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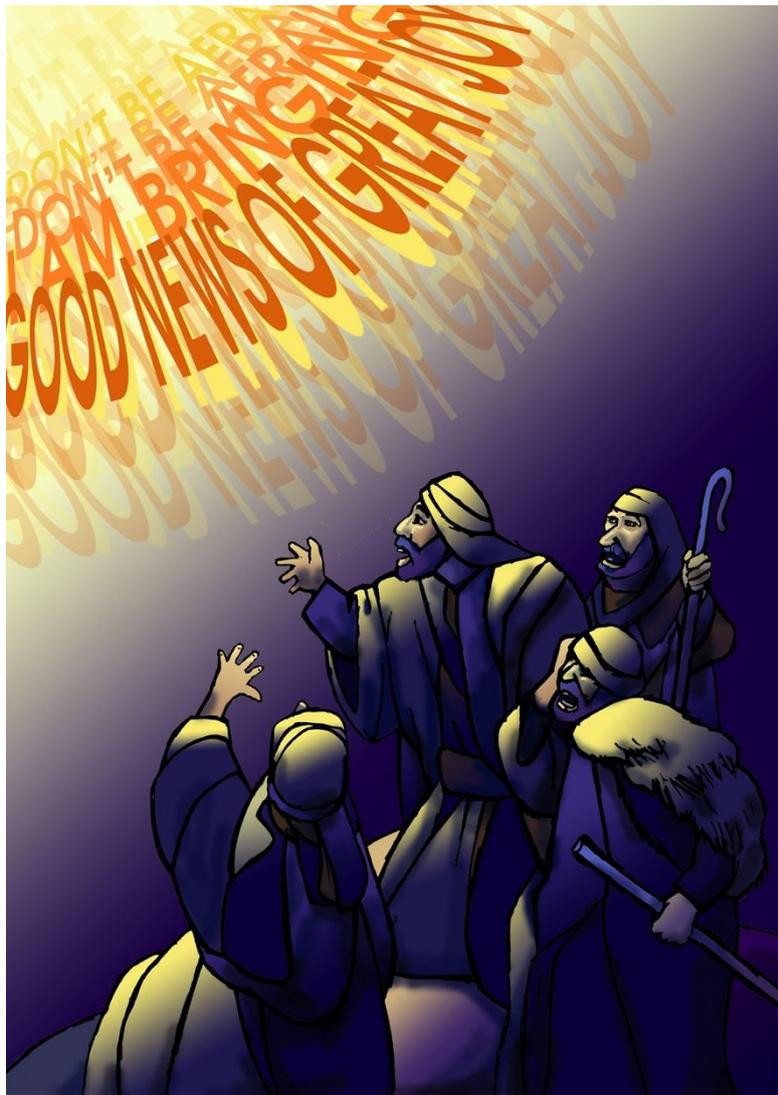


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# THE HERALD



**Christmas 2013**

The magazine of the Churches of  
Hampton, with Sedgeberrow  
and Hinton on the Green

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# Prayers ... for the Church

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given*

During Advent pray for all Christian people as they prepare for the great Feast of Christmas that they may come together in spirit and to the glory of the Christ Child. On Christmas Day give thanks for all the joy that the day brings. Three days later we keep the Festival of the Holy Innocents, the children killed on the orders of Herod the Great. Pray for children everywhere, especially those who are disadvantaged, lonely or persecuted. Look back over the year and give thanks for the blessings you have received, including the friendships you have enjoyed. Pray too for the people of St Mary's Catholic Church, Evesham.

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## Prayers ... for the World

At this season when the angels sang of peace and goodwill for all people, pray for a change of heart in all those who choose violence as their way forward. And bring to God the work of the peacemakers, who make it their business to bring about a better world. Ask for help for the victims of famine and for their efforts to lift themselves out of their troubles in the face of repeated failure of their crops. Pray that medical missionaries may feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in their work, facing what must seem terrible odds.

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# From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

## The Coming of the Lord



Half a millennium before Christ, Isaiah “saw” the coming of the Lord, and it energised his message. In Isaiah’s words;

*“Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.”* And then a softer tone, *“He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms”*.

*“The coming of ...”* is a wonderful, anticipatory phrase, especially for Christians longing for the coming of the Lord. We know this as Advent, a season of preparation. In years gone by many preparations were made for Christmas – there was the ritual of stir up Sunday, making the Christmas pudding, making Christmas food and making and storing presents. This took place before Advent which is a penitential time to prepare the Soul to receive Jesus.

The period of waiting, wanting, and hoping for the Lord seems faintly out of touch with our increasingly secular society. Many shops have already put up their decorations for Christmas with special shopping events and offers. One trader has even proclaimed the Christmas starts on November the fourth. Decorations and lights are up in the shopping centres urging people to spend, and spend they will with the average present being £26. Some houses have Blackpool type illuminations. Parties are arranged and Christmas activities or Services sought. What has Advent become, a commercial Christmas?

Does this mean as Christians that we should go with the flow? I remember in my childhood that we prepared the house for Christmas on Christmas Eve. There were obviously some practical arrangements made during Advent. But there was a contrast between Advent and Christmas in a way which is hard to see now. Advent has become a preparation season for Christmas rather than a penitential time. With all the Carol Services, School Services and Christmas fayres, it is a very busy time. And yet we still need to prepare ourselves in a spiritual way to receive Jesus otherwise something very precious is lost. It can easily become a mad commercial selfish festival devoid of any real meaning. The phrase that Christmas is really for the Children could not be further from the truth!

In our hearts we long for the presence of the Lord, Jesus Christ, who comes to us in human form to save us from ourselves. If you are expecting to receive visitors into your home this Christmas would you do so without any planning? Thus it is with Advent that we embrace the richness that it has become but also spend some time making ourselves ready to receive Jesus afresh in our hearts. The joy of Christmas is to be found in the coming of God.

**Mark Binney**

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

## Fund Raising Events

### Coffee Mornings

A coffee morning continues to be held each month on the First Wednesday following the 10.00am mid-week Holy Communion Service; this brings together a few members of our congregation. However it would be lovely if more people could support this and perhaps increase our group of Church Supporters by bringing along their friends and neighbours. We serve coffee and tea with biscuits and sometimes cake. There are cakes, plants and greetings cards for sale. The next Coffee Morning will be after the 10am Communion Service on 6 November.



### Quiz Night for St. Andrew's



On Saturday 2 November quite a good number of us gathered at St. Andrew's Church Centre in Battleton Road to admire and celebrate the improvements which the Church Centre Committee have completed, and to hold a most enjoyable Quiz Evening. Elaine Major stretched our knowledge with the Quiz, and the Fairfield Fish Bar provided delicious fish and chips. John Lynch kindly looked after the Bar, and a good evening was had by all. Net improvement to our funds of £252.00 were banked the following Monday.

*Gabrielle Falkiner*

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## Advent Course at All Saints Church Evesham

Join us in a gentle preparation for Christmas

4 Wednesday afternoon sessions

**November 27th, December 4th, 11th and 18th at 2pm in Church House.**

We will step aside from the bustle around us, and by looking again at the Gospel accounts of the Christmas story, hope to gain new insights through reading, prayer and discussion.

Seasonal refreshments will be shared. **Please come** - a warm welcome is waiting for you! **Liz Booth and Lindsay Ladbrook**

Sign up at the back of church if you think you can come to some or all of the sessions

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## From the Diocesan Newsletter

**'Why Christianity Makes Sense: C.S. Lewis on the meaning of life**

*Monday 2 December, 7.30pm*

*Great Malvern Priory*

Speaker: Professor Alistair McGrath, Professor of Theology, Ministry and Education at King's College, London.

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### **"What the disciples heard... the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic"**

*Retreat begins at 3pm on Saturday 30 November, finishes 4pm Sunday 1 December*

*Holland House*

24hr retreat at Holland House to learn the Lord's Prayer by heart, led by **Revd Ian Spencer**. All accommodation and food provided. Cost £55.

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## **Christmas: Why does it begin at midnight with Holy Communion?**

The hour was first chosen at Rome in the fifth century to symbolise the idea that Christ was born at midnight – a mystical idea in no way hindered by historical evidence! No one knows the hour of his birth.

Certainly in recent times, Holy Communion at midnight on Christmas morning has proved popular with modern families. One British writer pointed out its “domestic convenience” in 1947: “for where there are children and no servants, husband and wife may be unable to communicate at any other time.” (So things don’t change, then!)

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## **St. Andrews School Christmas Bazaar Church Table at the Bazaar**

An early date for December.

Our Church is taking tables at the School Bazaar which will be held in the School Hall on Friday 6 December opening at 5.00pm. There will be a Tombola for the children, plants and other goodies, lots of interesting things for the Christmas List. Please support this very sociable fund raising event.

*The Fund Raising Group*

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## **Little Hospice Hoima**

### **From Professor Ken Holden, Honorary Treasurer, Hospice Africa**

'Thank you for the donation of £66 from St Andrew's Parish Church to Hospice Africa. The money will be used to support our activities at Little Hospice Hoima in Uganda. The Give a Chance project helps to pay the school fees of children orphaned by cancer. Relatives are generally happy to take care of orphaned children but can't afford the compulsory school fees. The Road to Care is a new development for women with cancer of the cervix. In June 2013, Little Hospice Hoima was treating 434 patients.'

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### **More about the Give a Chance team:**

They are a part of Hospice Africa Uganda, which provides supportive care and pain relief to patients suffering from cancer and HIV/AIDS. The resources to treat these diseases are limited, especially out in the rural areas. Treatment is further complicated by the stigma and lack of education surrounding these diseases - people often don't seek care until very late in their illness and some of the pathology I have seen is just unimaginable.

Hospice tries to address all of a patient's needs, from symptom relief to spiritual and family support and counseling. This is where the Give a Chance team comes in. One of the main fears patients have is what will happen to their children when they die. Give a Chance finds donors to sponsor the children, to pay their school fees and provide essential items like shoes and mosquito nets, once their parents have passed away. Knowing that their kids will be provided for is often an enormous relief for Hospice patients, and it gives the kids the opportunity for an education and a future that would otherwise disappear after losing one or both parents.

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## **Prayers ... for the people around us**

At this season children are first in our minds. Pray for their happiness in the warmth of their families and especially for children who will see little of the goodies we would like them to enjoy. Ask God to bless the charity Crisis and its work among the single homeless; include the hostels where they offer food, shelter, medical attention, advice and friendship. Pray for the safety of everyone who will be travelling over the holiday; may they arrive happy and well. And remember the emergency services who will be on call throughout. Give thanks for the love and friendship of everyone you share the holiday with.

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# Christmas Services 2013

## St Andrews

15 December	Carols and Christingle	4pm
24 December	Crib Service	3pm
24 December	Midnight Eucharist	11.30pm
25 December	Holy Communion	8am
25 December	Family Service	10am

## Sedgeberrow

22 December	Carol Service	4pm
24 December	Crib Service	6pm
25 December	Holy Communion	9am

## Hinton

8 December	Candlelit Evensong	4pm
22 December	Carol and Christingle	11.15am
24 December	Crib Service	3pm
24 December	Watchnight Service	11.30pm

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## Saint Andrew's Tots - Thanks And Farewell

*Time has come for me to say, "Thank you and Farewell" to Tots.*

Since we set up in September 2010 our little group which meets on Tuesday mornings in Hampton Community Hall has grown and flourished. People have prayed and God has brought together a gifted team who are committed to delivering this service.....and God has brought along a regular core of Grandparents, Mums, Child-minders and children who have all made their contribution to make our time together one of learning, caring and sharing. God has resourced the venture from the PCC funding the hire of the hall to individuals giving of their time and resources.



Time spent at Tots has been great and I am sorry to say, "Farewell" but, as we have moved to another parish, I feel I should hand over and move on to what God has in store for me.

If you have any queries, Pippa, Margaret or Ray will be happy to help.

So a big, "Thank you" to everyone who has supported Tots.-I hope many are able to continue to do so and trust new folk will step up.

*With love in Christ, Rhoda (Arora)*



## Missioner Musings

Well, firstly a really big thank you to everyone who sent good wishes and to those who attended my licensing service in October. It was a very special event and I'm really pleased about being official at last. The reception was a real feast and I really appreciate all the hard work everyone put in to making it such a wonderful occasion.

The following list is a heads up of new things starting across the ASUM Group.

### **ASUM House Group - Wednesday Evenings 7.30 pm**

Open for everyone from the ASUM Group, we are starting a new house group at 1 Broadway Road, Evesham on Wednesday evenings. We will be using a guided look at mission and having chats about what we have read and how it can affect the way how we 'do' mission.

**All welcome!** (Starting on November 27<sup>th</sup>)

### **DECEMBER 3rd: ASUM Mission Group 7.30 pm.**

Do you ever wonder what Mission is all about? It is no longer solely about sending money to third world countries (whilst that is still very much needed), it is now more about reaching people in our *own* communities who haven't yet heard about or experienced the love of God; it is also about reaching out to those who used to come to church but stopped, for whatever reason. A new group is being set up for Mission across the ASUM Group, it would be wonderful to have representatives from all 6 churches. Would you like to be involved? To be held at 1 Broadway Road, Evesham.

### **JANUARY 4th: Christ-Mass Retreat, Holland House.**

Is anyone else like me? I become more and more reticent each year to take part in what Christmas has become to the general population. To me, Christmas should be a really personal 12 day festival; a time in which we reflect on what it really means to us as individuals and to our communities and to our world.

When do we ever get time to do that? January is when!

On January 4<sup>th</sup> I am leading a Christ-Mass Retreat at Holland House – there will be plenty of time for reflection, conversation and prayer. There will of course also be the famous Holland House hospitality. Get in touch for more information (details below). The cost is £28 per person for the whole day including refreshments and lunch. Registration is at 9 am and we will start by worshipping together in the Chapel at 10 am. The day will conclude at 4 pm. Please book asap as there are only 25 places.

## **January – March 2014: Morning Prayer. Commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

For the last few months, Neil and I have walked up to All Saints Church and taken part in the Morning Prayer with Rev. Andrew Spurr. From January to March, Andrew is away on sabbatical and we have decided to hold Morning Prayer at 1 Broadway Road, Evesham as a trial. We will start at 8.15 am and there will be fresh croissants and coffee available upon arrival and throughout the time we spend together. You are most welcome to join us. **Please note, this is Monday to Thursday only (i.e. not Fridays)**

### **JANUARY: Café Church @ Costas (Date/Time to be confirmed)**

As it says in the Café Church promotional literature... it's church but not as you know it! No singing, no liturgy, no prayers (in the formal sense anyway). There will be discussion, friendship, a 3 minute talk on the chosen subject (e.g. What would God say about....?) and of course... coffee (or peppermint tea/hot chocolate if it's for me!)

This service will be monthly, mid-week, in the evening and commence in the New Year, it is intended for non-church goers, although everyone is welcome.

### **FINALLY...(for now)**

Are you musical? Would you like to come and play in the ASUM Worship Group? We would love you to come and join us if you play any kind of instrument or if you sing. We will be worshipping across the group at various churches each month. We will play worship songs as well as traditional hymns. Rehearsals will be weekly as we build up a repertoire of music and get to know each other. Perhaps you no longer own the instrument you used to play? No problem, we can help with that.

If you would like to know more about any of these events, book your place at Holland House, or express an interest in Lindisfarne, please contact me at [Missioner@ASUMGroup.org](mailto:Missioner@ASUMGroup.org) or on 01386 429122

*Sarah Hewitt*

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## **Sedgeberrow News**

**The next Coffee morning** is on **Tuesday** 17 December, 10am - 12noon, when we will have Christmas Trees displayed. If anyone is interested in decorating a tree please get in touch with Ann Banks on 01386 881623.

There will be no Coffee Mornings in January and February.

**Our next Bingo Sessions** are on 14 December, starting at 8pm, and 18 January, when the £100 will be drawn for the 220 Club.

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## St Andrew's Fellowship

It was lovely to welcome everyone to our November meeting, including for the third month running, another new member. This is really encouraging as we are a small group at the moment.

Our speaker this month was Frances Healey – Wychavon Community Warden – who gave a most informative talk about her very varied role. A few of her tasks involve dealing with fly tipping, dog fouling, burglaries and neighbourhood disputes. She gave advice on many aspects of keeping ourselves safe in the home, and showed various devices, which are available.

Next month's meeting on 10 December will be our 'Bring a Friend' Christmas Party, when we will be joined by retired Bishop Michael Hooper and his wife. After his talk, we will have our buffet put on by the committee. We will finish the afternoon with Prince Henry's Barbershop Choir.

Following the AGM on 14 January, which will include a Quiz, we will have a full programme for 2014, when we hope to welcome even more members, both male and female, at our meetings.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm in Hampton Scout and Guide Community Hall. For further information, ring Jenny Perkins on 01386 49161.

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## Recipe for December – Sausage Spirals

This is a different take on traditional sausage rolls. I used good quality sausages (with skins removed) as they are already seasoned, but you could use just sausage meat and add your own seasoning, onion, sage or even 75g of grated parmesan.

### Ingredients

500g good quality pork sausages (skinned)

425g pack of ready-rolled puff pastry

1 medium egg (beaten)

Optional: 75g grated parmesan cheese, 1 tsp. dried sage, medium finely chopped onion

### Method

Turn pastry sheet on to a floured surface. It can be made slightly larger by rolling gently with a floured rolling pin. Spread sausage contents (or sausagemeat mixed with any optional ingredients) over the pastry. Leave a 1cm border along the long edges. On one long edge, turn in border and roll up like a Swiss roll. Seal edge with beaten egg and brush egg over the top, then slice into 2.5cm slices. Place on a baking sheet lined with baking parchment, with cut sides uppermost. Leave spec to spread. Bake for 40-45 minutes until golden and puffy.

## **What's the Big Idea?**

### **An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 2 Peter & Jude**

In the New Testament 2 Peter and Jude are two short letters, which are often in sermons and regarded as a little obscure! However, they contain some gems of Christian teaching:

How to grow up in Christ and keep from falling; the inspiration of the Bible; why Christ's coming has been delayed; the dangers of false teachers and wrong doctrine; God's protection of us all.

There is also a close literary association between 2 Peter and Jude, especially in the 2 Peter 2. It is very possible that 2 Peter makes use of sections of Jude. We know little about the date and intended readers of 2 Peter. Peter probably wrote in around 65 AD to churches in Asia Minor that contained both Gentile and Jewish Christians. Jude was the younger brother of Jesus and James, and it is assumed that he wrote to a similar audience in Antioch.

Both 2 Peter and Jude specifically criticise false teachers who were undermining the churches, with a primitive form of Gnosticism. It had the following characteristics:

They denied the lordship of Jesus by the way they lived (2 Peter 2:1; Jude 4).

They were immoral themselves and encouraged immorality in others.

They minimised the place of law in the Christian life and emphasized freedom by perverting the grace of God (2 Peter 2:10, 10ff, 18ff; Jude 4, 12).

They were plausible and crafty, fond of rhetoric, out for gain, and pandered to those from whom they hoped to gain some advantage (2 Peter 2:3, 12, 14, 15, 18; Jude 16).

They posed as visionaries or prophets and were arrogant and cynical of church leaders (2 Peter 2:1, 10, 11; Jude 8).

They were self-willed, divisive, and confident of their own superiority (2 Peter 2:2, 10, 18; Jude 19).

In the face of such false teaching, both Peter and Jude encourage their readers to be on their guard against such people, relying on God's strength to oppose their teaching with the truth of God's saving grace.

'To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore! Amen.' Jude 24,25

## Hampton WI

The newly elected President, Jill Robinson, welcomed members to the meeting on 14 November, which was the 45th anniversary of our first meeting in 1968. Four of the original members from the first meeting are still members today; Pam Wills, Rosemary Reid (the first President), Jill Robinson and Rosemary Ind.

Members were reminded of the Federation Carol Service at Worcester Cathedral on 8 December. Jill thanked those who had brought items for the Shoebox Appeal, which would be taken up to the warehouse. She reminded us that there would be a collection of food items for Caring Hands at our December meeting. Future events included the Spring Council Meeting on 20 March 2014, to be held at No. 8, Pershore, when the guest speaker would be Sheila Dibnah, talking about life with her husband Fred. Advance notice was given of the National AGM to be held in Leeds in June 2014, and that the WI Centenary Baton would be passing through Evesham on 11 September 2014.

Jill then welcomed our speaker for the evening, Pauline Smith, who told us about her 'Macmillan Journey', her experiences fundraising for the charity. Pauline became involved after the death of her young son from cancer, when she started fund raising for the Cobalt Unit at Cheltenham. Over the years she has had many innovative ideas for raising money, including hosting street market-style Macmillan coffee mornings in a greenhouse, 'Picnic in the Park, a 1940's Tea Party, and many other events, including a not-so-successful dog show. For the last 3 years she has been hosting Winter Warmers lunches, which she holds twice a month with the help of friends. These are so successful that she now has a waiting list. In recognition of her work she received the Douglas Macmillan award at the charity's Centenary Garden at BBC Gardener's World Live at the NEC, and was later invited to a reception at Downing Street by Samantha Cameron. The people present comprised the 'Voices' – people who have been affected by cancer and are using their experiences to help others; some of the people who run Macmillan; nurses and just two fund raisers. Pauline stressed what a wonderful job the Macmillan nurses do, and spoke about how things have moved on over the years, to provide calm and welcoming surroundings for cancer patients and help for their families. A fairly new initiative is the Macmillan 'pods' in hospitals, where those recently diagnosed can go for help and advice on a variety of issues.

Following Pauline's talk, there was celebration cake and a glass of wine, to commemorate our 45 years. The next meeting will be held on 12 December, when we will be holding our Christmas Social.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, which are held at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm.

# Hinton on the Green – St Peter's Church

## Hinton's special Christmas services:

### Candlelit Evensong Service

Everyone is most welcome at our Candlelit Evensong Service – a traditional service with a traditional setting. Discover St Peter's Church, Hinton on the Green at 4.00 p.m. on 8 December.



- 22nd December – Carol Service with Christingles
- 24th December - Crib Service – 3pm
- 24th December - "Watchnight" Service, 11:30pm. Followed by mulled wine and hot mince pies!

## Hinton's "celebration of marriage" service, 27 October:



A special service was held at Hinton's St Peter's to celebrate marriage in general, and especially to celebrate all the weddings that have happened at Hinton over the years; but very particularly to help Charles and

Joyce Webb, life-long village residents, to celebrate their 57 years of marriage and to support them as they reaffirmed their wedding vows [pictured].

Joyce and Charles were joined by a strong congregation including many other couples who have married at Hinton in recent years. The church was decorated with a display of wedding dresses and wedding photographs [pictured]. Toward the end of the service, the names of the couples who have married at Hinton was read out; as the reading of that list ended, one couple stood up and, to the great surprise of all present (and themselves, it transpired), Nick Frost and Sheila Marshall announced that they had just that minute become engaged to be married at St Peter's!

### Coffee mornings:

Hinton's coffee mornings are held at the church at 10:30 on the last Tuesday of very month. In December the last Tuesday is New Year's Eve, so there will be no coffee morning. In previous years, coffee mornings have not been held during the colder months but in 2014 they will continue right through the winter, but at various people's houses - watch future Heralds for details.

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## Events Update – December 2013

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	3 December 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Wed	4 December 10.30am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	10 December 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship Meeting	Tues	10 December 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	14 December 10am-Noon	Hampton
Bingo	Sat	14 December 8pm	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	17 December 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Tues	17 December 10.30am	Sedgeberrow
School Service	Wed	17 December 9.30am	Sedgeberrow
Standing Committee Meeting	Wed	17 December 7.30pm	Hampton
Coffee Morning	Wed	1 January 10.30am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	7 January 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	11 January 10am-Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	14 January 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Standing Committee Meeting	Wed	15 January 7.30pm	Hampton

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## January Magazine

In order to get the January magazine printed before Christmas, we will need any copy by Friday 13 December at the very latest.

*The Editor*

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# Children's Page

## St NICHOLAS - Feast Day 6 December

St Nicholas was the bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the fourth century. Lots of stories are told of his kindness and generosity. He is the patron saint of Russia, children, scholars, merchants and sailors.

One legend tells of his secret gifts to three daughters from a poor family. It is said that he threw 3 purses of gold down the chimney where they landed in the girls' stockings which they had hung up to dry in front of the fire. This is supposed to be the origin of hanging up Christmas stockings.



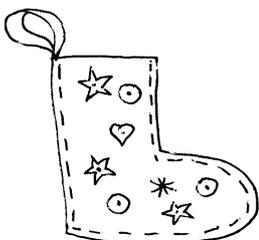
Over time the name of St Nicholas changed to Sinterklass and thus to Santa Claus in the Christmas celebrations.

### STOCKING DECORATIONS

You will need some Christmas- coloured felt, a needle and thread, fabric glue, ribbon and sequins or buttons for decoration.

Fold the felt in half and cut out two simple stocking shapes. Sew these together with a simple running stitch, leaving the top edge open. Sew a loop of ribbon to the top of the stocking.

Now you can decorate the stocking with scraps of felt, lace, buttons or sequins. Glue them on carefully and leave to dry. You could even try writing a name in glue and sprinkling on glitter to cover it.



This would be nice to give as a present with a little present or sweet inside or to hang on the Christmas tree as a decoration. You can make them any size you like.

**How many presents can Santa fit into an empty stocking?**

Only one, after that it is not empty any more.

**Why is a foot a good Christmas present?**

Because it's a stocking filler.

# St Andrew's CE First School

*Successful learners. Success for life.*



We had a lovely Harvest Festival Service lead by Elaine Major and Collected lots of tins, packets and fresh produce. Mrs James, Mrs Newman and two school councillors took the produce along to Caring Hands in Evesham. They were very grateful and have come into school to deliver an assembly all about their work and the issue of homelessness and poverty. It was excellent for the children to hear about where their contributions were going and to understand that just a little bit of effort from everyone, to help others, can go a long way.

We have had some great success sports wise this half term, winning a local schools' Tag Rugby tournament and winning 5 out of 6 football matches played. We are very proud of the children and grateful to parents who support us wholeheartedly. We will be holding our Christmas Fete on December 6th at the earlier time of 3pm and hope that some parishioners would like to attend. You will receive a hearty welcome.

*Emma James (Acting Head)*

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## **Evesham Singers Christmas Concert**

**METHODIST CHURCH  
12th December @ 7.30pm**

**Tickets £5.00 available from Diana Scorse  
01386 446846  
or at the door on the evening**

**Audience participation with the Christmas Carols.**

***Make this your start to the Christmas spirit***

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## Evesham Street & Prayer Pastors

Street Pastors has now been up and running for just over a month. On Friday evening three Street Pastors and three Prayer Pastors meet at Church House to go out and support the young of Evesham who have run into problems during their Friday night partying. The group meets at 9.0pm for prayer and preparation, then at 10.00pm the Street Pastors go on patrol and the Prayer Pastors remain behind to support with prayer, there is telephone contact available between the groups and at Midnight there is a welcome soup break with prayer, then out on the street again until 3.00am.

This wonderful project is lead by John Darby and supported by most of the Churches in Evesham and has the added benefit of bringing together the different strands of Christianity, which exist in our society. There is a lot of preparation in setting all this up including extensive training for all the active participants. Each Street Pastor is clearly identified by wearing a uniform including a baseball cap with appropriate insignia. The Pastors carry water, flip-flops to replace the high heels, and lollipops for the inebriated to suck, this helps them to calm down.

Street Pastors is a very Good Thing and we must all support this effort, which brings so much help to the people who get into difficulties during their social life on Friday nights.

*Phillippa Henly*

**[www.evesham.streetpastors.org.uk](http://www.evesham.streetpastors.org.uk)**

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### From the Registers – October 2013

#### **Baptisms**

6 October	James Henry Green	Hampton
	Harmony Susan Green	Hampton
	Natasha Cave	Hampton
13 October	Korben Ace Potter	Hampton
20 October	Jessica Louise Bailey	Hampton
	Kain William Leonard Lawes	Hampton

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#### **Weddings**

12 October	Ben Sidney & Kaylie Dore	Sedgeberrow
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#### **Funerals**

1 October	Janette Tomes	Hampton
2 October	Ivy Norris Chandler	Chelt Crematorium

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## December in the Garden

We are now at the beginning of winter although there are still lots of warm days – open the ventilation in your greenhouse, good air circulation will prevent the spread of disease such as botrytis. I do hope you cleaned the glass back in the summer!

Now is the time to start your Christmas decoration plan and gather coloured stems such as Cornus (dogwood), willow and holly. The birds usually get round to eating the holly berries during the first week of December, so it is as well to keep ahead of them, you can leave the cut branches in the garden under some fine mesh to protect it, it will stay fresh until needed. Winter flowering shrubs will be coming into bud, early flowering Daphne and Lonciera will soon be adding their scent to the garden.

Check over the bulbs, which have been planted up for Christmas and New Year flowering, bring the early flowerers into the warm and water gently. If the plant pots outside need brightening up you could add some pansies, and it is not too late to pop some hellebores into the garden, they will flower in the early spring and increase in size for future years. Feed the birds – rake under fruit trees to expose the soil, then the birds can eat the pests. Make sure your bird feeders are well stocked with food and remember to keep the bird table clean, it really does help with bird health – dirty food can spread disease.

Good Gardening.

*Gabrielle Falkiner*

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## Prayers ... for those who are unwell

Include in your prayers anyone known to you personally with Dave Beasley, Tony Bennett, Pamela Collins, Audrey Davies, Pam Eustace, Monica Garston, Harry Green, Evelyn Hewitt, Patricia Hooke, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Harry Lawson, Pearle Lewis, Clifford Lewis, Joanne Painter, Iris Pinkstone, Rosie Rencher, Phillipa Shepherd, Pat Smith, Celia Sheward, Joan Simpson, Janferie Wilton.

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## Prayers ... for those who have died

Those you remember personally with Daniel Sullivan, George Humphries, Tom Willoughby and George Foster with all those who mourn.

*His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Prince of Peace.*

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## Services for January 2014

Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>5th January – Second Sunday of Christmas</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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## Services for December 2013

<b>1st December – First Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	2pm	Baptism	Hampton
Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44			
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>8th December - Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	4pm	Candlelit Evensong	Hinton
Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12			
Wednesday 11	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>15th December – Third Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	4pm	Carol Service & Christingle	Hampton
Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11			
Wednesday 18	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>22nd December – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11.15am	Carol Service & Christingle	Hinton
	4pm	Carol Service	Sedgeberrow
Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25			
<b>24th December – Christmas Eve</b>			
	3pm	Crib Service	Hampton
	3pm	Crib Service	Hinton
	6pm	Crib Service	Sedgeberrow
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist	Hampton
	11.30pm	Watchnight Service	Hinton
<b>25th December – Christmas Day</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Family Service	Hampton
<b>29th December – First Sunday of Christmas</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Joint Asum Service	All Saints