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THE HERALD



St Andrew's Diamond Jubilee Big Lunch

June 3 at noon

You are all invited - yes all of you - even those who do not attend church - you are all welcome! This is an event for the whole community to share, so please come on down and help us celebrate our Queen's Jubilee. There will be a Fancy Dress Parade, a display by the 1st Hampton Guides, a 'Make a Crown' competition and a competition for the Best Royal Look-a-Like: the last two events are open to all ages so get your gear on and help us celebrate. Just bring yourself and a plate of food to share, down to the Vicarage garden!

See you there?

Prayers for the Royal Family and for the Church of Christ

Our God shall be our guide for evermore

Tuesday 5th June is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Give thanks for her life of service as head of our Church and pray for her in her continued care for the people of the Commonwealth. Pray, too, for the Duke of Edinburgh and all the Royal Family as they support her and go willingly about their duties.

June 11th is the Festival of the Apostle Barnabas, 24th of the Birth of John the Baptist and 29th of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Offer up thanks for their examples and pray that we may grow in faith from thinking on their lives. Ask that the Holy Spirit may be with the congregation of Saint Andrew's, Hampton in their mission to the people of the parish. Remember the leaders within our Benefice, especially Mark, Leonard, Patrick, Bernard, John and Elaine and pray that we may all respond to their leadership. On 16 June ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on the seven people who will be licensed as Readers in our cathedral. Pray for the members of the Mothers Union and for those who take responsibility for caring for the churches of our benefice to maintain them as attractive places of worship. We are asked to pray for the mission of the Upton Deanery and for the Church of Nigeria that they may carry out their work with joy.

Lent Collection for the Church Urban Fund

A grand total of £86.32 has been donated to the Church Urban fund through the Lent Collecting box scheme at St Andrew's church with some 13% Gift Aided. Well done to all who took part but please remember that this only one of the ways we can work to alleviate poverty and support their work.



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From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge Jubilee!



On behalf of the worshipping congregation of St Andrew's Church Hampton, St Mary's Church Sedgeberrow and St Peter's Church Hinton on the Green, I have sent our congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Diamond Anniversary and wished her many happy years to come.

During the reign of the Queen the world has changed for the better; we are now able to cure more cancers and serious illnesses, we have learned to be aware of and care for our environment, technology has evolved to allow a higher standard of living. Life today is drastically different from the post war years of austerity that began the Queen's reign.

The Queen has also seen many changes: twelve prime ministers, six archbishops of Canterbury, six Catholic Popes, and of course the birth of two of her four children and subsequent grandchildren. To make life easier technology extended to washing machines, the microwave, television in colour, mobile phones, laptop computers, music on CD, and fuel efficient cars, to name but a few. It is hard to imagine that the music charts – formerly known as 'the hit parade' were not in existence at the time she became Queen; just look at the way that popular music has progressed!

The Queen has remained steadfast in her vow of duty to us, and has recently re-affirmed those vows. As 'Defender of the Faith' the Queen is public in her worship, and sets an example to the nation. She is also the godmother to 30 children. In an average year, The Queen will host more than 50,000 people at banquets, lunches, dinners, receptions and Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. The Queen also hosts more than 8,000 people each year at garden parties and investitures at Holyroodhouse. Over the course of the reign, almost a one and a half million people have attended garden parties at Buckingham Palace or the Palace of Holyroodhouse. On Sunday 3rd June there will be an opportunity to attend a Jubilee Lunch on the Vicarage lawn at Hampton to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. It will be one of many such gatherings happening throughout the realm on this day. You are warmly invited.

Benefice Confirmation Service – St Andrew's Church

A Benefice Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, 10th June 2012 at 10.00 am: please make every effort to attend this service and welcome into our community each of the candidates who are to be confirmed by Bishop David Walker. This is a very special day for all the candidates as they take their first communion and we ask you to hold them in your prayers.

Hinton on the Green

Saints Alive! – 24 June - Celebration Service and Fete

Last month we told you about our upcoming Peter-tide Celebration. In times gone by it was usual for churches to celebrate their Saint's Day and here in Hinton on the Green we decided that it would be nice to pay tribute to that old tradition. Our Peter-tide Celebration will be in advance of St Peter's Day so that Mark can celebrate his Ordination Anniversary on 1st July. The Celebration will therefore be on 24th June and will commence with bell-ringing by our keen NEW bell-ringing team at 10.30 a.m. followed by a service in the Church at 11.00 a.m. Emerging from the Church after the Service into the warm June sunshine we shall have entertainment, refreshment, stalls (cakes, jewellery, bric-a-brac, bottle tombola etc.), children's games and lots of jollity. In fact the kind of laid-back, good old-fashioned village mini-fete we all know and love. A village tradition at its best. See you there. **You are all invited!! Please come and join us!!**

And finally - in the meantime we welcome with open arms all contributions of books, bric-a-brac, cakes, bottles and flowers, help etc. Phone Rosemary Cross on 01386 443240 if you have anything to donate. Thank you.

Tour of St Peter's (Date to be arranged)

An expert will be guiding us around this historic church pointing out its important features. If you're interested phone Nick Frost on 07768 540 848, or e-mail webmaster@hintononthegreen.org.uk.

Tower Maintenance

Two accomplished climbers, Hinton parishioners Steve and Jane Bunting, have done their bit for the church – they rigged their climbing ropes and gear on St Peter's tower and hung off the edge to rid the tower of the pesky elder trees which have growing there for a few years!

News from Sedgeberrow

Coffee Mornings - 28 June and 26 July 10am – noon. Come along and enjoy coffee, meet friends and enjoy a natter. There will be a Raffle, Tombola, Hand Made Cards, and Books.

June 3rd Diamond Jubilee Fete in Glebe Meadow. The Church will have a Water and Wine stall, Tombola, Hand Made Cards. Attractions will include a Children's Fancy Dress Competition (Jubilee Theme), Best Crown Competition, and for the Gentlemen, the Best Dressed Queen; Tug of War for teams of about six. There will also be a Flower Arranging Competition which is £1 to enter. The Theme is a Red, White and Blue Decoration no more than 60cm high by 30cm wide. Entries to Ann Banks 01386 881623 please.

9 June – St Columba of Iona – missionary to Scotland

Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. In 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Various explanations have been offered as to why a monk in his mid 40s, would go into voluntary exile, spending the rest of his life in Scotland, returning infrequently to his native Ireland. Explanations include voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Examples of his skill as a scribe can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death, allegedly sensed by his favourite horse, shook his community. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

Here is a prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us
My dearest Lord,
Be Thou a bright flame before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today and evermore.



Prayers ... for the World

Include in your prayers those regions of the world which are threatened by famine, where drought is common; where agriculture is under-resourced, where political turmoil or warfare keep the people from the land. Pray for organisations striving to bring relief to the victims and for those seeking to promote organised agriculture to bring self-sufficiency where now there is scarcity. Remember especially the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, ask that God's will for peace may be heard where there is conflict, especially for the people of Israel, Jewish and Palestinian alike, that all may come to recognise the rights of those they now regard as enemies.

Events Update – June 2012

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

Diamond Jubilee 'Big Lunch'	Sun	3 June Noon	Vicarage Garden
Sedgeberrow Diamond Jubilee Fête	Sun	3 June 2pm	Glebe Meadow
Diamond Jubilee Street Party	Sun	3 June	Hinton
Church Open Morning	Sat	9 June 10am-Noon	Hampton
Benefice Confirmation Service	Sun	10 June 10am	Hampton
Mothers' Union Meeting	Tues	12 June 10am	Scout & Guide Hall
Benefice Youth Group	Thurs	14 June 7pm	Hampton Parish Room
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tues	19 June 6.45pm	Hampton
Standing Committee	Wed	20 June 7.30pm	Hampton
Vale Local Food Festival	Sun	17 June	All Saints Churchyard
Benefice Youth Group	Thurs	21 June 7pm	Hampton Parish Room
St Peter's Day Celebration	Sun	24 June 11am	Hinton on the Green
John Martin Commemoration	Sun	24 June 6.30pm	Hampton
Coffee Morning	Thurs	28 June 10am	Sedgeberrow
Benefice Youth Group	Thurs	28 June 7pm	Hampton Parish Room
Benefice Party	Sun	1 July 12noon	Vicarage Garden
Benefice Youth Group	Thurs	5 July 7pm	Hampton Parish Room
St Andrew's School Fête	Fri	6 July 6pm	St Andrew's School
Benefice Youth Group	Thurs	12 July 7pm	Hampton Parish Room
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

Prayers ... for our community

Give thanks for the assistance offered by all the emergency services, and make mention of the volunteers who raise funds to support the Air Ambulance. Pray for everyone working in our local agriculture, that they may receive rewards for their efforts. Ask that we may all respond to the needs of the unemployed within our communities, to help them to find the benefits of employment and the self-respect which it brings.

John Martin

This year we will be commemorating the life of John Martin, our benefactor, with a short and simple service in St Andrew's church at 6.00 pm on Sunday 24th June followed the laying of a wreath on John Martin's tomb and a light buffet in the Scout and Guide Community Hall immediately after the service. Without the continued support of the John Martin's Charity, St Andrew's church would not be able to carry out all of the work it does.

You are invited to come and join the Trustees of the John Martin's Charity, the Town Councillors of the Borough and members of our congregation in giving thanks for the life and generosity of John Martin.

St. Andrew's Church Fete

Saturday, 14th July at 2.0pm on the Vicarage Lawn

The theme this year is 'The Queen's Jubilee' together with the 'Olympics'.

There will be a Jubilee Cake Competition, using the recipe from the May edition of the Herald, and a Crown Making Completion and Parade for children.

The Fire Service, Community Police and Red Cross will be presenting static displays. As well as the traditional Grand Raffle and Refreshment area serving tasty bites and hot beverages, a number of stalls are planned, including Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Soft Drinks, Tombola (Children's and Adults), Cakes, Cards & Crafts, Water/Wine game, Books, Bric-a-Brac and Plants & Produce. St Andrew's School Supporter Association will also have a stall.

We require donations of cakes, items suitable as prizes for the Raffle and both Tombola stalls, produce and plants. Can you also donate your time? We require help to erect the gazebos on Friday evening and again on the morning of the Fête and, of course, in dismantling them after the event closes. Help will also be required in fetching/returning the tables and chairs.

Please contact Shirley Lynch on 01386 553392 if you would like to donate items and/or time.

Roast Chicken Pieces with Herbed Cheese

150g herbed cream cheese
1 tsp grated lemon zest
4 whole chicken leg or breast portions (skin-on)
2 leeks (cut into chunks)
2 parsnips (cut into chunks)
2 tsp olive oil

Heat oven to 200°C, 180°C Fan, Gas 6

Method

Mix the cream cheese with the lemon zest. Loosen the skin on the chicken pieces and spread 2 tbsp of the cheese mixture between the skin and the flesh on each. Press the skin back down and season.

Bring a saucepan of water to the boil and cook the leek and parsnip for 4-5 minutes. Drain well and place in a single layer in a baking dish. Drizzle with oil and season. Place the chicken pieces on top, and roast in the oven for 40 minutes, by which time, the skin should be browned and the cheese mixture mostly melted to form a sauce over the vegetables.

Check that the vegetables are cooked and tender. If they need a little longer cooking, remove the chicken and keep warm, cover the baking dish with foil and cook a further 5 minutes.

When cooked replace the chicken and serve.

Enjoy!

Natural Church Development (NCD)

NCD focuses on increasing the quality of a church, with the emphasis on *church health*, which has been proved to be the key to ongoing growth. This is based on research from over 70,000 churches worldwide, covering many different cultures and spiritual styles.

NCD-UK was established in 2010 to encourage churches to engage with them in an ongoing process of creative review and development of ministry and mission. The starting point is to reflect on the quality of church life and then to test that perception with an NCD Survey. The survey measures the quality levels in eight areas known as *characteristics*. The detailed report assists the church, with the help of an NCD Coach, to plan and to do the things necessary for progress, by addressing their *minimum characteristic*.

The PCC of St Andrew's Church has carried out two surveys and the latter showed an increase on all of the characteristics which was most encouraging. A third survey will be carried out early next year 2013 and it is hoped that these improvements will have continued. NCD is a continuous cycle of perceiving, testing, understanding, planning, doing, experience and then back to perceiving to start the cycle again. The Annual Report for 2011 gives more details about our progressed under the eight characteristics during that year. Thank you to all who helped us improve.

NCD-UK is a partner of NCD International, which was developed many years ago. Details about NCD above have been taken from 'An Introduction' by NCD-UK published May 2012. For more information please look at these two websites - www.ncd-international.org and www.ncd-uk.com.

W J Wakefield

Jubilee Concert – Saturday 2 June Evesham Arts Centre

Avonbank Band, Evesham Community Choir, local school children, Vale Dance Group, senior students and Musical Memories taking a nostalgic look at British Music throughout the Queen's 60 years on the throne.

The second half will end with a rousing and uplifting Finale of Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and Land of Hope & Glory.

Promoted by Evesham Festival of Music to commemorate HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Tickets: £10 – Children (14 & under £5)

Available from: The Almonry Museum & Carrick Travel (Port Street)

St Andrew's CE First School

Our school has been busy raising funds during the past month including our parent/ teacher association (SASSA) putting on a 'Chocolate Bingo' night, attended by over 60 families, raising funds for pupils' Phonics resources. Our Year 3 class raised more than £350 for the British Heart Foundation through a sponsored Skipping event.



SASSA have organised the school talent show which will put our new sound and lighting system (installed using a donation from Rooftop Housing) through its paces. We also look forward to representing Wychavon in the Worcestershire Schools Girls Football Competition which involves our team going through to the second round held in

Bromsgrove, after successfully qualifying at Evesham High School in May.

A spectacularly eventful first half of the Summer term leaves us celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on the 1 June, with an outdoor picnic lunch with the whole school dressed in red, white and blue. We have also planted a 'Royal Oak' in our grounds to mark the occasion. Locally, Hampton Community Residents Association has organised a street party which has been set up with the help of Bellway Homes and the Parish community. We wish everyone a very happy half-term and hope that they enjoy celebrating the Jubilee event with friends and family during the half-term break.

June also sees the lead up to the Olympic Games, with many sporting events planned to mark the occasion throughout Worcestershire. At St Andrew's we look forward to hosting a Small Schools' mini-Olympics on 21 June, when we will celebrate the competitive spirit of the games with a friendly sporting tournament between local schools. If you want to find out more about the school please visit <http://www.st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk/>

Hampton WI

Our meeting on 10 May was the Resolutions Meeting, when we discussed the Resolution calling for the 'Employment of more Midwives' to be debated at the National AGM to be held at the Albert Hall on 30 May. Members agreed unanimously with the resolution. Possible future events planned included visits to Waddesdon Manor, Avoncroft Museum, Moors Meadow Garden and Nursery, and an evening Orchid Walk on 25 June.

Arrangements were finalised for our Jubilee Tea Party on 29 May. The Quiz team were congratulated on coming fourth in the Group Quiz. The meeting concluded with a quiz organised by Ann Davis, with three joint winners.

At our next meeting on 14 June David Barrie will take us 'By Steam Train to Darjeeling' and in July we will be given 'An Introduction to Beekeeping' by Keren Green. In lieu of our August meeting, we will be having lunch at Kings Court Hotel. 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



We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded our first Green Flag having worked very hard over the last two years towards becoming an Eco-School. The assessment took place on Friday 27th April and the assessor was absolutely delighted with the environmental education work that had been done at the school – in fact he had no suggestions at all to put forward to help us strengthen our Eco-Schools work in the future except to continue the way we are. He thought the application was ‘stunning’ and said in all his years as an assessor he had never heard an eco-code as good as ours – it is in the form of a rap and the whole school performed it for him. Comments in the congratulatory letter were as follows: **“A fabulous first Green Flag application and assessment. Very well embedded across their school curriculum and exciting work with the community too. Very pleased to see lots of further ideas for improvement”**. Thanks must go to Mrs Holdstock and the eco-committee for all their hard work as well as to Miss Ioannides who will be continuing as Eco co-ordinator and indeed to the whole school who have really embraced environmental work throughout the curriculum. We have just received our actual flag so do look out for it being hoisted soon and here are some pictures taken during our Eco/DT week at the end of last term. Every class were making things to attract more wildlife into our grounds and were counting insects and creatures before and after to see what the effect was. Here are Year 2 with one of their bird feeders and Year 1 making bug houses. We are delighted to have been able to replace the very old and unsuitable wall bars with some new ones, and now have some lovely modern equipment which the children are really enjoying.



The next major events coming up are our residential trips to Outdoor Education Centres. Year 3 will be spending the day at Upton Warren Centre doing sailing and water activities. Year 4 go to Malvern Outdoor Education Centre where they stay overnight and Year 5 are off to Conover Hall JCA centre in Shropshire for two nights. These are all such worthwhile trips which build the children’s confidence and foster team spirit. We will end the half-term with our street party celebration for the Diamond Jubilee. Our building extension work is due to start around half-term and the plans are now displayed in the school hall where they can be viewed from outside.

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Articles can be submitted by email to: editor@hamptonchurch.org.uk or sent to the editor at 11 Hillside Close, Hampton, Evesham WR11 2PB or left for the editor in St Andrew’s Church.

Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

Bible Readings – June 2012

Sunday 3rd Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6.1-8 Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17	Sunday 17th Second Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 17.22-24 2 Corinthians 5.6-10 [11-13], 14-17 Mark 4.26-34
Sunday 10th First Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 3.8-15 2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1 Mark 3.20-35	Sunday 24th Third Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 40.1-11 Acts 13.14b-26 or Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 1.57-66, 80

Regular Events

Mothers' Union 2nd Tuesday of the month - 2pm Scout and Guide Community Hall	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 Tuesdays in term time - 9-10.30am Scout and Guide Community Hall	

From the Registers – April

Baptisms	15 April	Kiera Louise Hampstead	Hampton
	22 April	Amelia Rose Woodward	Sedgeberrow
	29 April	Keegan Ronald Lymm Haskins	Hampton
Weddings	7 April	Jason Peter Walton /	Hampton
		Claire Louise Josephs	
Funerals	5 April	Madge Tomlinson	Hampton

Prayers ... for the sick

Remember before God people who are ill; the patients of our local hospitals with Maggie Bailey, Pat Bayliss, David Brasher, David Canning, Brenda Clarke, Ray Clarke, Pamela Collins, Pam Eustace, Monica Garston, Harry Green, Ella Hampton, Sarah Hands, Doreen Hayes, Sue Jones, Clifford Lewis, Beryl Lord, Elaine Major, Iris Pinkstone, Rosie Rencher, Alan Roberts, Phillippa Shepherd, Celia Sheward, Joan Simpson, Pat Smith, and Doug Thompson. Grant them patience, courage and comfort.

Prayers ... for those who have died

Joan Hartiss, Clive Thomson, Sandra Mary Ann Aston, Glyn Pritchard, Derek Chapman, Una Crowe, Margery May Andrew and those who mourn.

Services for June 2012

1st	Sunday 3	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Family Service	Hampton
		6pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing	Hampton
	Wednesday 6	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
2nd	Sunday 10	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Benefice Confirmation Service Bishop David Walker	Hampton
	Wednesday 13	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Saturday 16	1pm	Wedding	Hampton
	3rd	Sunday 17	8am	Holy Communion
9am			Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
11am			Welcome Service	Hampton
Wednesday 20		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
4th		Sunday 24	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am		Eucharist	Hampton
	11am		Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	11am		Petertide Celebration Service	Hinton
	6.30pm		John Martin Commemoration Service	Hampton
	Wednesday 27	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

Services for July 2012

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

Apology - due to an ongoing error, the time for the service of Holy Communion with prayers for healing on Sunday 6th May and Sunday 3rd June was stated as being 6.30 pm when it should have been 6.00 pm. Our profound apology to all those who were affected.