



Sedgeberrow



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THE HERALD



Drummers from St Andrew's School

St Andrew's Summer Fête

Didn't we do well? Despite the heavy rain during the morning the sun arrived by lunchtime and we had a very enjoyable and profitable Fête. The result of all this work was a very generous total of £1386. In addition £492 was raised in the raffle for the Patchwork Quilt. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

We hope to do even better next year. Put the date in your diary: Saturday 14th July 2012 at 2pm. See you then!

Back to Church Sunday

25 September 2011-11am
St Andrew's Church

Sunday 25th September is Back to Church Sunday. Churches all around the country will be taking part. Last year 3,500 churches took part and over 50,000 people came back to church. Most people have been to church at some time in their lives – perhaps for a wedding or baptism.

At St Andrew's we will be welcoming those who don't usually come to church – whole families might come together – or you can come along with your friends. We are planning a special 'welcome back' service. You will receive a warm welcome and can join us for a cuppa after the service.



Prayers

Welcome to our new Prayer Sheet, included in the Herald for the first time. You will notice that there are fewer topics than we had for a month in the past, but the suggestions are more detailed and will fit nicely with the Diocesan Prayer Diary which is available in church. Your comments, approving or not, are welcome as are your own suggestions for what should be included.

I will pray for you unto the Lord.

Heavenly Father, you promised through your Son, Jesus Christ, to hear us when we pray in faith. We ask you to strengthen **Christian people throughout the world** as they learn to live out their lives according to your will. Within the church we pray for those whose task it is to teach the faith, clergy and lay people, to open our minds to your will. Sunday September 25th is **Back to Church Sunday**. Father, bless the people who are coming to church after a long absence or perhaps for the first time. May the experience for everyone be friendly and welcoming - an occasion to remember.

The **Youth Group** is an important aspect of our outreach as a benefice; Father be with everyone who contributes to it in any way so that it may continue to grow in friendship as it brings more young people into your church. Lord God, we ask you to bless with your loving care **St Andrew's Tots**, a social gathering for mothers and young children. May it grow into a thriving social gathering where people can make new friends and continue old friendships.

As a **new school year** begins we pray for the children and young people some of whom will be attending their schools, colleges and universities for the first time. We pray for the teachers, lecturers and support staff who will be working to make education enjoyable and beneficial.

We pray for **the sick and those who care for them**. Pamela Collins, Ann Fletcher, Monica Garston, Lilian Haughtey, Sue Jones, Harriet Leach, Clifford Lewis, Iris Pinkstone, Rosie Rencher, Alan Roberts, Celia Sheward, Joan Simpson, Pat Smith, Margaret Thomas, Doug Thompson, Clive Thomson, Barbara Williams together with others known to us personally; grant them courage, patience, comfort and hope at their time of trial. Father we remember before you all those who have passed into everlasting life; may they share the blessing of your peace.

Hear us as we bring before you the **people of the East Africa** at this time of drought, famine and oppression. Open the hearts and minds of people throughout the world who enjoy your bounty to bring relief to those who can see no hope. Strengthen and protect them especially those who are present among the suffering.

Father, look kindly on our own **families, friends and neighbours** and help us to live happily together, in the warmth of your love.

We give you thanks for the **ambulance, fire and rescue services** in their selfless work for us. Be with them in their times of danger, and be with us in our support for them.

At the end of your prayers listen for the voice of God speaking to you.

Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth.

From: Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

Who does the shopping in your house? If you are a shopper you will no doubt have experienced the increasing number of people at the supermarket door trying to get you to switch energy accounts or give to charity. You will also find them in the high street. It is difficult to ignore them because unless you look as though you have not got a penny to your name, they home in on you. Perhaps the more shopping you have, the greater the incentive to target you. If this did not work then they would not be there.



This kind of hard sell is effective because of the number of people who shop in person. If we all used home delivery then they would have to think of another strategy. It won't surprise you that they have begun using the internet. There is a lot of advertising on the web page and included in all the video links. It is no different than negotiating your way in and out of the supermarket.

So if this is an effective way of reaching people, what can the Church learn from this? Perhaps it is a case of engaging with people where they are rather than where they are not. Most people are not in Church on a Sunday. They are to be found doing a variety of things which includes shopping. It is easy to lament the way that Sunday has changed but that will not help us to be effective in reaching out to people in the name of Jesus Christ. He got out there in the market place of life and preached the Good News. Many came to faith because he came to them. They needed what he had to offer and responded by following the Christian way.

We have a product that is vital to people. So much effort goes into feeding the body but what about feeding the soul? The spiritual supermarket is the Church which shares the bread and wine of eternal life and reminds us that what truly matters is our relationship with God. At harvest time we give thanks for our food as well as the harvest of our lives. It is an important message that needs to be shared with the community. How are we going to do it?

One thing is certain, people are not going to come to faith without some encouragement. We often hope that the Church will grow in numbers without having any strategy to achieve it. Many look to the Vicar to increase the congregation. But it has to be remembered that Jesus did not grow the Church on his own but chose twelve disciples to be his sales team. No wonder then that we see little growth. We have forgotten the sales department!

The sales team at St. Andrew's is the congregation. Everybody is called to be involved. One step that has been taken is to carry out a Church community survey to ask people for their opinion about Evesham, the Church and the needs of the area. It is in the form of a conversation which should take place where you are most likely to find people. Perhaps it might be outside a shop or in your home. You need to be as bold as the sellers in the supermarket.

This also applies to Back to Church Sunday which is at St Andrew's Church on September 25th at 11am. Invitations will be given to invite a guest to the Service. Can you persuade someone to attend Church on that Sunday? No training is needed. All you have to ask is; *"Would you like to come to Church with me on Sunday 25th September at 11am?"*

Editorial

Welcome to the new look **Herald**.

Many thanks to Gabrielle Falkiner for editing the Herald over recent years.

For the last few months we have been looking at ways to use the Herald to support the development of the church in all three parishes in the Benefice.

The changes are:

- The format is now a smaller A5 booklet. (Larger print version will be available, to order only, at the same price: please speak to your distributor or to Mark or one of the churchwardens to place your regular order.)
- We are including a long term calendar as a regular feature: feedback has been that readers want to be able to put dates in their diaries in good time and to plan ahead.
- The magazine will include some new features: an Introduction to the Books of the Bible (starting with the New Testament); a new local Prayer Guide to assist our prayers; news of future events and contact information for clubs and organisations, etc.
- The production schedule is changing too: contributions should be received by the first Sunday of the month prior to publication; the Herald will still be ready for collection by distributors on the last Sunday of the month.

(Contributions for the October Edition should be received by 4 September and for the November Edition by 2 October.)

- The email address for contributions is editor@hamptonchurch.org.uk

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St Andrew's Tots

Starting on Friday 9th September **St Andrew's Tots** will welcome pre-school children and their carers to drop into the Hampton Community Hall for a couple of hours each Friday in term time. It will be an opportunity to have a cup of tea or coffee, socialise and learn about our Christian faith in an informal way.

On the first and third Fridays the group meets in the afternoon from 1.15pm until 2.45pm and on the second and fourth Fridays it meets in the mornings from 9.00am until 10.30am. For more information please contact Rhoda on 07932 652 646 or drop in to the Community Hall after 9am on the 9th.

Messy Church!

In September we are starting this new approach for people of all ages to have fun, be creative and worship together.

What is **Messy Church**?



- A church for adults and children to enjoy together. It's primarily for people who don't belong to another form of church already.
- It's all-age – for young and not so young.
- It's fun.
- It usually includes some creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy and a celebration time which might involve story, prayer, song, games and of course some hospitality.
- It meets at a time most convenient for people locally.

Our **Messy Church** will meet on the second Saturday of each month at St Richards Hall in Battleton Road, Fairfield. The first **Messy Church** will be on Saturday 10th September starting at 3pm. We hope you'll drop by to join in the fun.

For more information please contact Elaine on 01386 40722.

News from Sedgeberrow

The Annual Fête, which took place on 13 July, raised £660 for Church Funds and the July Coffee Morning raised £145, again for Church Funds. Thanks go to all those who helped or gave to these events.

The monthly Bingo sessions start again on Saturday 10th in the Village Hall at 8pm; the October Bingo is on Saturday 15th. Our regular Coffee Mornings continue from 10am until noon on Thursday 22 September in Church.

Tickets for our Harvest Supper to be held on Friday 7 October in the Village Hall will be available middle of September.

Plans are underway for a Christmas Tree Festival again this year; more details to come later.

St Andrew's Development

Community Survey

In order to give us more information to inform our planning we are undertaking a community survey. This is an opportunity for us all to speak to a few others who are not presently active members of the church. Briefing packs are available in church and completed questionnaires should be returned by the end of the month. If each member speaks to just five others we will have built up a very comprehensive picture of the community.

We feel that the long term future of the church depends on engaging with families and this month two new activities are starting: St Andrew's Tots and Messy Church. Details of these are on page 5.

Natural Church Development Survey

In order to assess our progress over the last year we are carrying out our second NCD Survey this month. We undertook our first survey in September 2010 and we will be inviting at least thirty members of the congregation to complete a survey this month. The results will be collated and analysed by the NCD team and the report will highlight what progress we have made and help us to identify where we should focus our efforts in the coming year.



St Andrew's Harvest Supper

Saturday 8th October 2011

Our Harvest Supper will be held in Hampton Community Hall at 7.30 pm.

Tickets will be priced at £6 per person and include a glass of wine.

We plan to have our usual hearty hotpot meal followed by dessert. There will be a list in church for offers of food and help on the night.

A Traidcraft stall will be available for the purchase of fairly-traded goods such as tea, coffee, chocolate and biscuits.

Entertainment will be provided for your enjoyment - we are open to any offers from talented members!

Our church minibus Gloria 2 will provide transport for those who need it. There will also be a list in Church for this or you can let Ray Edwards know by ringing her on 01386 443683.

We hope to see you there.

St Andrew's Mothers' Union

In July our regular monthly meeting was replaced by the annual Strawberry Tea. Our thanks go to John Cotton for the strawberries and to the Vicar and Charlie for the use of the marquee and vicarage garden.

On Tuesday September 13 at 2pm in the Vicarage our meetings will be resumed after the summer break. The Mothers' Union supports marriage and family life and we look forward to a talk about how families manage when parents are absent for whatever reason.

Our meetings are at 2pm on the second Tuesday of the month; the October meeting is on 11th and we will be thinking about our own families as we hear from the Fire Service about Safety in the Home.

Membership of Mothers' Union is open to all men and women who have been baptized; at present we have three men in our Branch. If you would like to find out more please contact Ida Roberts on 01386 421632.

Hampton Friendship Club

The Friendship Club meets each Wednesday at 2pm in Hampton Working Men's Club in Workman Road. The varied programme includes guest speakers, excursions and also bingo and social meetings. The key aim is of course a place to meet and enjoy friendships.

Hampton WI - July 2011



Joyce Davey commenced the meeting by giving a brief report on the AGM which she attended in Liverpool in June. A Tea and Scones afternoon has been arranged at her house on 14 September and a friendly skittles match is planned for the autumn.

John Clews from the RSPB was the guest speaker. John spoke about the history and current work of the organisation and showed slides of birds and also some of the 209 RSPB reserves throughout the country. Nine out of ten RSPB workers are volunteers, who help in all aspects of the organisation, including organising activities for children to encourage an interest in birds and nature in general, and hopefully to ensure their commitment to future conservation. John asked members who have cats to keep them indoors at night if possible, and to ensure their pets wore a bell to warn birds they are around, as research showed that cats kill 55 million birds a year. Visit www.rspb.org.uk for more information.

The next meeting on 8 September will be our Harvest Supper to be held in our usual meeting place, Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall. The meeting on 13th October will be our AGM.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome. Please contact Joyce Davey on 01386 443755 for more information.

What's the Big Idea

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Matthew

This is the first of a series which will give an overview of the books of the New Testament.

We begin with Matthew, the first of the gospels, which opens the New Testament. Traditionally this gospel was ascribed to Matthew the apostle, however today it is generally believed that the author used oral tradition, written fragments, eye-witness accounts, as well as common material in the other synoptic gospels (Mark and Luke). This has led many to believe that Matthew was written in the AD 70's.

Matthew, originally writing for the Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He makes sure that as we read his account of the birth, life death and resurrection of Jesus, we see the connections with everything that has gone before. 'Fulfilled' is one of Matthew's characteristic words, as he makes the connections with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author. This is reflected in the opening genealogy in which he traces Jesus as a descendant of Abraham; in his use of the terms kingdom of heaven and Father in heaven, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use the name of God; and in the way he emphasises Jesus' role as Son of David. The gospel may also have been originally addressed to teachers, remembering that at the time many people couldn't read. The whole gospel is woven around five blocks of teaching (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25). This fivefold division may reflect a deliberate allusion to the structure of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in him. At the end of his gospel he records Jesus' commission to his disciples to share this good news, promising to be with them:

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (28: 18-20)

St Matthew's Day – 21st September

Matthew, sometimes called Levi, was a tax collector for the Romans when he first met Jesus. The job of tax collector was probably one of the most hated ones that a Jew could have. Most tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts. They charged more tax than was set and lived off the difference. Their fellow Jews rejected them because they mixed with non-Jewish people.

But Jesus picked Matthew as his disciple. 'Jesus saw Matthew at the tax office; and he said to him "Follow me". And he rose and followed him.' (Matthew chapter 9, verse 9) Traditionally, the first Gospel is called St Matthew's Gospel but we don't know if he wrote it. What we do know is that Matthew, in lots of people's eyes the most unsuitable disciple, followed Jesus till the end of his days.

Events Update – September 2011

Events take place in church unless indicated. Unconfirmed and provisional in *italics*.

St Andrew's Tots (First Session)	Fri	9 Sept 9-10.30am	Scout & Guide Community Hall
Open Day & Church Cycle Ride	Sat	10 Sept 10am-5pm	Hampton
Wedding	Sat	10 Sept 1pm	Hampton
Wedding	Sat	10 Sept 3pm	Hampton
Messy Church (First Meeting)	Sat	10 Sept 3pm	St Richard's Fairfield
Bingo	Sat	10 Sept 8pm	Sedgeberrow Village Hall
Mothers' Union	Tues	13 Sept 2pm	Vicarage
St Andrew's Tots	Fri	16 Sept 1.15-2.45	Scout & Guide Community Hall
PCC Meeting	Wed	21 Sept 7.30pm	Hampton Parish Room
Coffee Morning	Thurs	22 Sept 10-12	Sedgeberrow Church
St Andrew's Tots	Fri	23 Sept 9-10.30	Scout & Guide Community Hall
Back to Church Sunday	Sun	25 Sep 11am	Hampton
Harvest Festival	Sun	25 Sept 11am	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Fri	30 Sept	Scout & Guide Community Hall
Harvest Festival	Sun	2 Oct 11am	Hampton
Harvest Supper	Fri	7 Oct 7.30pm	Sedgeberrow Village Hall
Open Morning	Sat	8 Oct 10-12	Hampton
Harvest Supper	Sat	8 Oct 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Community Hall
Harvest / Farm Thanksgiving	Sun	9 Oct 6pm	Hinton
Mothers' Union	Tues	11 Oct 2pm	Vicarage
Bingo	Sat	15 Oct 8pm	Sedgeberrow Village Hall
Bible Sunday	Sun	23 Oct	
Mothers' Union	Tues	8 Nov 2pm	Vicarage
Open Morning	Sat	12 Nov 10-12	Hampton
Remembrance Service	Sun	13 Nov 9.45am	Hampton
Remembrance Service	Sun	13 Nov 10.50am	Sedgeberrow
RBL Service	Sun	13 Nov 3pm	Hinton
PCC Meeting	Wed	16 Nov 7.30pm	Hampton Parish Room
Quiz Night with Fish 'n Chips	Sat	19 Nov	St Richard's Fairfield
St Andrew's Day Service	Wed	30 Nov 7.30pm	Hampton
School Christmas Fair	Fri	9 Dec 6pm	St Andrew's School
Open Morning	Sat	10 Dec 10-12	Hampton
Mothers' Union	Tues	13 Dec 2pm	Vicarage
Christingle Service	Sun	18 Dec 11am	Hampton
<i>Carol Services</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>18 Dec</i>	
<i>Crib Services</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>24 Dec</i>	

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Open Morning	Sat	14 Jan 10-12	Hampton
PCC Meeting	Wed	18 Jan 7.30pm	Hampton Parish Room
PCC Meeting	Wed	21 Mar 7.30pm	Hampton Parish Room
Annual Church Meeting	Sun	22 Apr 10am	Hampton
<i>Benefice Party</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>1 July</i>	<i>Vicarage Garden</i>
St Andrew's School Fête	Fri	6 July 6pm	St Andrew's School
St Andrew's Summer Fête	Sat	14 July 2pm	Vicarage Lawn

Regular Events

Tuesdays

2pm Mothers' Union Meeting 2nd Tuesday Hampton Vicarage

Thursdays

7pm Benefice Youth Group Weekly in term time Hampton Parish Room

Fridays

1.15-2.45pm St Andrew's Tots 1st and 3rd Friday Scout & Guide Community Hall

9-10.30am St Andrew's Tots 2nd and 4th Friday Scout & Guide Community Hall

Saturdays

10-12 Church Open Morning 2nd Saturday Hampton Church

3-4.30pm Messy Church 2nd Saturday St Richard's, Fairfield



Crocus for Remembrance

Crocuses are one of the first signs of warmer days and the burgeoning of spring.

Would you like to contribute, say £1, for five crocus bulbs which will be planted in memory of whom ever you nominate?

For the last two autumns crocuses have been planted on each side of the path from the lych gate to the door of St. Andrew's Church and they have brightened our approach in the early days of spring.

Please talk to either Phillippa Henly tel. 421224 or Gabrielle Falkiner tel. 41302 who will be buying the bulbs and arranging the planting - perhaps some people would like to help with this; it is done during October.

Website

The website (<http://hamptonchurch.org.uk>) has been live for some time now and we are regularly updating it. It is a portal for information of interest across the benefice and beyond. For example it includes a Daily Prayer service for both morning and evening; a page giving details of the readings and hymns for the main Sunday service; there is a form to complete to provide the essential details for a baptism in one of the churches; and a link to the Church of England's Wedding site (<http://www.yourchurchwedding.org>) which assists couples in planning their church wedding, including help with choosing hymns and readings. The site also includes downloads of the weekly Pewsheets and the Herald and much more.

If you have a Smartphone (an iPhone for example) you can get an app to read QR Codes such as this one which takes you to our website without having to type in the address.



Bible Readings – September 2011

Sunday 4 th Trinity 11	Ezekiel 33.7-11 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20	 <p>“When he said to pay attention to his sermon because there would be questions afterwards, I thought it was a joke.”</p>
Sunday 11 th Trinity 12	Genesis 50.15-21 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35	
Sunday 18 th Trinity 13	Jonah 3.10 – 4.11 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16	
Sunday 25 th Trinity 14	Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32	

From the Registers - July

Baptisms



3	Freya Elizabeth Mathers	Hampton
10	Liberty Ward	Sedgeberrow
10	Sean Junior Smith	Hinton
24	Kyler Corr	Hampton
31	William George Ormsby	Hampton

Weddings



2	David Pridmore and Helen Jane Benwell	Hampton
16	Wayne John Neal and Jodie Ann Smout	Hampton

Funerals



29 (June)	Irene May Webb	Hampton
5	(baby) Leo James Rimmer	Hampton
21	Jean Griffiths	Sedgeberrow
22	Rosie Woods	Hampton

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Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request only.

Services for September 2011

1st	Sunday 4	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Trinity 11	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Family Service with Baptism	Hampton
		2pm	Baptisms	Hampton
		6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	Hampton
		Wednesday 7	10am	Holy Communion
	Saturday 10	1pm	Wedding	Hampton
		3pm	Messy Church	Fairfield
2nd	Sunday 11	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Trinity 12	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
		6pm	Evensong	Hinton
	Wednesday 14	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
3rd	Sunday 18	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Trinity 13	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Welcome Service	Hampton
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
		6pm	Evensong	Hinton
		Wednesday 21	10am	Holy Communion
4th	Sunday 25	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Trinity 14	11am	Welcome 'Back to Church'	Hampton
		11am	Harvest Festival	Sedgeberrow
		Wednesday 28	10am	Holy Communion

Services for October 2011

1st	Sunday 2	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Trinity 15	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Harvest Festival	Hampton
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
		6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	Hampton
		Wednesday 5	10am	Holy Communion
	Saturday 8	3pm	Messy Church	Fairfield
2nd	Sunday 9	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Trinity 16	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
		6pm	Harvest Evensong and Farm Thanksgiving	Hinton