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Hinton-on-the-Green

THE HERALD



“The One who stands out from the Crowd”

By Planetmaz and pupils from St Andrew’s School (see page 7 for more)



February 22nd

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with Communion Services at St Andrew’s at 10am and 7.30pm with the traditional Ashing.



Prayers ... for the Church of Christ

A light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of the people Israel

On **Thursday 2 February** we celebrate **Candlemas**, recalling how the young Jesus was taken to the Temple to dedicate him to God. Give thanks for the lives of all those who have given their lives to God's service and pray for the help of the Holy Spirit as we seek to live our lives in a way pleasing to God. **February 22** is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. Pray for yourself and all Christians as this season of self-examination and preparation for the great Feast of Easter opens. Ask God to guide us through these six weeks as we remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. Pray for the members of the **Baptist Church** in their worship and service to the Gospel. Ask that our leaders Mark, Leonard, Patrick, Bernard, John and Elaine may be supported by the Holy Spirit in their ministry to us and that we may value their mission. Pray too for the worship of the congregation at **St Peter's** and for the work of their PCC.

Lent Talks 2012

Once again, during Lent, All Saints Evesham have organised a series of Lent Talks on the theme: '**I Dream a World**'. The events take place on Mondays from 7:30pm until 9:00pm in the church.

The series starts on February 27 with Paula Gooder on '**Visions of Heaven in the New Testament**'; then on March 5 Pete Ward on '**Gods Behaving Badly, the promise and reality of celebrity culture**'; March 12 Debbie Herring considers '**Growing up in Cyberspace, the worlds which shape the next generation**'; March 19 Ann Pettifor on '**A new heaven and a new earth, working for a just society**' and the final talk on March 26 Giles Fraser on '**When worlds collide, the Church and the City**'.

St Andrew's PCC

Recent success at Hinton-on-the-Green shows that new members can be found to support the church.

At Hampton, Michael Hunter has completed his term as Churchwarden and Cath Latimer is stepping down as Treasurer. We are grateful to both of them for their dedication and commitment. We need to recruit their replacements and to fill the vacancies on the PCC.

The roles are rewarding and the Churchwardens and PCC members work closely together. If you, or anybody else in the parish, is interested in supporting the church you can find out more from Mark or any of the present Churchwardens or PCC members. Candidates need to be on the church electoral roll which will be revised next month. (Application forms are available in church.)

From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

There is a fourth century story about a young King who went to visit a saintly desert monk, who lived in the desert around Cairo after the age of persecution. The young king looked at the monk and said, "What a wonderful sacrifice you are making!" The monk replied, "Your sacrifice is much greater!" The shocked King asked "What do you mean?" The monk said "Because I have renounced the passing world, while you, young King, have renounced the eternal world."



This is the message of the Church each Lent. The choice is presented to everyone as to what is really important. The Church can only do what Jesus did – present the offer. The response to that offer is out of the control of the Church, just as it was beyond Jesus. It's an offer that can be refused and often is in the midst of such busy and rushed lives.

Lent is a time when we look at our priorities and make sure we are on the right track. It is not so much a negative time as a positive time when we check that we are not going astray. It can partly be summed up in Psalm 25.4 'Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths'.

It was in the wilderness that Satan tempted Jesus. Temptation is about choice and decision. To focus on God or follow our own selfish desires. Quite often it is when we do not make up our mind or commit our heart that we are defeated. For Jesus this was the time for decision and commitment. In the wilderness he would ask, 'Who am I? What am I called to do? How will I do it?'

We too are invited to ask the same questions during the coming weeks. To reflect upon your spiritual life and consider making improvements. Is there something you could do which would make a great difference?

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or left for the editor in St Andrew's Church.

Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

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Hinton-on-the-Green News

A lot has happened in the last month with much more planned in the future...

11 December 2011: Church Electoral Roll members were invited to attend the Hinton on the Green Church AGM. Two Churchwardens were duly elected; Lisa James and Amanda French. A Deanery Synod Representative was also elected; Rosemary Cross. A further seven people were elected onto the Parochial Church Council (PCC).



These members were as follows: Nick Frost, Liz Davies, Sheila Marshall, Clare Davies, Kayley Dore, Ben Sidney and Paul French.

18 December 2011: 15 Christingles were made & presented at the Christmas Carol Service by village children, who thoroughly enjoyed their learning and involvement.

21 December 2011: Hinton Community Group and other villagers raised approximately £60 from carol singing around the village. Thank you for your support. The children sang Away in a Manger beautifully.

24 December 2011: The Crib Service was well attended and included a procession of young children, carrying the crib characters. They enjoyed the service taken by John Lynch.

12 January 2012 : The first formal meeting of the new PCC was held and comprised 30 agenda items; congratulations to all who survived the 3 hour long meeting which was very productive and informative. A huge thank you was given to previous PCC members and all Hinton on the Green volunteers for their services to the church over the years.

The following were elected as officers of the PCC, in addition to the Church Wardens and the Revd Mark Binney, our Priest in Charge: Nick Frost – Chairman; Liz Davies – Secretary; Sheila Marshall – Treasurer and Clare Davies - Electoral Roll Officer

Dates for the future

11th February 2012 - Community Church Gardening Day: All are invited to join in with activities to target high priority tasks such as de-mossing the pathway to the church.

19th February 2012 - Community Footpath Walk: All are invited to join in our walk at 11am meeting at the Village Green (St.Peter's Close), to help pass on local knowledge of public footpaths in our parish. Walkers, children and dogs will be welcomed (both humans and animals alike must be under control!). If there is enough interest, this may become a regular village activity.

June 2012 - Jubilee Party: Hinton Community Group will be organising a Jubilee Party (date to be confirmed) on the village playing field, similar to the Royal Wedding party that was held last year. If you would like to be involved in the organisation of this event, please contact; Clare Davies, Amanda French or Liz Davies.

1st July 2012 - St Peter's Day Celebration: An event will be planned to celebrate St Peter's Day, our church's patron, and will be held in the afternoon of 1st July. If you would like to be involved in the organisation of this event, please contact; Rosemary Cross, Ben Sidney, Clare Davies or Amanda French.

2013: Leah Jarrett and Sam Perks from Hinton on the Green are riding across the desert in Jordan next year to raise money for the British Horse Society's Welfare Department. They have just started their fundraising campaign and welcome the community's support and sponsorship. Further details can be found at www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/samandleahgotojordan

Join Our Facebook Group - Hinton on the Green Appreciation Society.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=hp#!/groups/19047153252/>

News from Sedgeberrow

All of our services over Christmas were very well attended. The Crib service was lovely with about 40 children helping to create the Nativity. Candles in memory of loved ones were again a special feature in Church.

The Christmas tree festival was a great success. We opened the Church three mornings before Christmas. The mulled wine and mince pies were much appreciated on those cold days.

Thank you to all who decorated a tree. (Ann Banks has already started a list for next Christmas!)



Bingo sessions are on February 18th, March 17th, and April 14th at 8pm in the Village Hall. The next Coffee morning is on March 22nd in Church 10am to 12noon.

Ladies Pamper Evening

Once again St Andrew's are organising a pamper evening on Saturday 24 March in the Community Hall at Hampton. Full details will be in next month's Herald.

The organisers would be most grateful to receive any unwanted Christmas gifts or suitable items for a raffle or tombola. They are also looking for donations of unwanted GOOD condition second-hand clothes. Please contact Shirley Lynch.

Authorised Lay Ministry



Next autumn the Diocese is running more training on Authorised Lay

Ministry. It is not too early to start thinking about this, as applications need to be submitted in May. The training for ALM consists of a one-year course of common and specialist modules. It will start in October 2012 and finish in July 2013 completing with a service in the Cathedral in September 2013.

The Course consists of:

- An opening Saturday session, at the beginning of October 2012, on the theme of Mission
- Several sessions of 2 hours from October to December:- part 1 of the specialist module
- Three Saturday sessions for all course participants together in January, February and March:- how to support mission and ministry through Scripture, theology and spirituality - the building blocks of all Christian ministry
- Several more sessions of 2 hours from Easter to July:- part 2 of the specialist module
- A closing Saturday session in July
- Celebration and authorisation by the Bishop in the Cathedral

Specialist modules

To enhance the wealth of ministry and open new opportunities for parishes and the diocese, training will be offered in the following areas including two new modules:

Pastoral Workers; Evangelist; Worship Leaders; Youth and Children; Parish Administrator; the new modules are Community Worker and Music Ministry.

The details of each of these specialist modules can be found on the Diocesan Website at <http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/FHD/231>

Venues, dates and times will be negotiated and advised nearer the time.

The style of specialist modules will vary, and include a range of teaching and learning styles, but will not be book-based or require academic experience.

If you want to find out more please speak to Mark.

Prayers ... for the local community

Ask God to bless the people who live roundabout you, those whom you know to have particular needs, anyone who is unpopular and those whose friendship you value. As the time of cold and difficult weather is upon us, pray for the elderly, that they may find help where they need it. Pray too for the emergency services who will be busier than usual, and for the people who will depend on their help. At this time of the year when travel is difficult and often dangerous, pray for all travellers and particularly for those who are travelling by road, that they may arrive safely. Pray for everyone who works at the trading estate in Hinton, that they may find satisfaction in their work and companionship with the people they work with.

St Andrew's CE First School



During the Autumn Term we took part in an art project in partnership with Evesham Library. Maria Leydon is the professional artist who worked with years 4 and 5 at St Andrew's to create a wall mural to display in Evesham Library, All 51 of our pupils who contributed to the piece attended the official unveiling on 25 January, and the stunning

display will be a feature of the council building for years to come. The finished result is on the front cover this month and of course you can see the original work of art in the Library near to the Register Office.

We are looking forward to the end of February when we will hold our annual school Book Fair. Last year we raised over £500 which we spent on books aimed at inspiring boys to read more. We are hoping to encourage similar interest this year and as well as creating enthusiasm for reading, we want to add to the fiction section of our refurbished library for all pupils to enjoy.

Our parent interviews are held at the end of this month. Parents will be able to look through their children's books over tea and coffee in the hall and discuss their child's progress and attainment with the class teacher in detail during a private interview. We also have other partnership workers such as Family Support, Health and Family Learning available to provide information for families who attend.

Website: <http://www.st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk/>

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Events Update – February 2012

Amendments and additions in **bold**. Unconfirmed and provisional in *italics*.

St Andrew's Tots	Fri	3 Feb 1.15pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Fri	10 Feb 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Open Morning	Sat	11 Feb 10am	Hampton
Mothers' Union	Tue	14 Feb 2pm	Vicarage
Standing Committee	Wed	15 Feb 7.30pm	Hampton Parish Room
Bingo	Sat	18 Feb 8pm	Sedgeberrow Village Hall
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tue	21 Feb 6.45pm	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Fri	24 Feb 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Fairtrade Fortnight	Sat	25 Feb until	Sat 10 March
St Andrew's Tots	Fri	2 Mar 1.15pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Women's World Day of Prayer	Fri	2 Mar 2pm	Methodist Church
St Andrew's Tots	Fri	9 Mar 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Open Morning	Sat	10 Mar 10am	Hampton
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tue	20 Mar 6.45pm	Hampton
Bingo	Sat	17 Mar 8pm	Sedgeberrow Village Hall
PCC Meeting	Wed	21 Mar 7.30pm	Hampton Parish Room
Coffee Morning	Thu	22 Mar 10am	Sedgeberrow
Pamper Evening	Sat	24 Mar 7pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Bingo	Sat	14 Apr 8pm	Sedgeberrow Village Hall
Annual Church Meeting	Sun	22 Apr 10am	Hampton
Coffee Morning	Thu	26 Apr 10am	Sedgeberrow
Coffee Morning	Thu	24 May 10am	Sedgeberrow
Diamond Jubilee 'Big Lunch'	Sun	3 June	Vicarage Garden
Hinton Diamond Jubilee Party	<i>tb</i>	<i>June date tbc</i>	<i>Hinton Playing Field</i>
John Martin Commemoration	Sun	24 June 6.30pm	Hampton
Benefice Party	Sun	1 July 12noon	Vicarage Garden
St Peter's Day Celebration	Sun	1 July pm	Hinton on the Green
St Andrew's School Fête	Fri	6 July 6pm	St Andrew's School
St Andrew's Summer Fête	Sat	14 July 2pm	Vicarage Lawn
St Andrew's Harvest Festival	Sun	7 Oct 11am	Hampton
St Andrew's Harvest Supper	Sat	13 Oct 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall

Fair Trade Fortnight

This year Fair Trade Fortnight runs from 25 February until 10 March. On Saturday 25 February from 10.30am until 12.30pm there is a Fairtrade Coffee Morning at the Baptist Church. The fortnight ends on Saturday 10 March with a Fair Trade fair at the Methodist Church from 10.30am until 4pm.

Sedgeberrow CE First School



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the whole school visit to The Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury at the start of term to see 'Sleeping Beauty'. Each class had done some preparatory work on pantomimes and it is such a rewarding experience to take children to see live performances. They were engrossed in the performance from start to finish and it was a lovely beginning to 2012 for us.

All year groups are now immersed in their new topics for this term. Reception are following on from the pantomime with their work on 'Make Believe'. They are looking at a wide variety of fairy tales and nursery rhymes with some very exciting practical activities linked in. Year 1 have named their topic 'Around the World with Animals' and Year 2 'Safari'. Year 3 are studying the Romans and are going on a trip to Caerleon in South Wales where they will be able to visit the amphitheatre, Roman baths, Roman Barrack building and national Roman Legion Museum. This will be a very rewarding day that will bring history to life for them. 'Rule Britannia' is the title of Year 4 current topic and Year 5 are studying 'Film' and 'Space' this term. They hope to make visits to a cinema and Think tank Science Museum in Birmingham to enhance their work and are looking forward to this very much. Do look at the class blogs on our website to follow the progress of all these activities.

Following on from the success of introducing our new, distinctive, purple uniform last September we are delighted to have a new school football kit which looks very smart. A big thank you goes to Martin Woodhouse and F.O.S.S. for their donations towards this.

www.sedgeberrowfirstschool.uk.org



Hampton WI

We were pleased to welcome two new members to our meeting on 12 January, which was an informal 'get together' for a chat and refreshments, and members enjoyed the opportunity to catch up on news of the festive season. Final travel and seating arrangements were made for the New Year Lunch at Broadway Golf Club on 2 February and we are all looking forward to that.

Phred Newbury will give a talk entitled '**E is for Elephant**' at our meeting on 9 February, and on 8 March David Withey will tell us about '**The Lighter Side of Local Government**'.

Our meetings are held at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome. Please contact Joyce Davey on 01386 443755 for more information.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) – Tuesday 21 February

Shrove Tuesday comes the day before Ash Wednesday. The name ‘Shrove’ comes from the archaic English word ‘to shrive’, which means to confess or hear confessions of sin, a practice that was customary in the church on this day.

Pancakes

Ingredients

150g/5oz Self Raising Flour

¼tsp salt

1 egg

10fl oz/½ pint milk

50g/2oz lard

Use a small frying pan, and make the pancakes very thin.



Method

Mix flour and salt in a bowl

Make a hollow in the centre

and drop in an egg

Stir with a wooden spoon, adding the milk gradually until all the flour is incorporated.

Beat well, adding the remainder of the milk

For each pancake melt about a teaspoon of lard in the pan over a high heat. When it commences to smoke, add about 2 tablespoon of batter. When golden brown underneath, turn and cook on the other side.

When cooked, turn onto sugared paper. Sprinkle with sugar and roll up. Place on a hot dish, and serve immediately. Can be served with a squeeze of lemon or orange juice, jam or golden syrup.

Enjoy!

Grace for Shrove Tuesday

The following Grace, from Queens’ College, Cambridge, was used for the first time on Shrove Tuesday, February 17, 1863. It was read by the Senior Scholar T.E. Isherwood.

Bless, O Lord, us and your gifts, which from your bounty we are about to receive, and grant that, healthily nourished by them, we may render you due obedience, through Christ our Lord.

(Queens’ College was founded by two Queens - so the apostrophe should come after the ‘s’.)

Regular Events

Mothers’ Union 2nd Tuesday of the month - 2pm Hampton Vicarage	Church Open Morning 2nd Saturday of the month - 10am–noon Hampton Church
St Andrew’s Prayer Group 3rd Tuesday of the month – 6.45pm St Andrew’s Church	Benefice Youth Group Thursdays in term-time - 7pm Hampton Parish Room
St Andrew’s Tots – Fridays in term time 1st and 3rd Fridays - 1.15-2.45pm Scout & Guide Community Hall	2nd and 4th Fridays - 9-10.30am Scout & Guide Community Hall

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: The Epistle of Paul to the Romans

Paul probably wrote his letter to the Christians in Rome in AD 57 at Corinth, on his third missionary journey, ready to return with an offering from the churches for poverty-stricken believers in Jerusalem. The original recipients of the letter were predominantly Gentile, although Jews would have constituted a substantial minority of the congregation.

Paul sets out to explain the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God's overall plan of salvation. Paul begins by showing that both Jews and Gentiles are sinners in need of salvation. He shows how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus eternally affect world history and the life of every person on the planet. This salvation, secured by Jesus, must be received by faith, as the example of Abraham shows. None of Paul's other letters states so profoundly the content of the gospel and its implications for both the present and the future.

From the Registers – December 2011

Baptisms	4	Imogen Kayla Paige Gardner	Hampton
	11	Jay Taylor Castle	Hampton
Funerals	9	Jim Hoddinott	Hampton
	22	Hilda Mary Dennick	Hampton

Bible Readings – February 2012

Sunday 5th 3rd Sunday before Lent	Isaiah 40.21-31 1 Corinthians 9.16-23 Mark 1.29-39	Sunday 19th Sunday next before Lent	2 Kings 2.1-12 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9
Sunday 12th 2nd Sunday before Lent	Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 Colossians 1.15-20 John 1.1-14	Sunday 26th First Sunday of Lent	Genesis 9.8-17 1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15

Prayers ... for those who suffer and the communion of saints

In your prayers for the NHS pray for everyone engaged in surgery, surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, support staff and their patients. With them pray for Maggie Bailey, Pat Bayliss, David Brasher, David Canning, Pamela Collins, Monica Garston, Ella Hampton, Sue Jones, Clifford Lewis, Beryl Lord, Elaine Major, Brian Palmer, Iris Pinkstone, Rosie Rencher, Alan Roberts, Phillippa Shepherd, Celia Sheward, Joan Simpson, Pat Smith, Margaret Thomas, Doug Thompson, Clive Thomson.

Bring before God anyone you wish to remember who has passed into everlasting life with Brenda Grace Quantrell and David William Barnett and those who mourn.

Services for February 2012

	Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
1st	Sunday 5	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	3rd Sunday before Lent	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Family Service	Hampton
		6pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Hampton
	Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
2nd	Sunday 12	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	2nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
		4pm	Evensong	Hinton
	Wednesday 15	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
3rd	Sunday 19	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Sunday next before Lent	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Welcome Service	Hampton
		4pm	Evensong	Hinton
	Wednesday 22	10am	Holy Communion with Ashing	Hampton
	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	Hampton
4th	Sunday 26	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	First Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	Wednesday 29	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

Services for March 2012

1st	Sunday 4	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Second Sunday of Lent	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Family Service	Hampton
		6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	Hampton
	Wednesday 7	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
2nd	Sunday 11	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
		4pm	Holy Communion	Hinton