon 6. penny 7. pennant 8. penguin

HINT OF THE MONTH

Raspberry Bakewell Tart

140g Butter – softened plus extra for greasing

140g Ground almonds

140g Golden caster sugar

140g Self raising flour

2 Eggs

1tsp Vanilla essence

250g Raspberries

2tbs Flaked almonds

Icing sugar for dusting

Heat the oven to 180 /Gas mark 4, base line and grease a deep 20cm round, loose bottomed cake tin.

Blitz the butter, sugar, almonds, flour, eggs and vanilla essence in a food processor until well combined.

Spread half of this mixture in the cake tin and smooth the top. Scatter the raspberries over this, then pour on the remaining cake mix and spread it over the fruit. You may find it easier to do this with your fingers. Scatter with the flaked almonds and bake for 50 minutes until golden. Cool, then remove the cake from the tin, dust with icing sugar and serve.

Phillippa Henly

Easter Lilies

The 'Thank You' is late this year as Easter fell on the last Sunday of April, the date when the May Magazine was published. We, the Altar Guild, who are responsible for our flowers could hardly express our appreciation before the event. So now, four weeks after our Church was so beautifully enhanced by the Lilies for which so many people contributed, we are saying Thank You to All who donated for these flowers.

Gabrielle Falkiner

Notes from Hinton

On 18 April, family and friends gathered at Cheltenham Crematorium, to say farewell to Betty Bright who sadly passed away at the grand old age of 96. Although Betty was not actually born in Hinton she spent most of her life here after marrying Ken. She was a church cleaner, a member of the Mothers' Union, she took part in country dancing at the Rectory and with the late Edie Kinnesley ran the village shop. Yes, we did have a shop once! Her connection with our family was quite close as she came to help Julie in the house on Mondays after Julie was invited to help out at a local playgroup. Sunday evenings meant a good tidy up to lessen the work load for Betty, who became known to our children as 'Mrs Brightly Shining' and if you had ever had the pleasure of knowing her you'd realise what a good description that was.

Members of the former Hinton Community Group, led now by Mandy French, organised a 'Picnic in the Park' afternoon to celebrate the Royal Wedding. In anticipation of inclement weather we erected tents, gazeboes and a marquee, which was first used at the slightly less Royal Wedding of Revd Mark and Charlie, and kindly lent by them! Over 100 people met on the playing field, where the children played various games and the elders sat and chatted aided by the odd glass or Three!! One of the more interesting features was a display of photographs of the village and villagers past and present, where unfortunately, I had to explain, that a photograph of my father taken in 1937 was not of me!

It has been quite interesting to notice the splendid groups of cowslips on our roadside verges. Several years ago some travellers with horse drawn vehicles set up by the A46. The horses grazed the verges for quite a long time. In the following spring masses of Cowslips appeared and now flower every year. The same thing happened last year on the side of the Elmley Road in Hinton. Again, this spring the Cowslips have appeared in masses here as well. Why?

Bill Newman

News from Sedgeberrow

Our Coffee Mornings are getting more popular judging by the number of people attending our last one. Please join us at our next Coffee Morning on 23 June 10am to Noon. On this occasion we have been invited to hold it at the Old Rectory.

We said Goodbye to Ron Hardman on 21 April, Ron had been a member of our P.C.C. for many years and our thoughts and prayers go to Ella and her family.

On Sunday 8 May within the Family Service we had the Baptism of my great niece Emily Grace Waters.

St. Mary's Church Fete & Craft Exhibition

Saturday 9 July 2011 at the Village Hall, Sedgeberrow

This year our Fete will also include a craft exhibition. If you Make or Create and would like to exhibit in the Hall, please contact Doreen Hayes on 01386 881965.

We need volunteers to help man the stalls to make this Fete a great success, if you can help in any way please contact Doreen Hayes on 01386 881965. Thank you.

Dates for our Coffee Mornings: 23 June at the Old Rectory, 9 July Church Fete, 28 July, 25 August, 22 September, 27 October, 24 November all at 10am to Noon.

Everyone is welcome for Coffee, Cake and a chat.
.Ann Banks

From St Andrew's Treasurer

Our Lent project this year was to support St. Richard's Hospice. Thank you to everyone who took one of the boxes and more importantly returned it with their 'loose change' donations.

The total given was £216.04, which includes several boxes which have been Gift Aided so St. Richard's will be able to claim an extra 20% on these.

Thank You very much for your generous donations to this charity which is so important to so many people locally.

____ Catherine Latimer

The second Tuesday of May saw our Annual Outing when members assembled to be transported by Gloria II on their expedition to Highnam, near Gloucester. First it was to lunch at the Highnam Carvery which was extremely good, then, a guided tour of the magnificent pre-Reformation style Church dedicated to The Holy Innocents which was built for Thomas Gambier Parry, father of the composer Sir Hubert Parry. This Church is high Victorian Gothic and covered with wall paintings. The windows are all of stained glass telling various stories of the Old and New Testaments, some from designs by the architect Pugin. The organ, built by Nicholson, has been fully restored.

Highnam Church is open on the First Sunday of each month from April to September. After a well earned cup of tea at the Church we visited the excellent Farm Shop near by. Several members returned home with bulging bags of delicious goodies.

Our normal meetings will resume next month, 14 June 2.00pm at the Vicarage.

Mother's Union Coffee Morning
Saturday 4 June
10.30am – Noon
At
The Vicarage

Please support our Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale which will raise funds to support our Mothers' Union friends in Uganda.

Ida Roberts.

St. Andrew's Mums & Tots

We from the Mothers' Union are preparing to welcome anyone to come with their pre-school children and join our mother & toddler group. There will be time to chat along with story-time, play-time and refreshments. The Community Hall is available to us on a Friday. We are hoping to start with the new school year in September so if you have children please watch out for further details or contact me, Rhoda Arora on 07932652646.

Rhoda Arora

Great and Little Hampton
Educational Charity: Annual Report
April 2011

The Trustees are very pleased to report that they appear to have steered the charity quite successfully through the recent rocky waters of the world financial turmoil. Not only were we able to resume our usual grant support to the young people of Hampton during the financial year just ended but we also managed to build up the value of the holding in the COIF Charities' Investment Fund.

The market value of the fund as at 31 March 2011 stands at £55,959.38 compared to £51,123.91 in June 2010. An annual income is forecast of £2,451 so we would appear to be back on an even keel.

Last year we received a dividend income of £2,403 and distributed £1,520 amongst the 20 applications. We bought shares to the value of £1,000 in December as part of our policy to safeguard the value of the fund for future generations of Hampton young people. There were running costs of £239 to cover the Clerk's honorarium & administrative expenses.

So we're back in business and expect to carry out our usual distribution in the autumn of this year.

GREAT AND LITTLE HAMPTON
EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

(Registered Charity No: 702528)

FURTHER/HIGHER
EDUCATION/TRAINING AWARDS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012

Applications are invited for grants, available at the discretion of the Trustees for students under the age of 25 on 1 September 2011 who reside in the area of the Parish of Great & Little Hampton.

Application forms are available by post (an SAE must be provided) from:

The Clerk to the Trustees
Great and Little Hampton
Educational Charity
50 Sycamore Avenue
Evesham WR11 1YE

Closing date 28 October 2011

Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances

The President, Joyce Davey, welcomed 26 members to the meeting on 12 May. Joyce gave a brief report on the recent Annual Council Meeting, where the speakers were Dr Stephen Thrush from Worcester Breast Care and Steve Leonard from the BBC programme 'Vets in Practice', who gave interesting and entertaining talks. There was also an exhibition of members' craft work to admire.

The two Resolutions for the NFWI AGM were discussed and voted on. These urge the Government, firstly, to maintain support for local libraries as an important educational and information resource, and secondly to ensure that planning permission is not guaranteed for projects for the factory farming of large animals, such as pigs and cows. The first Resolution was carried unanimously; the vote for the second was 25 in favour and one abstention.

Recently, several members had accompanied Badsey WI on a very enjoyable visit to the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, where they were shown around by one of the Chelsea Pensioners. On 28 June there will be a Federation day at Croome Court, when there will be plenty to entertain us, including displays, competitions and guided tours, as well as two fashion shows, and an invitation had been received from the Littletons WI to join their outing to Waterperry Gardens for the Art in Action Festival on 21 July.

At our next meeting on 9 June John Turrell will talk about **Children's Traditional Games** and the competition will be for a hand-knitted toy. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome at our meetings.

Christine Robertson

Hampton Friendship Club Diary

6 April – April began with our usual games of Bingo followed by a pre-Easter Service conducted by Revd Mark Binney.

13 April – Today we had a visit from Paul Stanford of the Salvation Army. Paul has been to our Club a few times before, and is always welcome, as are his slides, music and songs to sing along with. This time he demonstrated how technology is changing the old ways, reaching wider and younger audiences.

20 April – A beautiful sunny day saw a group of members travel to Eckington for a lunch to celebrate the 37th Anniversary of the founding of the Hampton Friendship Club, and afterwards spend an hour or so browsing at the Twyford Country Park, enjoying the warm sunshine.

27 April – Sue Johnson of Pershore came along today to give a talk entitled "The Writer's Notebook". Sue, an author, gave an insight into how and from where she gains inspiration and ideas for her books. A most interesting afternoon.

June Programme

1 June – Social and Service

8 June – T.B.A.

15 June – Outing to Stratford-upon-Avon

23 June – T.B.A.

29 June – Talk – Red Cross Support at Home

Hilda Lawson





"A school which makes you long for childhood"

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the wonderful weather. At the end of last term we held a 'Healthy Living' week where the children learned about eating a balanced diet and took part in alternative forms of exercise which they may not have experienced before. One of these was cheerleading when each class had the opportunity to learn routines with the pom poms. Another involved the children in developing their own sports to teach to the rest of the class. Great fun was had by all and a lot of learning went on.



The term ended with a wonderful whole school party to celebrate the wedding of Miss Spice and Mr Holdstock which took place during the holidays. Year 2 and Year 3 sang songs and made speeches and presented the happy couple with gifts before partaking of a wedding lunch at the top table which had been beautifully decorated.

This term began with 'Royal Week' and a street party in the school playground to celebrate the other important wedding this year. Playgroup joined us for the event and a happy day was had by all. Year 2 spent the day at Sandfield farm where they were able to complete some fantastic outdoor activities. Here they are with the scarecrow. They spent time in the woods making shelters, having been armed only with string, and managed to create some wonderful structures all with roofs and some with benches as well!



*Michèle Humphreys
Headteacher*



St. Andrew's C.E. First School

Following the long Easter break and a series of short weeks we have finally started the Summer Term! We had a super celebratory Street Party outdoor lunch before the Royal Wedding weekend. Children dressed in red, white and blue and enjoyed the excitement of this unique national event.

Our new challenges in Big Maths are a big hit with pupils. Each week they give themselves a timed maths challenge to practise skills in the four operations and a levelled challenge later in the week. The aim is to improve their score each week and children are doing their best to achieve this.

Each year our school parent association (SASSA) encourages parents and local residents to support its local school by giving up some time and effort to assist with routine maintenance, tidying and gardening in the school grounds. Beautification Day is a super way of helping our school to provide a pleasant environment for local children.



If you would like to help out this year then please come along to the school anytime between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 25th June – we would really appreciate the extra help!

SASSA Summer Fete 2011 takes place on Friday 15th July from 6pm. We welcome ALL local residents and members of our Parish Community. If you want to enjoy a summer evening having good fun and eating well in delightful company and exquisite surroundings then feel free to come along.

If you are a local business wanting to promote/ sell at the event then please contact our school office.

All of our events are incredibly well supported by the local community. It is the consistently overwhelming support from parents and parish residents that makes our school so successful. Thank you!

*David Coaché
Headteacher*

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



From the Parish Registers

Baptism at Hampton



1 May 2011	Tabullah Maggie Griffiths
8 May 2011	Phoebe Elizabeth Hull
15 May 2011	Evie Grace Frances Hughes
15 May 2011	Mia Isabella Beasley
22 May 2011	Frazer Robert Allen



Funerals at Hampton

13 May	Keith James Jennings
17 May	Margaret Wilina Day

		June Readings
5 June 2011	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1.6-14 or Ezekiel 36.24-28 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 John 17.1-11
12 June 2011	Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39
19 June 2011	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40.12-27, 27-31 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Matthew 28.16-20
26 June 2011	First Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42





1	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
2	Thursday		Ascension Day
		7am	Holy Communion (Hampton) followed by Breakfast in Vicarage
4	Saturday	2pm	Wedding – Thomas Anthony Grinnell / Nicola Clare Tustin
5	Sunday		Seventh Sunday of Easter
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
		11am	Family Service - Coffee after (Hampton)
		2pm	Baptisms Leigh Andrew Brian Bailey Emma Louise Burgess
		6pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing (Hampton)
8	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion Mother's Union Service (Hampton)
9	Thursday	7pm	Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
11	Saturday	2.30pm	Reader Licensing – Elaine Major (Worcester Cathedral)
12	Sunday		Pentecost
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		10am	Asum Confirmation Service (All Saints' Evesham)
		6pm	Evensong (Hinton on the Green)
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14	Tuesday	2pm	Mother's Union (Hampton Vicarage)
15	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion - (Hampton)
		7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting (Hampton)
16	Thursday	7pm	Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
16	Saturday	10am	Hampton Church Open Morning
19	Sunday		Trinity Sunday
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9am	Holy Communion (Sedgeberrow)
		11am	Welcome Service - Coffee after (Hampton)
		6pm	Evensong (Hinton on the Green)
22	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
23	Thursday	7pm	Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)
26	Sunday		Fifth Sunday after Trinity
		8am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
		9.30am	Sung Eucharist (Hampton)
		11am	Family Service (Sedgeberrow)
		2pm	Baptism – Lily Grace Thomas
29	Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion (Hampton)
30	Thursday	7pm	Youth Group (Hampton Parish Room)