



Sedgeberrow



Hampton – Fairfield – Thistledown
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THE HERALD

Mothering Sunday Sunday March 18th

On the fourth Sunday in Lent the church celebrates Mothering Sunday with the distribution of posies.

Shirley Lynch researched the history of Mothering Sunday and found that it extends as far back as Roman times. The Hilaria festival held in honour of the mother goddess Cybele took place during mid March. As Christianity spread across the Roman Empire and Europe, this celebration became part of the liturgical calendar as Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, to honour the Virgin Mary and the ‘Mother church’.

In later times Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given the day off to visit their mother church usually with their mothers and other family members. This became a special day, as, before holidays became recognised, it was often the only time the whole family was able to get together. Children would pick flowers along the way to place in church or to give as gifts to their Mothers.



Posies for Mothering Sunday

(More on Page 10 including a
Special Chocolate Cake Recipe)

Prayers ... For the Church of Christ and Peace in the World

My soul doth magnify the Lord

Within our prayers for all Christian people give special thanks on Mothering Sunday for all that mothers do to raise families and for the sacrifices that they make. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with them and that their families will return their love.

On March 25th we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron Saint of our church in Sedgeberrow; give thanks for her life of love and service as the mother of Jesus. March 29th is the Festival of Joseph of Nazareth; give thanks for his example and love as the father of Jesus. Pray for Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the Diocese of Chelmsford and for our own bishops, John and David.

Ask God's blessing on the congregation at St Mary's, Sedgeberrow, that they may find joy in their shared worship and with them the worshippers at Saint Peter's, Bengeworth as they await important decisions concerning their future. Remember, too, the PCCs of our Benefice and the meeting of Hampton PCC on Wednesday 21st March.

Ask God to inspire the leaders at the United Nations Organisation in their work to bring peace to all nations and pray especially for their ability to influence the present troubles in Syria. Give thanks for the Royal British Legion in its care for former members of the armed forces and particularly for the branches in Sedgeberrow.

Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill towards all

Contributions for the Herald

Contributions for the April edition should be received by 4 March 2012, for the May edition by 8 April 2012, and for the June edition by 6 May 2012.

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From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

Lent is a traditional time for Christians to fast, pray and study. The idea is to strengthen our faith; to focus on the basics which connect us to God. Fasting may not be very popular but many people give up something they like to eat for the 40 days of Lent. It makes Easter all the more special if we have made a spiritual effort.

One way we can do this is to participate in the Lent course. This year's course is very topical.



Are we washing our hands of England's poor?

The Church Urban Fund has found that an increasing proportion of the British public feel that poverty can be attributed to "laziness or lack of willpower". Poverty is a complex subject with no clear answers. For example according to a recent report, more than half of the UK's adults think that young people are angry, violent and abusive. Do you think this is true? What is it like to be a young person today?

There are constant news stories about rising debt, welfare reform, unemployment, homelessness and child poverty. These are important issues facing our country. What can possibly be done?

During the five weeks of the Lent course we will be exploring the issue of poverty in England, using reflections, interactive ideas, prayers, DVDs and information to develop a theological understanding. There is the option to attend an evening session on a Tuesday or an afternoon session on a Thursday. You can mix and match. The course has been provided by the Church Urban Fund and looks at aspects of poverty on the national level.

This year there is an additional talk every Wednesday at 11am which will be looking at the same subjects applied to Evesham. Each talk will be given by an expert on that topic. There will be an opportunity for questions and the potential to explore the subject further if you wish. Tea and coffee will be available before the talk which follows the 10am Communion Service. Please support the talks if you can.

More information about all the Lent events is on page 4.

The Church Urban Fund has sent us collection boxes to collect our change during Lent. Please pick up your box from the Church. In this way we can also tackle poverty by making a difference in the most deprived communities in England.

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation by Bishop David Walker, Bishop of Dudley, will be at Hampton on Sunday 10th June at 10am. If anybody would like to be confirmed in June, please contact Mark Binney on 01386 424235 or by e mail

mark@hamptonchurch.org.uk

St Andrew's Lent Course 2012

ARE WE WASHING OUR HANDS OF ENGLAND'S POOR?

The Lent Course will take place on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, and on a Thursday afternoon at 2pm at Hampton Vicarage (with disabled access).

Tea and Coffee will be available before each session.



	Tuesday Evening 7.30pm	Thursday Afternoon 2pm
Homelessness	28th February	1st March
Debt and Unemployment	6th March	8th March
Youth	13th March	15th March
Family	20th March	22nd March
Refugees	27th March	29th March

Lent Talks 2012 at St Andrew's Church

Linked to the Lent Course we will be holding Wednesday morning talks and discussion looking at the issues of poverty at a local level. The speakers all have first-hand experience in the Evesham community.

The talks take place at 11am on Wednesdays during Lent at St. Andrew's Church. Tea and Coffee will be available before each talk.

29th February	Homelessness in Evesham	Rev John King (formerly of Evesham Christian Centre)
7th March	Debt and Unemployment in Evesham	Mr. John Daniels (Clerk to John Martin's Charity)
14th March	Youth in Evesham	Amiee Webb (Shine Project)
21st March	Broken families in Evesham	Julie Adams (Social Worker)
28th March	Economic Migrants & Refugees in Evesham	Tom Piotrowski (Wychavon District Council)

All Saints Evesham Lent Talks 2012 – I Dream a World

The series of Lent Talks will take place at All Saints, Evesham, on Mondays from 7:30pm until 9:00pm. On February 27 Paula Gooder will talk on '**Visions of Heaven in the New Testament**'; 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**'.

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 1 Corinthians

'When people become Christians, they don't at the same moment become nice. This always comes as something of a surprise' (Eugene Peterson).

Paul founded the church in Corinth in AD 52, having preached the gospel and saw people come to faith in Christ. He spent a year and a half with them, showing them how to live out this new life as a community of believers. However, sometime later he received reports that in his absence factions had developed, morals were in disrepair and worship had degenerated into a selfish grabbing for the supernatural. Paul's letter, written around AD 55 in Ephesus, was a pastoral response to these problems.

It is clear that, although the church was gifted (1:4–7), it was immature and unspiritual (3:1–4). Paul's purpose for writing was to:

- **instruct and restore the church** in its areas of weakness, correcting erroneous practices such as divisions (1:10–4:21), immorality (ch. 5; 6:12–20), litigation in pagan courts (6:1–8) and the abuse of the Lord's Supper (11:17–34).
- **correct false teaching** concerning the resurrection (ch. 15).
- **answer questions** concerning marriage, food sacrificed to idols and spiritual gifts etc.

This letter is very relevant for us today, as we are also powerfully influenced by our cultural environment. Many of the questions and problems that confronted the church at Corinth are still with us, e.g. immaturity, instability, divisions, jealousy and envy, lawsuits and marital difficulties. Yet despite the problems, Paul's letter contains some of the most familiar and loved chapters in the entire Bible e.g. chapter 13 on Christian love: *'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'* (13:13).

LADIES ONLY PAMPER EVENING

In aid of St. Andrew's Church Funds

7.00pm SATURDAY 24th MARCH at HAMPTON COMMUNITY HALL

Entrance Ticket £5 (includes refreshments)

15 minute treatments - £6 each

Manicures

Massages: Face / Hand / Shoulder/ Footbath

Raffle / Tombola / Jewellery

Nearly New Clothes

We look forward to seeing you



Tickets are available in church or from Phillippa on 421224 or Elaine on 40722

Hinton-on-the-Green

Church Gardening Day – 12 February

Many thanks to all our volunteer gardeners. The one day gardening event turned into a gardening weekend and we achieved so much.

- Cleared the main pathway of sticks and debris
- Removed moss from much of the pathway near the doorway
- Cleaned ivy and moss from a number of gravestones
- Removed ivy from a number of tree trunks
- Removed much ivy from the eastern wall/gravestones leaning thereon
- Checked and cleaned all the gutters and removed soil & vegetation from the gutters
- Made a start on the large ivy on the boundary wall next to the tower.
- Pollarded the avenue of lime trees



Please note the times of the new services taking place at St Peter's Church will be changing in March 2012, details on the notice board. All are welcome.

Sedgeberrow

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

The **200 Club** is in its 23rd year; it was started to help raise funds to re-roof the Church in 1989. It continues to be the Church's largest annual fund raiser.

Vicar Mark and Ann Banks continue to present 'Open the Book' with children from Key Stage 2. Teachers and Teaching Assistants have also acted out the stories.

We will be celebrating the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** on Sunday June 3rd by holding a Village Fête in Glebe Meadow.

Prayers ... for our local community

Choose a road in your own community and pray for the people who live there, that they may live happily together, sharing in fellowship and helping where there is need. Ask for God's blessing on the WI's within our benefice, on their shared interests and their work amongst their communities.

Ask for the support of the Holy Spirit for everyone helping to bring relief to the victims of crime, especially those badly traumatised. Pray for offenders that they may become aware of the pain that they inflict and may seek reconciliation with their victims.

Hampton WI



At our meeting on 9 February, the speaker was Phred Newbury, who gave a talk entitled 'E' is for Elephant, in which she spoke about elephants generally, and focussed on the declining numbers due to loss of habitat and poaching for ivory. The Born Free Foundation and The African Ele-Fund are working to halt the decline in numbers, particularly among the cave elephants, which many of our members had not heard of before.

During 2012, we are looking forward to a number of events, including outings to Elgar's Birthplace and Kew Gardens, our own Jubilee version of 'Tea at the Ritz', and a Summer Lunch at King's Court Hotel,

On 8 March David Withey will tell us about 'The Lighter Side of Local Government', and at our meeting on 12 April, the topic will be 'The Training and Working of Dogs for Film and TV', with Sonia Turner.

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.

Sedgeberrow CE First School

The term is moving very quickly as usual with lots of exciting activities going on. After-school Clubs have started and are going well – This term they include Games, ICT, Art, Football and Gymnastics. In addition, Year 4 are having some Maths and Rugby training from Worcester Warriors which is excellent and will prepare them for entering the tag rugby tournaments later this term.

Year 3 made a visit to the National Roman Museum in Caerleon to enhance their topic work and had a super day. Here is a picture of them all at the amphitheatre where they acted out a scene being gladiators. The Roman baths were fascinating and they all enjoyed the museum visit which involved some dressing up!



Year 1 and Year 2 are due to visit Cotswold Wildlife Park soon as part of their work on animals and safari.

We are looking forward to our whole school Science day on Wednesday 8th March which should be great fun as lots of activities are being planned and our inter-house competition for this half-term will be art-based.

Year 4 have been learning flute since September and Year 5 clarinet. They are looking forward to sharing their skills with parents soon.

www.sedgeberrowfirstschool.uk.org

St Andrew's CE First School



This term has been another action-packed learning extravaganza for every class. Our integrated, skills-based curriculum continues to excite pupils about learning through enquiry and provides rich experiences beyond the classroom.

In Reception, children have learned about Food through a delicious cooking experience with a visiting professional chef. Reception also enjoy weekly Forest School with Year One.

Year Two are visiting the Black Country Museum later this month to compare growing up in Evesham to the experiences of children growing up in Victorian Britain.

'If I travel beyond the earth, what will I see?' is the question Year Three have explored through a visit to Think Tank in Birmingham and through practical activities in school. They will also demonstrate their ability to speak in French at the Evesham Languages Festival before the end of term.

Year Four continue to learn Flute as a class and have investigated Ancient Egypt this term. They look forward to taking part in the Evesham Dance Festival at the end of March.

Year Five are learning about the Romans and look forward to visiting Chedworth Roman Villa this month. They will also be singing in the Evesham Music Festival this month.

We are focusing on PSHE issues as the Life Caravan returns to work with every class in the school over two days. The Life Caravan is subsidised by John Martin and they have updated their unique educational experience by developing new interactive resources with the BBC.

We are celebrating World Book Day on March 2nd at St Andrew's this year. Children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and will take part in some literary activities during the day. This also marks the end of our school Book Fair.

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

St Andrew's Tots now meet on Tuesday mornings.

The Group now meets on **Tuesdays** during School Term Time from 9am until 10.30am in the Hampton Scout and Guide Community Hall (on Pershore Road next to St Andrew's Church).

If you have pre-school children please come and join us for chat, play, refreshments, story-time and a sing-song. **ALL WELCOME**



Events Update – March 2012

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

Fairtrade Fortnight	Sat	25 Feb until	Sat 10 March
Women's World Day of Prayer	Fri	2 Mar 2pm	Methodist Church
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	6 Mar 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Open Morning	Sat	10 Mar 10am	Hampton
Fairtrade Fair	Sat	10 Mar 10.30am – 4.30pm	Evesham Methodist Church
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	13 Mar 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Bingo	Sat	17 Mar 8pm	Sedgeberrow Village Hall
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tue	20 Mar 6.45pm	Hampton
PCC Meeting	Wed	21 Mar 7.30pm	Hampton Parish Room
Coffee Morning	Thu	22 Mar 10am	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	20 Mar 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Pamper Evening	Sat	24 Mar 7pm	Scout & Guide Hall
British Summertime begins	Sun	25 March 2am	
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	27 Mar 9am	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
Sedgeberrow Diamond Jubilee Fête	Sun	3 June	Glebe Meadow
<i>Hinton Diamond Jubilee Party</i>	<i>tbc</i>	<i>June date tbc</i>	<i>Hinton Playing Field</i>
Confirmation Service	Sun	10 June 10am	Hampton
<i>John Martin Commemoration</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>24 June 6.30pm</i>	<i>Hampton</i>
Benefice Party	Sun	1 July 12noon	Vicarage Garden
<i>St Peter's Day Celebration</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>1 July pm</i>	<i>Hinton on the Green</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
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 and ends on Saturday 10 March with a Fair Trade fair at the Methodist Church from 10.30am until 4pm.

Pray for the success of the Fairtrade movement that more people may turn to support it in their purchases. Pray for all producers of things that we buy that they may be paid a fair price for their products.

Mothering Sunday – 18 March

More from Shirley Lynch: **Mothering Sunday** has also been called:

Refreshment Sunday: because of family gatherings, Lenten fasting rules were relaxed that Sunday.

Rose Sunday: in some Churches the Purple Lent robes were replaced with rose pink ones.

Special Chocolate Cake – A Treat for Mum

Ingredients

100g/4oz Butter

175g/6oz Castor Sugar

3 beaten Eggs

50g/2oz Cocoa

225g/8oz Self Raising Flour

225ml/8 fl oz milk

225ml/8 fl oz whipping cream
(whipped)

425g/15oz can of mandarin orange
segments in juice

Grated Chocolate for decoration

Method

Cream butter and sugar together until
pale and fluffy

Beat in the eggs gradually

Sieve the cocoa into the flour, and
fold into the creamed mixture with
the milk

Pour into two 8" sandwich tins
(greased), and bake at 180°C / 350°C /
Gas Mark 4 for 25 minutes

Cool in tins for 5 minutes, then turn
onto a wire rack until cold

Sandwich together with half the
whipped cream and mandarin
segments

Decorate with the remaining cream
and grated chocolate

A Prayer for Mothers

We thank you for mothers.

We thank you for all those who care for us
in quiet, often unrecognised ways; we
thank you for all those who care for others
in patience and love.

We are sorry for those times when we
have failed to care for others and pray that
you will teach us to care as you do and that
you will hold all mothers and carers in the
light of your presence and guide them to
you.

Amen.

Regular Events

<p>Mothers' Union 2nd Tuesday of the month - 2pm Hampton Vicarage</p>
<p>St Andrew's Church Open Morning 2nd Saturday of the month - 10am–noon Hampton Church</p>
<p>St Andrew's Prayer Group 3rd Tuesday of the month – 6.45pm St Andrew's Church</p>
<p>Benefice Youth Group Thursdays in term-time - 7pm Hampton Parish Room</p>
<p>St Andrew's Tots Tuesdays in term time - 9-10.30am Scout & Guide Community Hall</p>

Bible Readings – March 2012

Sunday 4th 2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38	Sunday 18th Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25b-27
Sunday 11th 3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20.1-17 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22	Sunday 25th 5th Sunday of Lent	Jeremiah 31.31-34 Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33

From the Registers – January 2012

Baptisms	22	Oliver French	Hinton
	29	Elizabeth Gillian Calland	Hampton
Funerals	11	David William Barnett	Hampton
		Brenda Grace Quantrell	Hampton

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

With your prayers for anyone who is close to you, include the patients in our local hospitals and Maggie Bailey, Pat Bayliss, David Brasher, David Canning, Pamela Collins, Pam Eustace, Monica Garston, Ella Hampton, Clifford Lewis, Beryl Lord, Elaine Major, Brian Palmer, Rosie Rencher, Alan Roberts., Phillippa Shepherd, Celia Sheward, Joan Simpson, Pat Smith, Margaret Thomas, Doug Thompson and Clive Thomson. Remember too their families and friends who are anxious for them. With your personal prayers include those who have recently lost their lives in road accidents and those who mourn them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Services at Hinton

Starting in March the pattern of services will change. There will be a **11am Family Service** on the **4th Sunday** of the month and either a **Songs of Praise** or a **Holy Communion** on the **2nd Sunday** at 4pm in winter and 6pm in the summer.

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Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

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
	Third Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
		4pm	Songs of Praise	Hinton
	Wednesday 14	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
3rd	Sunday 18	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Mothering Sunday	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Welcome Service	Hampton
	Wednesday 21	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
4th	Sunday 25	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Family Service	Hinton
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Friday 30	11am	School Service	Hampton

Services for April 2012

1st	Sunday 1	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Palm Sunday	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Family Service	Hampton
		6.30pm	Palm Sunday Service	Bengeworth
		Monday 2	7.30pm	Reflection and Compline
	Tuesday 3	7.30pm	Reflection and Compline	Hampton
	Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		7.30pm	Reflection and Compline	Hampton
	Thursday 5	7.30pm	Maundy Service	Bengeworth
	Good Friday 6	10am	Stations of the Cross	Hampton
		10.30am	Walk of Witness	Hampton
		11am	Procession of Witness	Evesham
		2pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Hampton
2pm		Good Friday Liturgy	Sedgeberrow	
6pm		Good Friday Liturgy	Hinton	
Saturday 7		1.30pm	Wedding	Hampton
	8pm	Easter Vigil	All Saints	
2nd	Sunday 8	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Easter Sunday	9.30am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Family Communion	Sedgeberrow
		6pm	Holy Communion	Hinton



Not only on
Sundays



Hampton - Eastwick Park - Thistledown - Charity Crescent - Fairfield

FAMILY FOCUS

Mothering Sunday Family Service

Sunday 18th March 2012

St Andrew's Church 11am



On Mothering Sunday our Family Service will include the traditional distribution of posies.

We welcome families of all ages including babies, toddlers, children and young people along with those who are not so young!

COME AND JOIN US

St Andrew's Church
Family Focus
March 2012

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St Andrew's Tots

The Tots have moved their meetings. from Fridays to Tuesday mornings. These regular meetings are proving popular with a both toddlers and their carers! Each week more are coming along to join in.

St Andrew's Tots

Chat * Play * Refreshments * Story-Time * Sing-song

Tuesdays during School Term Time - 9am - 10.30am

Hampton Scout and Guide Community Hall

(on Pershore Road next to St Andrew's Church)

If you have pre-school children please come and join us

ALL WELCOME

Contact: Rhoda on 07932 652646 or Charlie on 01386 424235



St Andrew's School Prayers

Each day the pupils write a prayer which they read at lunchtime.

Here are some recent ones:

Dear god

We thank you for our favourite foods like burgers, pizza, vegetables and fruit.

We thank you that we always, have plenty of food to eat.

We thank you for what we are about to eat in school today. **Amen**

Dear God

Thank you for our favourite food

Thank you for all our friends

Thank you for keeping us healthy

Help us to have a nice lunchtime

Amen

Dear God

Thank you for the fruits and vegetables, they help us stay healthy.

Thank you for all of the water that keeps us healthy and strong

Amen

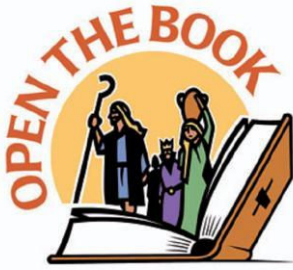
CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

After Easter we will be starting a course for those who want to find out more about Christianity. It will explore the questions:

- *What do Christians believe?*
- *Who is Jesus Christ?*
- *Did he really exist?*
- *Is he really God?*
- *If He did exist and he is God, what did He say while He was here on earth?*
- *Does He really tell us what the point of life is?*

Christianity Explored is a seven week course that aims to achieve all of these things in a relaxed setting and is open to all - whether you'd call yourself a 'beginner' with very little knowledge of Christianity or a believer who'd like to brush up on the basics. There's no commitment to attend every week. There's no pressure, praying or singing, and no previous knowledge of the bible is assumed.

Watch out for more details or contact Mark on 424235 or mark@hamptonchurch.org.uk



OPEN THE BOOK

St Andrew's School

The regular **Open the Book** sessions continued following the break for half term and Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday with:

"Be Like Me" based on Matthew 18.

The next module has the overall theme of "Adventure in the Old Testament".

These are real adventure stories written thousands of years ago!

- 1) **The Bad Brother** based on 2 Kings 5
- 2) **The Runaway** based on 2 Kings 11 - 12
- 3) **Spies in Canaan** based on 2 Kings 11 - 12
- 4) **Across the River** based on Matthew 21
- 5) **A Brave and Mighty Man** based on Matthew 18

Then there are three parts to the Easter story:

- 1) **An Important Meal** (The Last Supper)
- 2) **A Dreadful Day** (When Jesus is Crucified)
- 3) **On the Road to Emmaus** (Resurrection)



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HAMPTON COMMUNITY HALL

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15 minute treatments - £6 each - Manicures and Massages

Raffle / Tombola / Jewellery Nearly New Clothes

Tickets are available from Phillippa on 421224 or Elaine on 40722

