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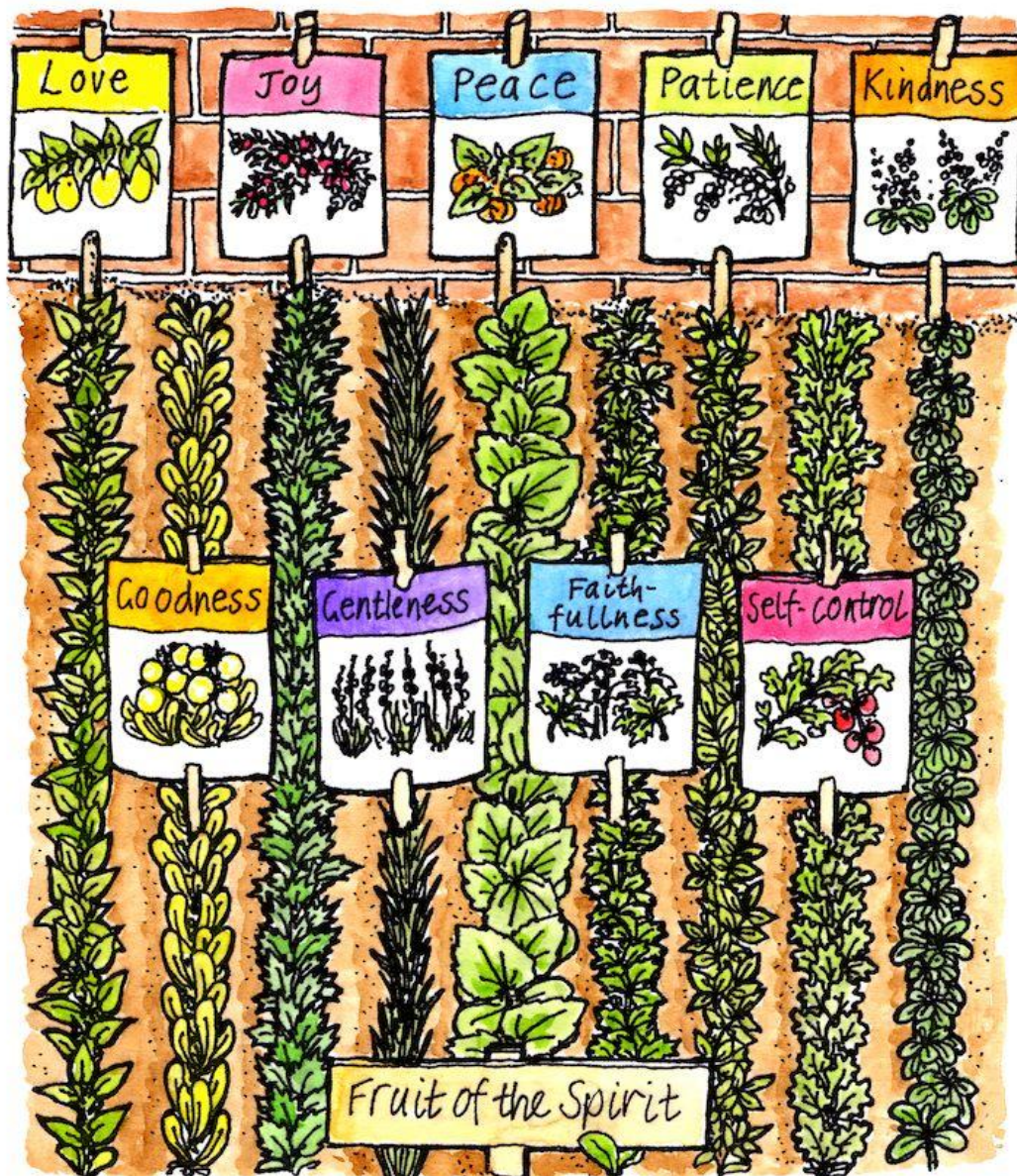


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Prayers ... for the Church

O Lord, our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world.

Continue to give thanks for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ and pray for all those who found a new or renewed faith in the worship of this season. On April 25th we celebrate the festival of Saint Mark the Evangelist. Give thanks for his, the first Gospel, for the good news it brings and for everyone who is reading at this season. Pray for Mark, our Priest-in-Charge in his calling and ask for the help of the Holy Spirit in his work and for of us who try to support him within the United Benefice and at Saint Peter's, Bengeworth. Pray for the new Pope and for all Catholics whom he leads. Ask God's blessing on the work of our Altar Guild and on everyone who helps them in that work. Pray for the various church groups within our parishes in their many activities and this month especially for Prayer Groups.

Prayers ... for the World

Bring before God the menace of drug-taking throughout the world: the users who endanger their mental and physical health; the traffickers and those who are forced into this evil activity; the growers, especially those driven into the work by their own poverty; the law enforcement agencies who combat the trade; and the agencies, many of them, voluntary, who seek to rescue the users from their suffering. Commend to God's keeping The Little Hospice Hoima in Uganda whose workers offer a safe environment to the children of the country with the necessities and comforts, which would otherwise be denied them. Remember the supporters of the Hospice, from Saint Andrew's, Hampton.

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From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748), is one of our most talented English hymn writers. He wrote about 750 hymns, some of which are considered the finest hymns ever written. You may already know that Lewis Carroll was an admirer, and parodied some of his verses in his 'Alice' books! Matthew Arnold and Arnold Bennett thought Watts' hymn 'When I survey the wondrous Cross' the best in the English language. It is still a lovely hymn even hundreds of years after it was written.

Isaac was fascinated by the cross and the whole concept of 'atonement'. The text enlarges the vision, not only the love of Christ, but our response in love, as broad '*as the whole realm of nature*'. The words of the hymn express for me the Easter message. The cross is central to the Christian faith:

'Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?'

An instrument of torture becomes a symbol of faith for a world wide religion. On Good Friday by suffering and dying on the cross, Jesus redeems us.

'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.'

But the story does not end there.



The cross of Good Friday is known as a crucifix, bearing an image of the crucified Lord. Many people wear one as an object of devotion, as is the central object in the rood-screen which ran across the entrance to the chancel of many churches.

But the cross of Easter is a simple plain cross because Jesus is raised! He is not there! The tomb is empty! Plain crosses can be found both inside and outside churches; demonstrating the triumph of Jesus over death.

You cannot have Easter without Good Friday: love and sorrow, new life from death. And that is what makes Easter so special. It has something to say to us about life if only we care to listen and see.

'My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.' *'All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.'*

As Isaac concludes it '*demands my soul, my life, my all.*'

May the cross stand as a symbol of our Easter faith in our church, home and life?

Mark Binney

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



St Andrew's Fellowship

Despite the extremely low temperatures there was an excellent attendance by members at our meeting on Tuesday 12 March. After opening prayers and general business, there was discussion concerning the venue for the Spring Outing on 14 May. Several suggestions were reduced to just two - Tewkesbury Abbey or Christ Church, Oxford - the final decision to be made at the April meeting when we have more information about both.

The highlight of the meeting was a very amusing talk by Councillor Mrs Diana Raphael, when we heard about her many visits to Buckingham Palace and including some anecdotes which will never be seen in general newspaper reports! Mrs Betty Keane presented Mrs Raphael with a small collection of Spring plants together with our thanks for an entertaining afternoon.

The next meeting on 9 April, will tell us about 'Puppy Walking' and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Hampton Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be after the 10am Communion Service on 3 April.

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)



Quiz Night & Fish & Chip Supper

We held a very enjoyable Quiz Night at St. Andrew's Church Centre on Saturday 9 March. Seven tables battled for the correct answers to the questions posed by Elaine Major. The winners were Jane Wisniewski and her team.

The total raised for St. Andrew's Church was £217.

Our thanks to all who planned and helped to organise this most enjoyable evening, and to all the people who supported it.

Gabrielle Falkiner

Hampton War Memorial Clock

Good News! We have been advised by the clock engineer that he will visit St Andrew's Church this month to examine the clock mechanism and to try to effect repairs. However, it may well be that part of the clock mechanism will require extensive repairs back in the workshop or even complete replacement before we are able to trust the time being displayed once again.

Annual General Meetings

Please note the dates for the Annual Election of Churchwardens and Parochial Church Meetings are as follows: -

Hampton

On Sunday 7th April 2013 during the 10 am Eucharist

Sedgeberrow

On Sunday 21st April 2013 during the 9 am Holy Communion

Hinton on the Green

On Thursday 18th April 2013 at 7pm in the Church.

Prayers ... for the people around us

Pray for the work of the people in the Emergency Services who respond to accidents with ambulances by land and air, and Fire and Rescue vehicles and give thanks for the help that they bring to us all when it is urgently needed. Remember the businesses within our United Benefice, that they may continue to provide employment and that the people who work there may find satisfaction in all they do. Ask God to be with the families of our area and make special mention of any you know who need particular help at this time. Include in your prayers anyone who is lonely, perhaps because they find it difficult to get about or they have lost loved ones. Pray for students and children who will be beginning a new term, a time for special important examinations for some.

Events Update – April 2013

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

Coffee Morning	Wed	3 April 10.30am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	9 April 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship Meeting	Tues	9 April 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	13 April 10am-Noon	Hampton
Bingo	Sat	13 April 8pm	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	16 April 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tues	16 April 6.45pm	Hampton
Standing Committee Meeting	Wed	17 April 7.30pm	Hampton
St Peter's Church AGM	Thurs	18 April 7.30pm	Hinton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	23 April 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	30 April 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Wed	1 May 10.30am	Hampton
Church Open Morning	Sat	11 May 10am-Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Fellowship Meeting	Tues	14 May 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton PCC Meeting	Wed	15 May 7.30pm	Hampton
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tues	21 May 6.45pm	Hampton

April 23 - St George - our patron saint who isn't English by David Winter

It's perhaps typical of the English that they should have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who may not have existed at all. That didn't stop him being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that he was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that he was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the middle ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause. Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our gratitude and admiration.

Hampton WI

At our meeting on 14 March, a 16,500 mile cycle ride which took 13 months was condensed into an hour by Chris Smith, when he spoke about his journey from Bewdley to Beijing. The route took Chris across Europe, into Turkey, through Pakistan, India and on to China and Beijing. The terrain was often extremely gruelling, as we could see from the slides, and the weather challenging. Chris was struck down by a stomach bug in Southern Iran and, being too ill to cycle, had to take a bus to the nearest town, where he recovered in a hotel, with cockroaches for company, and he was reluctantly obliged to hitch a lift on two occasions in China, the first time because of a blizzard and then gales, which again made it impossible to ride. Though cycling mostly alone, he met many people along the way, who made no effort to hide their curiosity and even though communication was often difficult, to say the least, he was surprised and touched on many occasions by the friendliness and hospitality he was shown. There were spills and punctures, and many other frustrations and I think we could all imagine how much Chris enjoyed his first hot bath a year after leaving home. It was a fascinating story.

Forthcoming events include a quiz night at Ashton under Hill on 16 April, for which Hampton will be entering a team, and a backstage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford on 30 April, followed by lunch and also, no doubt, a little retail therapy.

At our meeting on 11 April Gillian White will give a talk about Mary Queen of Scots. On 9 May we have our Resolutions Meeting and on 13 June our speaker will be Stella Mitchell on the subject of The Land of Lost Content.

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.

News from Sedgeberrow

We have had new heating installed since Christmas, this has cost the Church a large amount of money, hopefully it will be warmer once we have got used to it. We have also had work done which came up in the Quinquennial report, which again was quite a substantial amount of money.

The next Bingo is on April 13th at 8pm in the Village Hall. This will be the last one until September.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on April 25th, 10am to 12noon

Please support both of these events.

Hinton on the Green – St Peter's Church

A new churchwarden's view:

Hello! My name is Lisa James and I have three children aged 17, 12 and 8. I live in Hinton on the Green, and have done for the last nineteen years. Last year we were told that there was a real danger of losing our church through lack of support. I didn't want that, so I set about trying to do something about it. I was elected one of the new churchwardens, which I must admit was very daunting because I didn't know the first thing about being a churchwarden, but I did know that I did not want to see St. Peter's become derelict. It has been twelve months now and with the help and support of some lovely people I am about to take on my second year of bringing life back to the village.

I know that going to church is not as important to a lot of people as it used to be; but having a community, with friendly social events in a warm, clean, dry place can't be a bad thing can it? At the moment, Hinton PCC is working on a number of events to be held in the village to bring people together and to raise funds for our church which needs attention desperately.

If you have not been to a service for a while we hold two a month. One at 11.15 and for those that can't make that time there is a service at 6.00 in the summer and 4.00 in the winter, details in The Herald. Come along and meet us - and after every service I provide home-made cakes with tea or coffee. Stay for a chat - and we would love to have any ideas about how we can raise some money for renovation, or perhaps ideas for a village event which you think people would like to support and attend.

Lastly can I please thank a few people for helping me through my first year: Roy Buffery for some very useful information; Viv Barnes for teaching me about the altar cloths and the church's basic "do's and don'ts"; Mark for seeing me through my confirmation and giving me loads of questions to ask; and finally Mandy who is my partner in crime (the other churchwarden) - what I don't know she does, so we complement each other well, and between us I'm sure we can create great things. I don't pretend to know everything yet so please be patient but here's to another 12 months - thank you for your support!

Annual Parish Meeting:

This will be at St Peter's at 7pm on Thurs 18th April. It is the Hinton villagers' formal opportunity to ask questions about the church and how it is run, and to appoint churchwardens and members of the PCC. Attendees should be on the church's electoral roll, which requires completion and submission of an electoral roll form - these can be found in the church or can be obtained from any member of the PCC.

Events for 2013

If you have any ideas and suggestions for an event which you would like to see at the Church, please contact PCC vice-chairman Nick Frost by phone on 01386 47230 or by email nick@frostline.org.uk.

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 2 Timothy

Paul's first letter to Timothy was sent during his missionary journey after his release from prison in Rome in AD 62. It was when he was imprisoned again under Emperor Nero c. 66-67 that he wrote 2 Timothy. In contrast to his first imprisonment, when he lived in a 'rented house' (Ac 28:30), Paul now languished in jail chained like a common criminal (1:16; 2:9). He wrote knowing that his work was done and that his life was nearly at an end (4:6-8). Paul was inviting Timothy to join him, as he was alone, except for Luke (4:9-11).

Paul was concerned about the welfare of the churches during this time of persecution under Nero, and he urges Timothy to guard the gospel (1:14), to persevere in it (3:14), to keep on preaching it (4:2) and, if necessary, to suffer for it (1:8; 2:3).

The tone of the letter is more personal than 1 Timothy; it is a final testament from Paul to the younger Timothy (4:1-8). Paul is not just a prisoner (1:8, 16; 2:9) in Rome (1:17), but he has been largely deserted by his friends (1:15-18). Despite his situation, Paul confidently looks to God, not to human beings, for deliverance (4:3-8, 18). For Paul the resurrection of Jesus lies at the heart of the gospel for which Paul has been ready to lay down his life (2:8-9). He recognises that his preaching of the gospel is the reason for his imprisonment and offers Timothy, as a motive for steadfastness, his own example of firmness in faith despite adverse circumstances (1:6-14). He also encourages Timothy to prepare others to replace him as Paul has prepared Timothy to replace him (2:1-2).

This letter, like the preceding one, urges Timothy to protect the Ephesian church from the impact of false teaching (2:14-3:9), without fear of the personal attacks that might arise (3:10-13). Paul encourages Timothy to rely on the power of the scriptures, on proclaiming the word, and on holding to sound doctrine (3:14-4:2). For us, like Timothy, if we are stand firm need to have confidence in the Scriptures that God has given us. They are the primary means that God has given us to grow in spiritual life. 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.' (3:16).

Fashion Show Saturday 11 May HAMPTON SCOUT & GUIDE HALL

Doors Open 7.00 pm

Tickets - £5.00 to include Coffee/Tea and Cake
Tickets available from Ann Evans (446732), Jenny Perkins
(49161) or from Hampton Farm Shop





Sedgeberrow CE First School

F.O.S.S. (Friends of Sedgeberrow School) have very kindly raised the money for us to put a stage in the playground for the children to perform on at break and lunchtimes. We love the Arts at Sedgeberrow and this is a really great addition to our facilities. As the playground games have recently been repainted too we look forward to many happy times ahead. We continue to use the outdoor environment as much as we can throughout the curriculum and have recommenced our termly days at the farm for each year group now that we are through the worst of the winter.

We now have 170 children on role which is the highest number ever recorded so this is excellent news for the school. Places left now are very limited but we always welcome prospective parents who wish to look around and can advise them individually about spaces.

Reception have just finished a lovely topic on Pirates and Mermaids. One activity was about designing and making pirate ships. First they investigated which materials were waterproof, so that they knew which materials would be good to use for their ships. They tested tissue paper, cellophane, silver foil and felt, made predictions about which materials would/wouldn't be waterproof and then tested to see if their predictions were right. After the investigation they looked at



pictures of ships and boats and talked about the different parts of a ship. They then drew a picture of what they wanted their pirate ship to look like and wrote down the different materials and tools needed to make it. Once they had designed the ships they started making them. At the end of the topic they all dressed up and had a special pirates and mermaids day.



Mrs M M Humphreys
Headteacher

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From the Registers – February 2013

Baptisms	3 February	Taylor Jack Stephen Cherry	Hampton
	17 February	Alesha Jane Hewitt	Hampton
Funerals	4 February	Dennis Patrick Downey	Hampton
	18 February	Ivor Derek Fortey	Hampton

Prayers ... for those who are unwell

Include in your prayers anyone you know who is unwell with the patients of our local hospitals together with Dave Beasley, David Canning, Pamela Collins, Audrey Davies, Pam Eustace, Monica Garston, Harry Green, Ella Hampton, Evelyn Hewitt, Girlie Humphries Sue Jones, Clifford Lewis, Beryl Lord, John Nyman, Joanne Painter, Iris Pinkstone, Graham Quiney, Rosie Rencher, Alan Roberts, Phillippa Shepherd, Celia Sheward, Joan Simpson, Pat Smith, Matthew Springgett and Mabel Thompson.

Prayers ... for those who have died

Amongst those known to you personally include Dennis Downey, Gordon Grove, Ivor Fortey, Alan Onens, Keith Bradley, Richard Stanley, Joy Preece, Arthur Williams, Janet Smith and Neil Simpson, together those who mourn.

Bring us all to the heavenly city

Bible Readings – April 2013

7 April Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31	21 April Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
14 April Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	28 April Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

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	Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
1st	Sunday 7	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Eucharist	All Saints
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
	Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Hampton
2nd	Sunday 14	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Eucharist and AGM	Hampton
		11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
		6pm	Holy Communion	Hinton
	Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Saturday 20	2pm	Wedding	Hampton
3rd	Sunday 21	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		9am	Holy Communion and AGM	Sedgeberrow
		10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
	Wednesday 24	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
4th	Sunday 28	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
		11.15am	All Age Worship	Hinton

Services for May 2013

	Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
1st	Sunday 5	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
	Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Hampton
	Thursday 9	7am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Saturday 11	3pm	Wedding	Hampton
2nd	Sunday 12	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
		6pm	Holy Communion	Hinton
	Wednesday 15	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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