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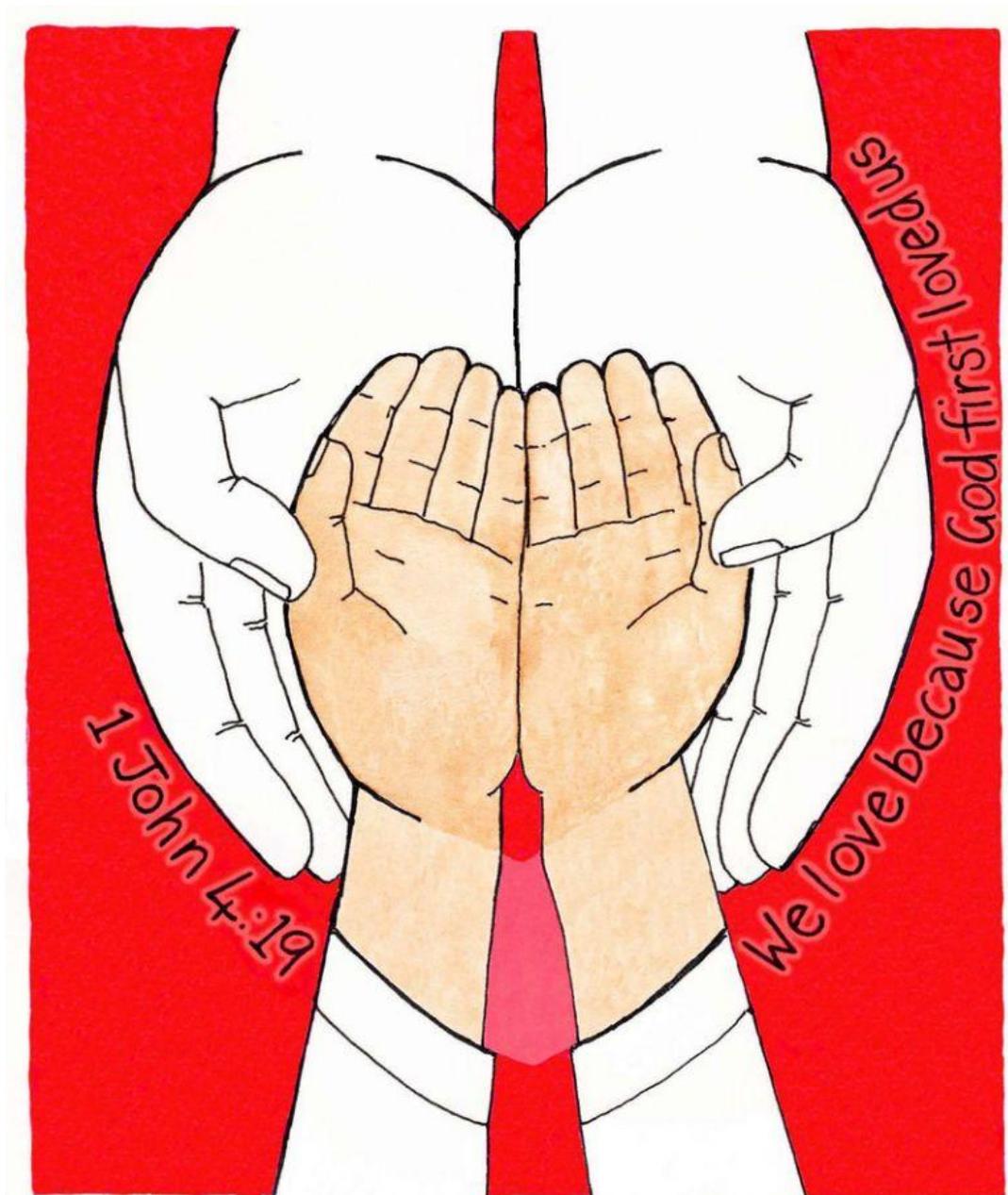


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Prayers ... for the Church

Open our hearts to the riches of their grace

On February 2nd we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple when Mary and Joseph dedicated their infant first-born Son to God. Pray for all those who have a vocation to serve God, especially those who are at the beginning of that service. Ask for God's blessing on John, our Bishop, and the clergy of our diocese, that they may be strengthened in their mission and by the support of all of us whom they serve. Bring to God the congregations of Saint Mary, Sedgeberrow and Saint Peter, Hinton-on-the Green in their mission to the people of their villages. Include all our members who read the scriptures to us, our communion assistants and the members of our local Baptist chapels.

Prayers ... for the World

Pray for the children of the world, especially those of poor countries who do not enjoy adequate food, even basic education, good living conditions or the simple pleasures of childhood. Bring to God the agencies, large and small, who work to bring relief to those children. Ask God to bless and strengthen everyone engaged in medical work to bring healing to the people, young and old, of the countries where even the basic needs are rare. Please bring your mind to any areas you know of where these conditions prevail and give them a prominent place in your prayers.

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From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

LOVING RELATIONSHIPS



A lawyer once asked Jesus which commandment is the greatest. He replied that we should love God and love our neighbour; on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. We know this as Jesus' summary of the law, the key word being love. It is appropriate in February as we are surrounded by Valentine's gifts and cards to think about the meaning of love.

What does love mean? Mainly we think of two people falling in love. You want to be with your beloved, to cuddle and caress, to share your feelings. This can lead to marriage and family life. Love grows and blossoms to include the love of children. It is about learning to give and take, to work at keeping loving relationships. Our relationship with God is about love. He loves us and we should love him too. We can talk to God in prayer and listen to him. Then we can delight in finding ways to praise and serve him. Our love for God grows and blossoms as we talk with him. We can share that love with our neighbours and other members of our church congregation.

A recent survey showed that believers who worship together are happier than non-believers and even happier than solitary believers who seldom go to church. It makes us happy going to church. We serve our church and each other. We praise and encourage each other and focus on worshipping God as often as we can. In Mark 18 v 20 Jesus said:

'where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Love is the fruit of the Spirit and so the Holy Spirit helps us to love our family, friends, neighbours, and our church congregation. We strive to love our God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. We can't achieve this by our own efforts; we need to be strengthened by God's love for us.

Mark Binney

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

Prayers ... for the people around us

Pray for the Air Ambulance Service, those engaged in the front-line work, their support staff, fund-raisers and donors. And bring to those prayers the Fire and Rescue services, the RNLI; give thanks for the help and comfort they bring to the people who need them. Remember the Friendship Club at Hampton and similar organisations you know about in your own locality, that they may continue to bring people together in fellowship. And include anyone of your locality who has particular needs.

From the Diocesan Newsletter

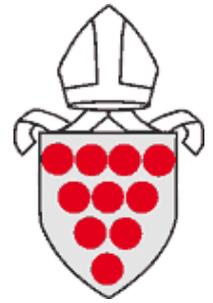
Renew your marriage vows in Worcester Cathedral

Couples will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows at Worcester Cathedral on Valentine's Day with a very special service.

This is the second year that the short celebration will be held at 7pm, enabling couples to re-commit their relationship to God before they go out and enjoy the rest of their evening together.

This year, the service will be led by the Archdeacon of Worcester, Roger Morris along with his wife, Sally - who is an ordained minister herself as well as the Deputy Head at a Secondary School in Gloucestershire. The couple will share their thoughts on the importance of marriage and the impact it has had on their lives.

Roger and Sally are looking forward to celebrating with other married couples on 14 February. All are welcome to the service in the cathedral - it will take place in the Lady Chapel at 7pm and last around 30 minutes



Christmas at St. Andrew's, Hampton

Tuesday morning 10 December, found a group of 23 Tots dressed in Nativity costumes accompanied by 22 carers walking over to the church. Elaine led a very short service of prayer, story and carols, accompanied by Sarah our Missioner on the guitar, before they broke up for Christmas. This was a new and enjoyable experience for many of them.

On 12 December, John Lynch attended the Nativity play at Alphabet House, the pre-school Play Group at St. Andrew's Parish Centre, where he gives a little religious input once a fortnight.

66 children and adults attended the Christingle and Carol Service on 15 December. Everyone had great fun finishing off the making of their Christingles and it was a lovely atmosphere with the church lit by tea lights.

On the 17th the church was packed with 116 children and 120 adults for St. Andrew's School Carol Service and 120 children and 16 Adults came again on the 19th for their End of Term Service.

On Christmas Eve 28 children and 40 adults came, enjoyed the Crib Service, and 79 people including two children were welcomed at Midnight Mass.

The Christmas morning Eucharist and Family Service attracted a further 41.

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to put these services together, provided the music, decorated the church and made so many people welcome.

To those who came to our services, we, at St. Andrew's, wish you every happiness and hope to welcome you at many more services in the coming year.

Shirley Lynch

The Evesham Lent Series of Talks

Third Millennium Church: Faith, Growth and Leadership

The Evesham Lent Series this year is looking at Natural Church Development and we are focusing on 5 of the 8 Marks of Quality Characteristics. Each talk will last an hour after which there will be ample opportunity to ask questions. The programme is shown in summary below, with more detail on the first three speakers. There will be more details on subsequent speakers in the March and April editions of the Herald.



March 10th **Lynn Chetcuti - Holistic Small Groups**

Vice Chair of Natural Church Development

<http://www.ncd-uk.com/>

As a Vineyard Pastor for fourteen years, Lynn is passionate about seeing both individuals and entire congregations identify their gifting, calling, and fully engaging in society to bring Kingdom transformation.

Working across all denominations, Lynn serves on the leadership team of Reading Christian Network, where she is committed to see the Body of Christ thrive, investing in Christian leaders with influence across all areas of the community.

Through NCD, at a national level, her desire is to make church health and personal discipleship growth accessible to every Christian leader and congregation. To facilitate this, she is developing training and coaching resources and investing in local church through to denominational leadership.

March 17th **Jeff Lucas - Passionate Spirituality**

<http://www.jefflucas.org/>

Jeff Lucas is an international speaker, broadcaster, and bestselling author. He is a teaching pastor at Timberline Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. He broadcasts on radio - In Good Company, and Lucas on Life on UCB Radio.

His radio shows can be heard daily on over 350 radio stations worldwide, including Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Jeff has a weekly television programme on Revelation TV.

Together with co-author Adrian Plass, Jeff frequently tours the UK with The Seriously Funny Tour, an evening of poignant and entertaining story-telling and stand-up humour. He writes a monthly column for Christianity Magazine, the men's magazine Sorted and daily Bible notes for CWR - Life Every Day. Jeff is an ambassador for Compassion UK, a charity working to help children in poverty worldwide.



March 24th Jonny Baker - Inspiring Worship Services

Course Director for Church Mission Society www.cms-uk.org

Jonny is passionate about contextual and global mission and the particular edge he brings is the imaginative connection of the Gospel to contemporary culture. He is a creative communicator. He particularly connects with pioneers, leaders who have the gift of not fitting in as they are called by God to new forms of mission and ministry often beyond the edges of the church. Jonny works for the Church Mission Society and has done for the last 10 years believing that cross-cultural mission is a gold mine for ministry in our own contexts now. The main focus of his work in the last few years has been setting up and leading the innovative Pioneer Mission Leadership Training. This has been very exciting with all sorts of creative pioneers engaging with it who are starting new mission projects.

March 31st Marcus Honeysett - Empowering Leadership

Director of Living Leadership

<http://www.livingleadership.org/>

April 7th Bob D Pierson - Needs Based Evangelism

Pastor, Teacher, Director Bob Pierson Ministries

www.BobPiersonMinistries.com

Bob will also be leading a workshop at Bengeworth on the same subject on

Saturday 5th April and preaching at Bengeworth on the Sunday

Asum Group

ASUM House Group – Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm

We are picking out bible verses that reflect Mission. All are welcome - bring a bible. Come when you can, no need to commit every week. 1 Broadway Road.

ASUM Group Mission - 3rd Tuesday of month 7.30pm

No need to commit to coming every time, come when you can. 1 Broadway Road

Morning Prayer – Monday to Thursday from 8.15am at 1 Broadway Road

Until March we are trialling Morning Prayer with coffee and croissants for 20 minutes. Would you enjoy starting off your day grounded in prayer, silence and meditation?

Cafe Church – First Tuesday of the month 7pm – Costa's, Bridge Street. Starts Tuesday 4 February. Invite your non-Christian friends out for coffee with a difference. Discussing topical issues and unearthing what God would think about them.

For more details on all the above, contact Sarah Hewitt 01386 429122



St Andrew's Fellowship

For our Christmas Party, all members were invited to bring a friend, and although not everyone did, those who came along helped to swell the numbers and had a great time.

We started off the afternoon with retired Bishop Michael Hooper, who gave a very amusing talk, which involved quotes from the books of Gervase Phinn, who was a school inspector. After many of his funny stories we stopped for tea. This had been arranged by the committee members and was enjoyed by all. We finished off with Christmas cake baked by Ann Evans.

After tea we were entertained by Prince Henry's Barbershop Choir, who, everyone agreed, were fantastic. Also, after the vote of thanks, we were informed the Joe, a member of the choir, had auditioned successfully for the part of Jean Valjean in Les Miserables at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham. It sounds like he could go far!

We started the New Year off with our AGM in January, when subs were paid and we all put a small gift in the 'Lucky Dip' as a late Christmas present.

It would be lovely to welcome new members in 2014, both men and women, Church-goers or not. We look forward to seeing you at the Guide and Scout Hall at 2pm, on the second Tuesday of the month. For further information, call Jenny Perkins on 01386 49161.

Saint Andrew's Tots – News from 2013

During the Autumn Term we were happy to welcome new children along with their parents, grand parents and carers. Also we had a new helper, Heidi who helps Pippa in the kitchen preparing nutritious snacks. Early in the term, we were sorry to say 'good-bye' to Rhoda, who first had the idea for the Tots Group, and who worked hard to make it such a success.

During the term the children celebrated Harvest time with a visit St Andrew's Church, when Elaine led us in harvest prayers, and we planted the tree of hands made by the children. I am sure you all agree it cheered us all up. Elaine led us in harvest prayers.

Throughout December the children dressed up in their nativity outfits, and on 10 December we went to Church in them, to sing songs and listen to a story.

We ended term with our Christmas Party on 17 December, organised by one of the grandparents, with the intention to help boost our funds.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all our families for their continued support and help, and we look forward to 2014.

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Revelation

The book of Revelation is probably the most difficult book in the Bible, with many different interpretations offered over the years. Yet it says, 'Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy' (1:3). It was probably written by the apostle John during the persecution of Domitian around AD 95.

The book is addressed to the seven churches (i.e. Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea) clustered around Ephesus, where John pastored before exile on the island of Patmos. John was writing to encourage the faithful to resist the demands of emperor worship. This message is very relevant today, when many Christians in the world continue to be persecuted.

The purpose of the Revelation is to challenge those who are compromising with idolatry to repent.

However, John also wants to encourage the church in its struggle against the forces of evil. He assures them that God sees their tears (7:17; 21:4); death leads to heaven (14:13; 20:4), their final victory is assured (15:2), that Christ lives and reigns over the world for his church (5:7-8) and that Jesus will return to bring his people to himself (chapters. 21-22).

Revelation is an example of apocalyptic writing (cf. Daniel 7-12). This genre of literature communicates about the end times through visions and symbolic language. But how do we interpret such a book? Should we take the words literally or are they symbolic? We should not forget that Revelation is rooted in contemporary events and circumstances of its hearers. Therefore, its symbols should be interpreted in light of the conditions, which prevailed when the book was written.

Like the biblical prophets, John saw contemporary historical events as pointing to the Day of the Lord in the last days. So there is often no chronological distinction between the present and the future. Also, Revelation is not a simple chronology of events from chapters 4 to 22. It is rather a series of visions which may parallel each other chronologically, but which emphasise different aspects of divine truth. Over everything the great theme of Revelation is the victory of Christ and of his church over Satan and all the forces opposed to God: 'They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings— and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers' (Rev 17:14).



2 February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Candlemas

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

Prayers ... for those who are unwell

With the patients of our local hospitals and anyone you know personally include Dave Beasley, Tony Bennett, Pamela Collins, Audrey Davies, Pam Eustace, Monica Garston, Harry Green, Evelyn Hewitt, Patricia Hooke, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Harry Lawson, Clifford Lewis, Joanne Painter, Iris Pinkstone, Rosie Rencher, Philippa Shepherd, Pat Smith, Celia Sheward, Joan Simpson and Janferie Wilton.

Prayers ... for those who have died

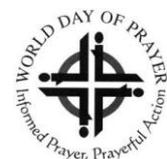
Pray for anyone you particularly wish to remember with Eric Rock, Neville Francis Barrett, Emily May Stokes, Pamela 'Betty' McClay and Anthony Bennett with all those who mourn.

You are my helper and deliverer, O my God, make no delay.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 7 March 2pm – Evesham Methodist Church

This year's service will be organised by the Salvation Army



Hinton on the Green – St Peter's Church

Christmas at Hinton, by Clare Davies

Christmas at St Peter's Church was a truly wonderful experience this year for me and made the season have more meaning. I attended my first ever midnight mass and I was surprised at how well this service was attended, with visitors also from Sedgeberrow. It was a wonderful experience and something I feel I should have done before now. I can't really explain why, but I felt content and happy and I know it is something I will do for many years to come. At midnight our new recruit to the bell-ringing team, Holly Grinnell, rang a bell 12 times to announce Christmas Day - I know Holly loved being a part of the whole experience.

Afterwards Mulled Wine and Mince Pies were served by Colin and Sue Angell - thank you Colin and Sue.

The Christingle was another beautiful service and thoroughly enjoyed by my children and myself. Learning all about the different parts of the Christingle and their meanings, while we made them. How the orange represents the world, and that the candle gives light in the dark, like the love of God. The red ribbon is the symbol of the blood of Jesus and the four sticks symbolise the four seasons.

Thanks to Liz Davies for providing the oranges, fruit and sweets.

Our Crib service was held on Christmas Eve and we especially enjoyed hearing all about Mary and Joseph and sang Christmas Carols signifying their journey. The children then each collected a figure, Joseph and Mary and the animals, and placed them in the crib. It was delightful to see the children getting so involved. Again we were served with mulled wine and mince pies and the children were given chocolate biscuits and juice, thanks to Rosemary Cross.

Overall, a very rewarding experience, and one I will not forget in a long time and one I certainly intend to repeat. Roll on Christmas 2014!

Happy New Year to you all from Sedgeberrow PCC

Our last two Coffee Mornings have been very well supported with the December one having the Christmas Trees on display. Both the Carol Service and the Crib Service were well attended. The Children enjoyed taking the Nativity characters up to take their place in the Stable. Candles were again lit over Christmas in memory of loved ones.

The loss of revenue from the 200 Club will see the Church struggle for funds. If you would like to make a donation in lieu of the 200 Club you can, by contacting the Treasurer on 01386 881623 and your donation can be Gift Aided.

Bingo support seems to be waning with attendances down. Coffee Mornings will start again on March 27th 10am till 12noon.

Recipe for February

Coffee Kisses for Valentine's Day



Ingredients

170g Self-Raising Flour

85g Softened Butter

55g Golden Caster Sugar

1 Egg Yolk

1 heaped tsp Instant Coffee Granules dissolved in 1 tbsp Hot Water

For the filling

55g Softened Butter

120g Icing Sugar (plus extra for sprinkling)

1 heaped tsp Instant Coffee Granules dissolved in 1 tbsp Hot Water

Method

- Pre-heat the oven to 180C / 160C Fan / 350F / Gas Mark 4
 - Mix together the flour, butter and sugar until they resemble breadcrumbs. Mix in the coffee and the egg yolk and bring together into a stiff dough.
 - Divide the dough into small, evenly sized pieces. Roll in the palms of your hands to form small balls. Space them out evenly on greased baking trays (they will spread out a little).
 - Bake for 15 minutes then remove from the oven and place on a wire rack to cool.
 - For the filling, mix the soft butter, icing sugar and coffee together to form butter icing
 - When cooled, sandwich the biscuits together with the butter icing in an 'embrace'
 - Dust with a little icing sugar to serve
- For variation, try sandwiching together with vanilla or chocolate butter icing, made with addition of vanilla extract or cocoa powder**

Love

Love seeketh not itself to please,
Nor for itself hath any care,
But for another gives its ease,
And builds a Heaven in Hell's despair.

By William Blake, from Songs of Experience 'The Clod and the Pebble'

Hampton WI

On 9 January, 26 members gathered for a social meeting and as always enjoyed the chance to catch up with friends and exchange news. Business items were dealt with as quickly as possible, and details of seating and transport arrangements for our lunch on 5 February at Broadway Golf Club were finalised. It was then time for refreshments, with tea or coffee and some excellent Christmas cake for everyone to enjoy, while we tackled a 'Name the Sport' quiz provided by Jill Robinson.

Our next meeting will be on 13 February, when Francis Smith will tell us how he enjoyed '**Being a BBC Props Buyer**'. On 13 March our speaker will be Vince Williams, who will talk on the subject of '**Idle Women**'.

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 Jill Robinson on 01386 40136 for more information.

Good Deed of the Day Becomes a Thing of the Past

When did you last do someone a good turn? Probably not today – or yesterday, or the day before that.... it seems that nine in 10 of us admit that we regularly go through a day without performing an act of kindness towards anyone. In fact, almost a quarter of the population admit they could not even remember the last time they went out of their way to help someone. A third of us say that we never even consider helping an older person.

The survey, by the charity Friends of the Elderly, aims to persuade people to perform acts of kindness that they might never have considered before, for older people in particular. Certainly Christians are called upon to show compassion. As St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: 'Now concerning brotherly love, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another....' 1 Thess. 4:9

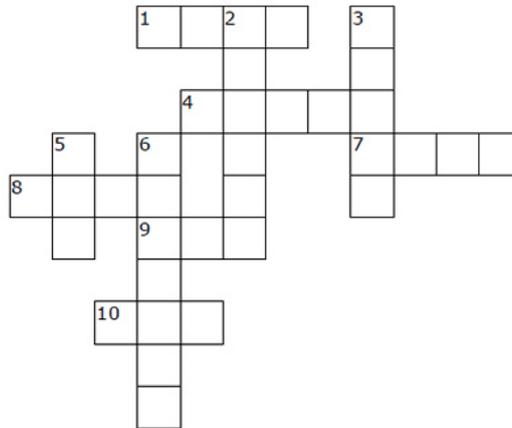
The Silver Line

The statistics about older people and loneliness are frightening. More than half of all 75 year olds in the UK live alone and one in ten suffers "intense" loneliness but is reluctant to ask for help. In a poll conducted to mark the national launch of The Silver Line on 25 November 2013, 9 out of 10 older people told researchers that "a chat on the phone" is the most helpful solution when they feel lonely but 1 in 4 older people say they never or seldom have someone to chat to on the phone.

The Silver Line - Telephone 0800 4 70 80 90

Children's Page

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. The man who baptized Jesus
- 4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid; H₂O
- 7. A young sheep
- 8. A bird that is a symbol of peace
- 9. A male descendant
- 10. To break one of God's commands

DOWN

- 2. The place where God is
- 3. The earth and everything on it
- 5. The creator of heaven and earth
- 6. To make a statement based on personal knowledge

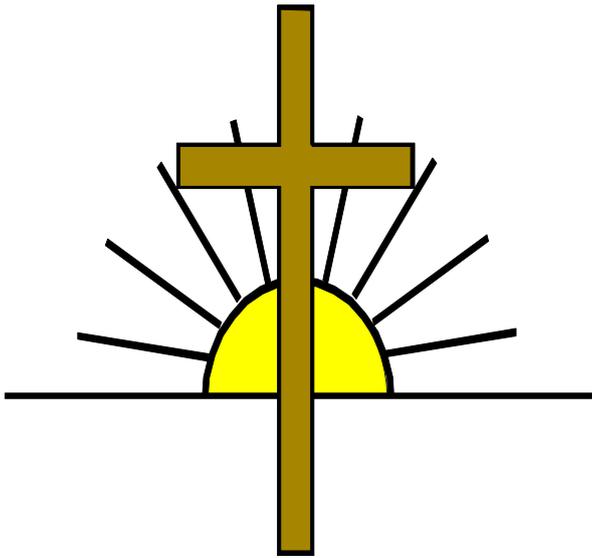
SIN	HEAVEN	LAMB	JOHN	WATER
GOD	DOVE	TESTIFY	WORLD	SON

Word Search

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SENT	JESUS	KNOW	SIN	HEAVEN
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A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS



On 18th February 1678, one of the most famous Christian books was published for the first time. It was 'The Pilgrim's Progress' by John Bunyan. The book tells the story of a character called Christian who travels towards the heavenly city, encountering many difficulties and getting led astray, but finally succeeding.

John Bunyan suffered many difficulties in his own life. He was put in prison twice because he refused to stop preaching God's word. His strength of purpose and the story of a pilgrim's journey through the troubles of life have been a source of strength to many people in the years since the book was published.

BIBLE WORDS

Can you find all the answers to this Bible Quiz? All the words begin with the letter **P**. Answers at the bottom of this page.

1. Andrew's brother, one of the disciples.
2. Another name for a king of Egypt.
3. A tribe who fought Saul and David (2 Samuel).
4. The first place in Europe where Paul established a church (Acts 16).
5. The island where St John had his revelations.
6. She travelled with St Paul and was married to Aquila (Acts 18).
7. The Italian port where Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28).
8. The Roman Governor who set Barabbas free (Matthew 27).

NEWSFLASH:

Two prisoners escaped from custody today. One is 7 feet tall, the other is 4 feet 3 inches. The Police are looking high and low for them.

Answers

1 Peter 2 Pharaoh 3 Philistines 4 Philippi 5 Patmos 6 Priscilla 7 Puteoli 8 Pontius Pilate

St Andrew's CE First School

Successful learners. Success for life.



At St Andrews First School we had a very busy time leading up to Christmas. We held our Christmas fete which was very successful and raised £1300 for our PTA, and will be put to good use within the school to benefit the children.

We also had two fantastic performances of our Key Stage One Nativity called "A little Bird Told Me." All the children from the three classes joined in and sang beautifully. During this we held a raffle, which raised nearly £200 the proceeds of which will go to the Philippines Typhoon appeal.

We held a Carol Concert at St Andrew's Church led by the KS2 classes. After which we held a collection, which went towards the Philippines appeal. The generosity of our families and their response to people in need is exceptional.

Emma James (Acting Head)

Events Update – February 2014

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	4 February 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	8 February 10am-Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	11 February 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	11 February 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	18 February 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Standing Committee Meeting	Wed	19 February 7.30pm	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	25 February 9am	Scout & Guide Hall

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Lent Series – Inspiring Worship Services	Mon	24 March 7pm – 9pm	All Saints Church
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	25 March 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Lent Series – Empowering Leadership	Mon	31 March 7pm – 9pm	All Saints Church



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The Spring Term began well with everyone returning to school refreshed after their Christmas break.

During the first week in January we took the whole school on our annual post-christmas visit to the pantomime. This year it was 'Aladdin' at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham. The children spent the week in school learning about pantomime and benefited from a pre-show workshop from the theatre so they were well prepared and thoroughly enjoyed the show joining in with all songs and responses and generally having a wonderful time.

Later this year we are due to reapply for our Eco School Green Flag Award so the committee have been very busy working together to ensure that we remain an eco-friendly school. They completed an environmental review in the Autumn and created an action plan from which we are currently working:

- Litter: Remember to put your litter in the bins provided.
- Transport: Try to walk to school, cycle to school, share a car or catch the bus to school. All of these are eco friendly but don't come in the car if possible because we don't want any more co2.
- Energy: You need to turn off the lights, whiteboards and computers when you are finished in a room.
- Healthy living: We will try to have a living plant in every classroom.
- Waste: Remember to compost waste food so that none is going in the normal bins.

Electricity monitoring is an on-going commitment and the whole school. For the last two years we have been keeping a record of our electricity usage and charting it on the eco-board. The committee takes a weekly reading and it is recorded on a chart. There is a winter target line, which we try to keep below and also a summer one. Every week that we manage to keep below the line the children receive a token and when they have ten tokens each class chooses a focus for a special 'treat' afternoon. The data enables us to make yearly comparisons to ensure that we are making the best possible savings.

Last term we also joined in 'Switch it off' fortnight in order to further encourage our electricity savings.



The eco committee produced an assembly all about global warming and what will happen to the earth if it gets too warm. It was a big success. They showed how the earth has the atmosphere all around it, how the sun shines on the earth and how the CO2 traps the sun's rays in the atmosphere and the earth gets hotter.



On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March Key Stage Two will be performing their annual show at Pershore No.8 theatre. This year it will be 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' so please keep the dates and contact school nearer the time if you would like to book tickets for what should be a wonderful show.

Mrs M M Humphreys
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February in the Garden



We are now looking forward to spring, but there is usually still quite a lot of clearing up to do. Now is the time, providing we are not having hard frosts, to finish pruning. The Buddleias can be cut back to about 50 – 100cm from the ground, above a healthy looking bud, if you have ornamental grasses now is the time to give them their

annual hair cut before they start to make new growth from the bottom – leaving this until later may cause damage to the new growth. If you are planning sweet peas, now is the time to plant the seeds, leave them to germinate on a sunny windowsill, but make sure it is now too warm.

In your vegetable garden leeks, broad beans, peas and lettuce can all be sown undercover, cloches are fine if you don't have a cold frame. Now if you have early rhubarb which will be just beginning to show buds, pop a cover over it, an old bucket with a hole in the bottom is classic, but a large upturned plant pot will do the job, just make sure you weight it down so it does not blow away. You will be eating the delicious early stems when it still costs a fortune at the greengrocer. If you have autumn raspberries, now is the best time to prune them back to the ground and give them a good feed of compost to encourage strong healthy growth. I sometimes leave a few of the stronger canes, just trimming off the very top, they will burst into flower quite early and give a picking or two in July.

Good Gardening.

Gabrielle Falkiner

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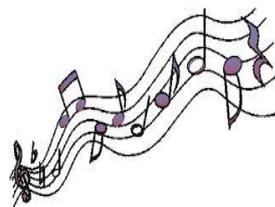


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What's On

Evesham Arts Centre - Cor Blimey!

Saturday 22 February 8pm

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen! The Music Hall tradition is brought back to life! Expect vintage-style stand-up comedy, Victorian sing-songs, melodramas, novelty acts and much more. Lots of audience interaction invited - a rollicking time is guaranteed for all and sundry. A kaleidoscope of nineteenth-century theatrical treats from those very finest purveyors of theatrical Victoriana: Don't Go Into the Cellar Theatre Company. All show proceeds to Evesham's very own Great Big Almonry Project. Tickets: £10, Concessions £8

Number 8 – National Theatre Live: War Horse

Thursday 27 February 7pm, Saturday 1 March 2pm and 7pm, Friday 7 March 7pm, Saturday 7 April 7pm

Live from London's West End. Since its first performance at the National Theatre in 2007, War Horse has become an international smash hit, capturing the imagination of four million people around the world. Filled with stirring music and songs, this is a powerfully moving show of phenomenal inventiveness. At its heart are astonishing life-size puppets by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage.

Tickets £16, Concessions £15

Evesham Arts Centre - Josh Widdicombe: Incidentally

Saturday 1 March 8pm

A regular on hit Channel 4 show 'The Last Leg' and most other TV channels, Josh is back in Evesham with his 2013 Edinburgh show of warm and friendly observational comedy. Since being nominated Edinburgh Comedy Award's Best Newcomer in 2011, Josh has appeared on 'Mock The Week', '8 Out Of 10 Cats', Channel 4's Comedy Gala, 'Stand Up For The Week' and more. Josh will be supported by Suzi Ruffell. Tickets: £14

From the Registers – December 2013

Baptisms

1 December	Riley Christopher Hopkins	Hampton
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Funerals

3 December	Pamela 'Betty' McClay	Hampton
6 December	Emily Stokes	Hampton
19 December	Kathleen Lampitt	Hinton

Services for February 2014

2 February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	2pm	Baptism	Hampton
Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40			
Wednesday 5	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9 February – Fourth Sunday before Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	4pm	Holy Communion	Hinton
Isaiah 58.1-9a. [9b-12], 1 Corinthians 2.1-12. [13-16], Matthew 5.13-20			
Wednesday 12	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
16 February – Third Sunday before Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
Deuteronomy 30.15-20 OR Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20, 1 Corinthians 3.1-9, Matthew 5.21-37			
Wednesday 19	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
23 February – Second Sunday before Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	11.15am	All Age Worship	Hinton
	2pm	Baptism	Hampton
Genesis 1.1 – 2.3, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-34			
Wednesday 26	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

Services for March 2014

2 March – Sunday next before Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	2pm	Baptism	Hampton
Exodus 24.12-end, 2 Peter 1.16-21, Matthew 17.1-9			
Wednesday 5	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Friday 7	2pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Evesham M C