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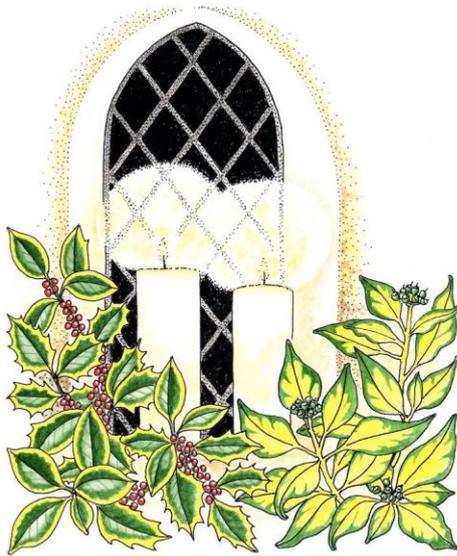
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Hinton on the Green

# THE HERALD

## Christmas Services



### Sunday 9 December

Christingle Service – 4pm Hinton

### Sunday 16 December

Carol Service – 3pm Hampton

### Sunday 16 December

Carol Service – 3pm Sedgeberrow

### Sunday 23 December

Carol Service and Nativity Play - 11am  
Hinton

### Monday 24 December

Crib Service – 3pm Hampton

Crib Service – 6pm Sedgeberrow

Crib Service – 6pm Hinton

Midnight Eucharist – 11.30pm Hampton

### Christmas Day

Holy Communion – 8am Hampton

Holy Communion – 9am Sedgeberrow

Family Communion – 10am Hampton



## Prayers ... for the Church

*My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Saviour*

During December pray for your fellow Christians throughout the world as they prepare to celebrate the great Feast of Christmas that it may be a happy time for us all, drawing us closer together in our discipleship. After the Feast when we celebrate the Festivals of St Stephen and the Holy Innocents, pray everyone who today suffers for their faith, that they may find the peace that comforts us all. On and around January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Epiphany, ask that the Holy Spirit may strengthen us in our efforts to reveal the truth of Jesus Christ to the world. Give thanks for the Conversion of St Paul (January 25<sup>th</sup>) and for all missionaries who devote their lives to spreading the Good News of the Gospel. Pray for the work of our own Deanery in managing the business of all the parishes in Evesham and the surrounding villages and for worshippers in the Methodist churches of this area.

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## Prayers ... for the World

At Christmas pray for happiness for everyone celebrating the holiday that the joy of the season will live up expectations; that families throughout the world will be able to come together for the holidays in love. Ask that those who are lonely at this time may find comfort and togetherness with others. Mention charities that make a special effort for Christmas, especially Crisis, in its particular care for the single homeless. At the New Year, when so many people make resolutions, pray for leaders of the nations that they may seek to bring about a move towards peace and international goodwill. Early in January a new President of the USA will be sworn in; pray for him in his responsibilities and for the people of that powerful country.

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# From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

## Proclaiming the message of Christmas



Christmas cards tell us a lot about the sender and how they view us. Not sending a card implies that there is no value attached to a relationship. Organised people keep an address book of friends, family and acquaintances, and often buy and send their cards out early; being among the first cards that are received. The other extreme is to be haphazard in simply reciprocating when a card is received.

The first commercial Christmas cards were printed by Cole & Horsley in 1843, and have retained their popularity. Who doesn't like to receive a card in the run up to Christmas? In shops the cards on sale present us with a picture of how Christmas is viewed by different people. Every card proclaims a standard and a personal message from the sender to the receiver in the choice of words and the design on the front of the card.



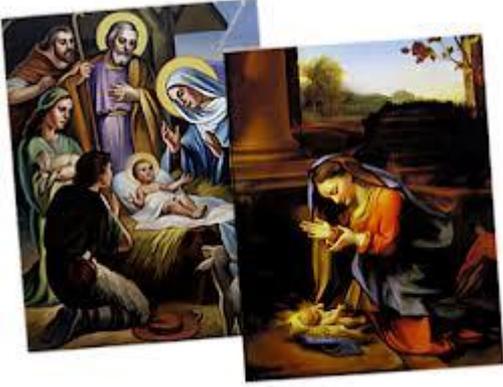
A word of caution: your choice of card conveys more than you might think.

A large card with embossing lots of gold means the sender thinks you are important. A very small card says that you are not! A printed card speaks of the sender's wealth and importance. If it has a printed name only then it indicates that person is busy doing important things rather than wasting time signing cards. A homemade card demonstrates that the sender is wealthy and leisured or artistic. A Green minded person will send a card printed on recycled paper (or a recycled card) with a message about the environment and nations working together. Sending a charity card says that you are generous and benevolent with the true spirit of Christmas at heart.

Buying random commercial cards (often boxed) with Father Christmas, fluffy animals, etc, shows a lack of planning and taste. They are joined by the musical cards which also have a large fluffy animal or bizarre snow scene. Then there are the pagan cards which go out of their way to be so far removed from Christmas in demonstrating the independence of the sender. The addition of a long printed letter about the past year can be read as an apology for not being in contact.



How we display cards is also revealing. Some cards are displayed prominently, others less so depending on how we view them. It would be interesting to see where the printed card from the Parish Church goes! I guess it will vary from house to house. Sending Christmas cards does provide an opportunity for us to share our faith to those around us. The birth of a baby who changed history is very special indeed. The joy of Christmas is to be celebrated to everyone. Are we doing the best we can to share the Christmas message?



I did a little test one year by dividing all the cards I had received into three piles without reading who had sent them. The first two piles were best Sacred and worst Sacred. The third pile was Yuletide. When I came to look at who had sent what I was astonished. In the Yuletide pile was one from a Church!

It is important to use your buying power to send cards which are sacred; they form part of the nativity story. In many shops it is a struggle to find these so please insist that the shops stock and sell these important little witnesses to the faith of our Lord. May you send and receive many cards which share the joy of the first Christmas as revealed in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Mark Binney**

Priest in Charge of Hampton, Bengeworth, Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green

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## **PARISH MEETING**

### **Proposed Re-ordering of the Interior of St Andrew's Church**

Most of you should by now have received a copy of the booklet 'The Proposed Re-Ordering of the Interior of St Andrew's Church' and are probably wondering "What is going on?" or "What next?" or "When do I have my say?". To answer these and any other questions you may have, a Parish Meeting has been arranged for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012 immediately after the 10.00 am service.

Your churchwardens and members of the PCC will be attending this meeting: they will answer any questions that you may have, and explain the rationale behind the proposed changes. David Hawkins, from the DAC, will also be in attendance and will bring some of the chairs being considered to replace the pews.

The aim of this meeting is to ensure that you know exactly what changes and alterations are being proposed for St Andrew's Church and the reasons for them. We also hope to quash the many rumours that continue to circulate. Your presence is important - please do please try to be there.

If you are not able to attend this meeting, but would still like to have your say, and have access to a computer, you could address your points to: [enquiry@hamptonchurch.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@hamptonchurch.org.uk) and they will be raised on your behalf at the meeting. Please keep your questions or comments as brief as possible.

Roy Buffery (Re-Ordering Project Manager)

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## **St Andrew's Fellowship**

St Andrew's Fellowship held their monthly meeting in the Community Hall on Tuesday 13 November. Following prayers, when Pat Baylis and Diana Burgess were remembered, business took the form of a discussion mainly about future fund raising events when we hope to work with Mrs. Ann Evans and the ClicSargent charity. Plans were made for a group to visit Holland House in Cropthorne for a Victorian Christmas Evening with mulled wine and supper with carols, Christmas poetry readings and songs.

The speaker was Mrs. Helen Gray who talked about the services offered by the Evesham Volunteer Centre and also the opportunities for more volunteers to offer their services.

The raffle was donated by Mrs. Norma Read and won by Mrs. Gwen Thomas

Anyone who would like to know more about the Fellowship will be very welcome to attend our meeting on 11 December or contact Ida Roberts by telephone 01386 421362.

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## **CHANGES TO THE GIFT AID DECLARATION**

### **St Andrew's Church**

As from 1 January 2013, the wording of the Gift Aid Declaration will change and the problems with the old wording will be removed. The effect on those who already Gift Aid their donation is negligible, but they might wish to sign one of the new forms to ensure that they comply fully with the revised requirement. Gift Aid Declaration forms, having the new wording, will be available from your Treasurer as from 1 December 2012.

New donors to the Gift Aid scheme will automatically receive a 'New' Gift Aid form and all existing Pew Envelopes (those for single, one-off, donations) will be modified to suit. Even if you are not able to Gift Aid your donations, you can still help your church by paying by standing order – copies of the Bank Mandate are available from your Treasurer.

The boxes of envelopes for 2013 will be available in church around the second Sunday in December

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## **Prayers ... for the new Archbishop of Canterbury**

Pray for Bishop Julian Welby and his new responsibilities in leading the Worldwide Anglican Communion; pray too that he will receive the loyal support of all members of our Church and that his years as Archbishop will see the growth of the Communion's mission.

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# Hampton Scout & Guide & Community Hall 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



A Buffet Supper celebrating 20 years of Hampton Scout & Guide Community Hall took place at the Hall on Saturday 17 November, when past and present leaders from both Scouting and Guiding were joined by many of those instrumental in the development of the Hall twenty years ago, and in the Management of it in subsequent years. Also present were representatives of some of the outside groups who use the Hall on a regular basis.

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Are you in need of transport or know someone in need of transport? Do you find it difficult to use the bus service or maybe there is no bus service? Then why not contact us at **Evesham Volunteer Centre** and join our Community Transport Scheme.

Evesham Volunteer Centre was set up in 1983 to address the many problems of rural isolation. Rural areas often have less access to public transport. The Community Transport Scheme is an essential part of our service and is accessed by people who have poor access to public transport or are unable to use public transport through age or disability. We cover the town of Evesham and its surrounding villages.

We have volunteer drivers who will pick you up in their own cars and get you to that hospital or doctors appointment, take you to social events or even shopping. Our drivers wait for you at hospital and other appointments and we have a number of drivers who will accompany you on shopping trips. A sliding fare scale is applicable for all journeys.

We are keen to let more vulnerable and elderly people know about our services, especially those in villages where rural public transport is often poor. Being able to get out to appointments and social activities can help with the social isolation that many elderly and disabled adults feel.

For more information ring us on **01386 45035** and speak to the Transport Co-ordinator.

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## **In the month of December .....**

400 years ago: - on 28 Dec 1612, Galileo became the first person to observe the planet Neptune. He mistakenly identified it as a star. (It was officially discovered in 1846.)

90 years ago: - on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 1922, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) was founded.

60 years ago: - on 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1952, Queen Elizabeth II gave her first Christmas speech.

40 years ago: - on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1972, Apollo 17 was launched – NASA's last manned mission to the Moon.

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## What's the Big Idea?

### An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Colossians

In our multi-faith society, the key questions being asked include 'Who is Jesus Christ?' or 'Is Jesus unique in revealing God to us?' Such questions lie at the heart of Paul's letter to the Colossians. The church in Colosse was a fruit of his three years ministry in nearby Ephesus (52-55 AD). Epaphras, a native of Colosse and one of Paul's converts, was the founder and leader of the church. Paul wrote this letter, while a prisoner in Rome, around 61 AD.

Paul was writing against false teaching within the church, which appears a mixture of pagan occultism, Jewish legalism and Christianity. It was a form of Gnosticism, teaching that Jesus was not fully God and man, but only a semi-divine being. Therefore, he lacked the authority and ability to satisfy the needs of the Colossians. Enlightened believers, however, could reach spiritual fullness through special knowledge and rigorous self-discipline. In answer to this Paul wrote, 'see to it that no-one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ' (2:8).

He attacked this false teaching by focusing on the supremacy of Christ, 'in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have this fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority' (2:9-10).

Paul affirmed the sovereignty of Christ as:

- Lord of all creation, who sustains everything. As the exact representation of God, he is first born over all creation (1:15-17), and so there is no place for worshipping angels or any other power (2:18).
- Head of the church (1:18), to whom the Colossians should submit (2:6, 7) and not be seduced by vain speculations (1:16-18).
- Supreme Saviour (3:11), who has defeated all spiritual powers on the cross (2:15), resulting in them sharing in the power of his resurrection (2:20). As all are adopted in his family, everybody is equally forgiven. Therefore, there are no special qualifications needed to experience God's favour (2:8-20).

In chapters 3 to 4 Paul demonstrates the practical implications for the Christian's daily life. We are challenged to abandon the sins of the old life and cultivate the qualities of our new life in Christ (3:5-4:6). Therefore, if we maintain Jesus as our Lord, he will prove truly sufficient for all our needs.

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# Hinton on the Green

## A Roasting Success

The Hog Roast Harvest Supper on Saturday 20th October was well attended and opened by the Archdeacon of Worcester, the Venerable Roger Morris. The evening's entertainment helped to raise £1000 towards the restoration of St Peter's Church in Hinton on the Green and harvest donations collected will be distributed to the homeless across the Vale in support of Caring Hands. A splendid evening was had by everyone and the Parochial Church Council would like to thank everyone for their support of this event, especially local folk Band Isbourne and the choir (a section of Broadway Music Makers). Peter Ross, a Hinton resident said, "What a wonderful event! Thanks to all involved, thanks for giving us a village again." Watch this space for future events!

## Restoration of St Peter's Church

High priority works to the roof and guttering will shortly be underway. This work is desperately needed to make the building water tight and to prevent further moisture damage to the lime plaster. This work is only possible due to the fund-raising from the Harvest Supper and the generosity of Laslett's (Hinton) Charity who have pledged £2,000 to St Peter's Church repairs.

## Yuletide Festivities

- Christingle making will take place at St Peter's Church at 3pm on 9 December before the Christingle Service. Any children wishing to make Christingles and present them at the Service are welcome to join in the fun. Call Liz Davies to book your child/ren a place (to ensure enough materials are provided).
- Village Carol Singing is being organized by Hinton Community Group and they will welcome all those who wish to join in at 5.30pm (at church gate) on 19 December. Call Clare Davies or Amanda French for further details or just turn up!
- The Nativity Play and Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Hinton will be held on 23 December at 11.15am
- A Crib Service will be held on 24 December (Christmas Eve) at 6pm and all children from the Benefice are welcome to join in for this special service.

## Coffee Mornings

The coffee mornings held at Hinton's St Peter's Church have proved very popular, and are now scheduled for the last Tuesday of every month, except during the winter months when it is difficult to get the Church warm. The last one of the year was on 27 November and the next one will be in the spring - watch this space!

## Bulbs

David and Rosemary Cross very kindly purchased and arranged the planting of thousands of new bulbs in the churchyard. Sadly many have been dug up by squirrels requiring further planting with the aid of chilli oil as a deterrent! Thank you to David & Rosemary for this donation - and their determination to deter these pesky critters.

## 2013 Beauty Evening

In early 2013 Rosemary Cross will be organising a "Beauty Evening" for ladies. This will be in aid of St. Peter's Church Repair Fund. If you have a "beautician" skill such as massage or manicure which you can offer for this event please phone or email Rosemary on 01386 443240 or [rosemarycross2000@yahoo.com](mailto:rosemarycross2000@yahoo.com). There will be remuneration for the beautician. If you are interested in coming to the event reserve your place now!

## Hinton PCC - Goodbye and thank you

Hinton on the Green PCC is saying "goodbye" (or, hopefully, au revoir) to two of its stalwart members. Paul French has contributed a lot of practical help, and continues to do so but he needs to concentrate on building up his own business. We all thank him for sterling service.

Liz Davies has a young and active family and numerous other commitments upon which she needs to focus. A real "Mrs Motivator" if ever there was one, we shall miss Liz's input enormously and hope she may be able to return to us in the future. Thank you so much, Liz.

This means that there is a vacancy or two in the PCC. If you are reading this and think you can help to repair and rejuvenate St. Peter's Church in Hinton please phone or email Nick Frost on 01386 47230 or [nick@frostline.org.uk](mailto:nick@frostline.org.uk). The only qualification needed is enthusiasm!! Your community needs you and you only get out of life what you put in. Remember the words of John F Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country". Replace country with VILLAGE and contact Nick or any member of the PCC now!

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## New Fundraising Event at Hampton

Starting immediately after the Holy Communion Service on Wednesday mornings will be the new **HAMPTON COFFEE MORNING** in St Andrew's Church, nominally 10.30am to 12-noon.

This event started on Wednesday 7 November and it will be repeated on the **1st** Wednesday of each month. The next one will be on 5 December.

Offers of Cakes, Handmade Cards and other suitable items for sale will be gratefully received before the service. If you would like to offer help or require additional information, please contact Gabrielle Falkiner (41302) or Shirley Lynch (553392) or Phillippa Henly (421224)



## Events Update – December 2012

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

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	4 Dec 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>5 Dec 10.30am</b>	<b>Hampton</b>
<b>Bingo</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8 Dec 8pm</b>	<b>Sedgeberrow</b>
<b>Church Open Morning</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8 Dec 10am-Noon</b>	<b>Hampton</b>
<b>Wassail</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9 Dec 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sedgeberrow V H</b>
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	11 Dec 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship Meeting	Tues	11 Dec 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	18 Dec 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
<b>St Andrew's Prayer Group</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>18 Dec 6.45pm</b>	<b>Hampton</b>
<b>Village Carol Singing</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>19 Dec 5.30pm</b>	<b>Hinton</b>
<b>Standing Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>19 Dec 7.30pm</b>	<b>Hampton</b>
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>2 Jan 10.30am</b>	<b>Hampton</b>
<b>Church Open Morning</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>12 Jan 10am-Noon</b>	<b>Hampton</b>

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## News from Sedgeberrow

**Coffee Mornings** - These will now finish until March 2013. We thank you for supporting us each month.

### **Bingo**

The next Bingo sessions are on December 8<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup> both at 8pm in the Village Hall. Again we thank you for your support.

### **Christmas Trees**

The Church will be open on 17, 18 and 19 December from 10am to 2pm with Coffee and Mince pies.

If anyone would like to decorate a Christmas Tree please contact Ann Banks 881623.

**Wassail** is on Sunday 9 December at 5.30 pm in the Village Hall

Come along for an evening of Christmas Songs/Carols and a sketch or two and a visit from Father Christmas. £2 per adult (children free) Tea /Coffee, mince pies and soft drinks on sale.

Sedgeberrow PCC wishes you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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Articles are submitted on the understanding that they may be edited to fit the available space. The Herald is edited by Roy Buffery.

Articles can be submitted by email to: [editor@hamptonchurch.org.uk](mailto: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.

# Christmas: The story of the Christingle

The word 'Christingle' actually means 'Christ Light', and celebrates the light of Jesus coming into the world. Stories of how the Christingle began look back to the Moravian Church, which is found in the Czech Republic. The Moravians have held Christingle services for more than 200 years, and according to them, this is how the first Christingle might have been made:

Many years ago the children in a village were asked to bring a Christmas gift to put beside the crib in the church. One family was very poor, and had no money for gifts, but the three children were still determined to take something. The only nice thing they had was an orange, so they decided to give the Christ-child that. But then they discovered the top was going green, so the eldest cut it out, and put a candle in the hole. To add some colour, one of the girls took a red ribbon from her hair and tied it around the middle of the orange. It was hard to make the ribbon stay still, so they fastened it in place with toothpicks. The toothpicks looked a bit bare, so the youngest child added some raisons to them.

The children took their decorated orange lantern to the church for the Christmas Mass. The other children sneered at their meagre gift, but the priest seized upon it with joy. He held it up as an example of the true understanding of the meaning of Christmas, for the following reasons: the orange is round, like the world; the candle gives us light in the dark, like the love of God; the red ribbon goes round the 'world', as a symbol of Christ's blood, given for everyone; the four sticks point in all directions, and symbolise that God is over all: North, South, East and West; and the fruit and nuts remind us of God's blessings.

The Children's Society first introduced the Christingle Service to The Church of England in 1968, and it has since become a popular event in the church calendar. This candlelit celebration is an ideal way to share the key messages of the Christian faith, while helping to raise vital funds to help vulnerable children across the country. Visit: [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

## Alternative Christingles?



## Prayers ... for the people around us

Ask God to bless the families of our United Benefice that they may enjoy the love that God has for us. Mention especially families whom you know well, any you know to be particular need and, of course, your own. Pray for everyone enjoying the seasonal holiday that they may find the time relaxing and refreshing. Give thanks for the people who will be at work helping to serve the rest of us. As schools and colleges reassemble for the new term, ask God to bless the children and students, teachers, lecturers and support staff. Pray for all the social activities that are being planned throughout our United Benefice during the coming year.

## Bible Readings – December 2012

Sunday 2nd First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-36	Sunday 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45, [46-55]
Sunday 9th Second Sunday of Advent	Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4 Philippians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6	Sunday 30th First Sunday of Christmas	1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-52
Sunday 16th Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3.14-20 Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18		

## From the Registers – October

<b>Baptisms</b>	7 Oct	Maddison Irene Beasley	Hampton
	14 Oct	George Ewart Davies-Blount	Hinton
	21 Oct	Kian George Smith	Hampton
		Keisha Grace Gurney	Hampton
	28 Oct	Thomas Roy Wooldridge	Hampton
Hermione Kerry Wooldridge		Hampton	
<b>Weddings</b>	6 Oct	Richard John Tallis / Samantha Louise Perkins	Hampton
<b>Funerals</b>	11 Oct	Patricia Ann Mason	Hampton
	26 Oct	Doreen Cora (Pat) Baylis	Hampton

## Production Failures

The print quality of last month Herald was abysmal! Even worse than that of October and September – I can only offer my most profound apology. You may be aware that we only have a small production window and when a quality failure occurs during the printing stage there is little that can be done if the magazine is to be in church on the last Sunday of the month.

After each failure, the engineers from Midshire Communications Limited have been brought in and they have carried the ‘*necessary*’ adjustments and repairs. The extensive tests carried out each time have indicated ‘**PROBLEM SOLVED**’, but, as we now know, they most certainly were not. In MCL’s defence it has to be stated that it is not possible or practicable to carry out the full 300 unit run – it would probably solve nothing and add considerable to church costs.

Following this latest failure, MCL’s Service Manager was left in no doubt as to where he, his engineers, the company and the printer stood in your editor’s estimation and a warning was issued should there be a quality issue with the December edition.

I can only offer my apology over these unfortunate incidents again and assure you that I will try to maintain the quality set by the previous editor.

*Roy Buffery – Editor of the Herald*

### Services for January 2013

	Wednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>1st</b>	<b>Sunday 6</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		10am	Family Service	Hampton
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
		4.30pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Hampton
	Wednesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Sunday 13</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
		4pm	Holy Communion	Hinton

Please note that the above information is as indicated to us at the time of submission and is believed to be correct. However changes may occur and the reader is advised to consult the weekly Pew Sheet for the latest information.



## Sedgeberrow CE First School

Our Harvest Festival celebration on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October was a lovely occasion with each class taking a special part in the service. Parents were very generous with their donations so we had a beautiful display of produce and Year 5 were able to distribute some gifts around the village in the afternoon. We also made £155 from sales to parents which we donated to the 'Seeds for Africa' appeal. Children are now busily putting together their boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal following an introductory assembly from Bob James which touched all our hearts.

Open Morning was a great success with more visitors than ever before coming to look around our lovely school. Application forms are coming in fast but we still have places if you know of anyone due to start school next September.



In October we had our whole school Eco-Week where we were looking at healthy eating. Everyone had a great week learning about what makes a balanced diet, the different food groups and how to improve our lunchboxes to be more healthy. Some classes also had a lot of fun making their own smoothies to try. They were delicious!

In November we will be holding an E-safety week teaching the children all about how to stay safe when using the internet and other devices. There will be an information meeting for parents during the week and all children and staff will be signing up to new acceptable use agreements.

Now half-term is behind us we will also be looking forward to our Christmas shows and events which will be here before we know it.

Our parents association F.O.S.S. (Friends of Sedgeberrow School) will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre in the school hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Do come along and join us if you can.

Sedgeberrow CE First School would like to wish everyone  
a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year

*Mrs M M Humphreys*  
*Headteacher*

[www.sedgeberrowfirstschool.ik.org](http://www.sedgeberrowfirstschool.ik.org)

## **Hampton WI**

Joyce Davey welcomed members to the meeting on 8 November. She thanked those who had knitted teddy bears in aid of the Meningitis Appeal and reminded everyone that the next month's meeting on 13 December will be our Christmas 'Bring and Share Supper'. Our collection this year will be in aid of the CLIC Sargent Charity for children with cancer, and donations of tinned or dried food will also be collected in support of Caring Hands in the Vale.

The recent guided tour of Worcester Cathedral was extremely interesting and the guide had told us that visit to the library would be very worthwhile, so a further outing will be arranged in due course. Joyce Davey invited members to her house for tea and mince pies on 12th December and on 2nd February we will have our New Year lunch will be at Broadway Golf Club. Everyone really enjoyed the lunch there last year, so we are looking forward to that.

Our speaker for the evening was Jo Shadbolt, who gave us ideas on how to prepare 'A Christmas Cheeseboard'. Jo spoke about different cheeses and how they are made, how much to allow per guest for a cheese and wine party, or after dinner, and cheese eating customs in other countries. For example, Americans eat cheese as a starter, the French like cheese before their sweet course, whereas the Italians eat it as a dessert. She showed us how to display, cut and serve a selection of cheeses and recommended the drinks to accompany different varieties. We then had the opportunity to sample some of the cheeses ourselves.

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

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### **Prayers ... for those who are unwell**

Ask God to bless the families of our United Benefice that they may enjoy the love that God has for us. Mention especially families whom you know well, any you know to be particular need and, of course, your own. Pray for everyone enjoying the seasonal holiday that they may find the time relaxing and refreshing. Give thanks for the people who will be at work helping to serve the rest of us. As schools and colleges reassemble for the new term, ask God to bless the children and students, teachers, lecturers and support staff. Pray for all the social activities that are being planned throughout our United Benefice during the coming year.

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### **Prayers ... for the Departed**

Amongst those known to you personally include Marie Attwood, David Braysher, Clive Jenkins, Thomas Hall, Alec Sharpe, Patricia Ann Mason, Doug Thompson, Pat Baylis and Diana Burgess together with those who mourn.

*The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*

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## Services for December 2012

<b>1st</b>	<b>Sunday 2</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
		10am	Family Service	Hampton	
		4.30pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Hampton	
	Tuesday 4	6.30pm	Hampton Guides Christmas Service	Hampton	
	Wednesday 5	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Sunday 9</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Eucharist (Meeting after)	Hampton	
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow	
		4pm	Christingle Service	Hinton	
	Wednesday 12	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Sunday 16</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
		10am	Welcome Service	Hampton	
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton	
		3pm	Carol Service	Hampton	
		3pm	Carol Service	Sedgeberrow	
	Wednesday 19	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	Saturday 22	12noon	Wedding	Hampton	
<b>4th</b>	<b>Sunday 23</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton	
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow	
		11am	Carol Service and Nativity Play	Hinton	
	<b>Monday 24</b>	3pm	Crib Service	Hampton	
		6pm	Crib Service	Sedgeberrow	
		6pm	Crib Service	Hinton	
		11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	Hampton	
	<b>Tuesday 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
			10am	Family Eucharist	Hampton
			9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
			Saturday 29	1pm	Wedding
	<b>5th</b>	<b>Sunday 30</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
			9.45am	ASUM Group Service	Bengeworth

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