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Prayers ... for the Church

The heavens are telling the glory of God

May 28th is Ascension Day when we celebrate the passing of Jesus into his Father's Kingdom. Give thanks for his life on earth and for his continued spiritual presence with us. May 1st is the Festival of Saints Philip and James and 16th of Mathias; pray for strength for Christians to follow the example of these Apostles. May 31st we commemorate the Visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth; pray for all families looking forward to the arrival of new babies. Ask God to bless the work of our leaders, Mark, Bernard, Leonard, Patrick, Elaine and John and give thanks for their ministry. Include in your prayers the mission of the Methodist Churches of our area and the various groups within our United Benefice which bring people together in worship.

Prayers ... for the World

Pray for all who engage in caring for sick people throughout the world and especially in those areas where poverty prevents the development of health-care. Include in your prayers those who support this work by a variety of fund-raising and the patients where governments cannot provide this service. Bring to God the people of Ukraine whose independence is under threat; mention the leaders of powerful countries who have it in their power to influence events in this area. Ask for God's blessing on the poor people of India that they may receive a greater share of their country's opportunities. Pray for the victims of the Malaysian Airline disaster and for their families who have had to endure so much uncertainty.

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From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

House Groups

Have you ever considered joining a house group? Perhaps you are not sure of the point, or don't think it will help you. If you have been a member of any small group (not church) you will already understand how it is easy to get to know each other, and how to work with each other. More personal relations are formed when the group meets on a regular basis.

Likewise for house groups; the small group with regular meetings can help you to know and understand the bible. From experience, those groups who did not meet regularly were not as successful as those who met each week.

The early church was made up of small groups, who were helped by the Holy Spirit coming upon them at Pentecost. When they were gathered together they were able to be fully joined as disciples, and to pray and give mutual support. With Jesus as their teacher they would be able to put into practice the command 'Love one another' by working collaboratively.

Small groups who meet to read, learn, discuss and act upon God's word can be hugely successful and beneficial to those in the group. A DVD with handbook is used; each video is about fifteen minutes in length and features Rev Richard Bewes, Rev Paul Blackham and a guest speaker. There is time for discussion and helpful questions to prompt learning, and relate the passage to current times. Meetings end in prayer and usually take around an hour with tea being served. Have a look at their website for more information and an example of their broadcasts: <http://www.biblicalframeworks.com/>

"Getting a group to do the Book by Book material for a year is guaranteed to transform how you think about the Scriptures - and Jesus!"

There is a large collection of DVD's and accompanying handbooks at the vicarage featuring all sections of the bible.

Often there is fear about joining a group – some people may think that they are not academic enough to cope with the text, or they are too old, or too young – this is not the case! The group, which meets at the vicarage on Monday mornings, is proof that you are never too old, or too clever, or too young to learn something new about Jesus. Each member has grown in knowledge, and in faith. They are strong in their desire to learn more, and put their faith into practice in practical ways. Their faith is nurtured, much like a gardener tends his plants. They are able to withstand the storms of life and stand strong on Christian ethics.

If you would like to be part of a group, or offer to host a group, please get in touch. You can phone (424235) or email: reverend-mark-binney@hotmail.co.uk. Additionally, there will be a display on the board and a signup sheet.

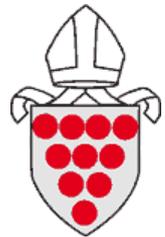
Reverend Mark Binney

Prayers ... for the people around us

With the approach of elections of councillors to serve in local government, pray for all those taking part, electors and candidates, that we may have councils that will serve our district well. Ask for guidance for all students and pupils in our local colleges and schools who will be taking important examinations in the coming weeks. Pray for the organisations within our United Benefice, which offer fellowship and entertainment for their members, for example the Royal British Legion, the Hampton Club, W I's and the many sport clubs which give their members so much pleasure. Mention the people around us who are unemployed, with all the problems that this brings and include the Helping Hands group who care for them.

From the Diocesan Newsletter

The Worcester Pilgrim Artefacts return to Worcester Cathedral from Tuesday 8 April 2014



You may have noticed, if you have visited Worcester Cathedral Crypt recently, that something (or rather, someone) is missing - the Worcester Pilgrim who was buried in the Cathedral in the late 15th century.

Ever since he was unearthed nearly 30 years ago during restoration work, the Pilgrim's boots and staff have been on display in the Crypt. They are a unique survival and form an important part of the Cathedral's heritage. Now, as part of the first phase of the Cathedral's "Telling the Story" initiative, which has included installing new interpretation displays, touchscreen terminals and mobile App trails, the Pilgrim artefacts have been sent away for conservation and restoration, and will be housed in a new state-of-the-art presentation case.

We are now ready for the Worcester Pilgrim's belongings to return, and a new exhibition has been opened, including striking images showing how the Pilgrim looked in life - and death!

A team from the University of York's Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture have undertaken considerable research with academic colleagues and the specialists at the Cathedral. From this they have created interactive resources, which enable visitors and the local community to explore the Cathedral's fascinating history, art and architecture, as well as its current life.

Peter Atkinson Dean of Worcester said " We are delighted to welcome back the Worcester Pilgrim's effects after their conservation, the pilgrim represents an important part of the story here."

Missioner Musings



Café Church

First Tuesday of the month 7pm – Costa's, Bridge Street

We have now held 3 Café Churches at Costa. The first night was just an introduction to what Café Church would be about and we had 5 people attend. Our second night was called Jazz Night. We talked about the origins of Jazz and then talked about 21st Century Slavery and Human Trafficking, there were some really good discussions. On our third night the subject was the Costa Foundation. Lucy, one of the excellent Costa Barista's gave us a really good insight into the work Costa do in the areas where they buy coffee beans – pick up a leaflet about it next time you are in.

One insight into our 'congregation' is that they are all journeying Christians – so if you've not been coming because you thought it was only for unchurched or dechurched, think again. Everyone is welcome! On Tuesday 6th May 7 pm the subject is 'Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate' and we are talking about Fair Trade and I expect there may be chocolate too. If you know someone who you think would like to come, but would worry about the expense of buying a Costa coffee, please assure them that it is a free night. Those that want to can make a donation – so far, we have covered all coffee expenses. We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Lent Series

Well, it is finally over. Mark and I have been really pleased with the Lent Series and the quality of all the speakers bringing us such great insights into growing our churches in ways that are sustainable.

Lynn Chetcuti talked about small groups, not necessarily and not just House Groups, but other kinds of groups (garden team, coffee club, befriending etc...) as ways of deepening friendships and growing in faith. People who do not attend church, but who are in search of some connection may be more comfortable if at first they join a small group. Then when they have built a few relationships they may consider coming to church.

Jeff Lucas brought his unique insight into passionate spirituality and 12 ways of expressing it. If you go on to Twitter @ParishOfEvesham you will be able to see all points he raised there and see all the speakers photos from the evening that I took.

Jonny Baker made us all think about inspiring worship services, not sure we are ready for gas masks and white boiler suits, but he successfully made the point.

Maybe we could organise a trip to Grace Community – anyone interested?

Marcus Honeysett asked us to think about leadership and every member ministry. He suggested that it should be the laity that run groups and activities in churches not the Ordained or Licenced Ministers. He gave us some great diagrams to make

the point – again they are on Twitter (ask me to show them to you when you see me, if you do not have access to Twitter!)

Bob Pierson, gave us a double treat. He kindly offered to run a Saturday workshop and a group of us met to learn in more detail about being a Good Samaritan Church. I know we were all inspired to think about ways that our churches were able to start something new that would reach out to others who have various needs. 'Do what you *can* do' was Bob's message. On the Monday evening he expertly led us through the many ways that we can all be evangelists (no orange box required) in ways that everyone can be a part of.

If you missed any of the talks you will be pleased to know that every one was filmed.

Mark and I would like to thank everyone who helped put the Lent Talks together – there were a team of 20 of us! The Refreshment Team: Glenda, Tricia, Gail, Betty, Anne, JJ and Roberta. The Sound Team: Richard and Sue. The Film Crew and Photography Team: James, John, Chris and Helen. The helping out on the night team: Lindsay, Pete, and John. The Admin Team: Katy and Stan and the Facilitation Team: Roger and Edward. Not forgetting Neil of course, who was my own personal support team throughout the planning stages and the 5 weeks. There is a 'Thank You Tea Party' planned for everyone that helped on Saturday 26th April at 11 am here at 1 Broadway Road WR11 3NB. My turn to make the tea!

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

Hope Together Event – Sunday 25 May

'Pentecost Party Sunday'

Workman Gardens 10.30am – 4pm

All Evesham Churches are invited to a Service of celebration and encouragement in the marquee in the gardens at 10.30am, followed by a BBQ and afternoon of fun for all ages. Three Bouncy Castles, festival games, café and comedian.

Due to the Hope Together Event, there is no 10am Service at Hampton on 25 May. Gloria is available to take anyone who wants to go to the Hope Together Service.



*in our villages,
towns and cities*

St Andrew's Fellowship

We were a smaller group at our meeting on 8 April, due to various reasons, but those who couldn't attend missed a very interesting afternoon.

We had with us Maurice Heritage who is a volunteer at Snowhill Manor, and he gave us a real insight into what happens when the House is 'put to bed'. It starts with every item being cleaned, which means all the carpets, rugs, books and ornaments. The pages of books are checked, and ornaments inspected for any damage, or any areas which might affect the furniture they are placed on. I think we could have gone on listening to him for hours. Maurice gives two other talks, so we have asked him to come back again sometime.

Our next meeting is on 13 May, when we are having a visit from Bee Crafty, who are bringing some of the craft items they make. After a show of hands, it seemed that everyone is eager to have a go at making whatever Bee Crafty thinks we might be able to make.

So, if you think you might enjoy our friendly group, and would like to know more, it doesn't matter if you are male or female, churchgoer or not, please ring Jenny Perkins on 01386 49161 for more details.

St Andrew's Tots

Hope all our Tots had a Happy Easter! What a busy term we have had.

We have celebrated springtime with lots of arts, crafts, stories and songs.

We have so many little people and their mummies, daddies. Grandparents and child-minders now that we have had to store the pushchairs in the back room, We do not charge for our little group, as we believe we are the church in action spreading the love of Jesus for all his children. However we do put out a donation box, which has enabled us to purchase the little extras like fruit, biscuits and materials for special projects like card stock for making Mother's Day and Easter cards.

Elaine Major our church administrator and lay minister is a regular visitor and we held an Easter egg hunt and short service in the church on our last day of term. Look out for our display of colourful Easter Eggs in the church!

Altar Guild

Altar Guild are looking to recruit enthusiastic ladies to assist with the flowers in Church on a rota basis.

Please speak to Jane Wisniewski on 01386 48186 if interested.



Little Hospice Hoima

St Andrew's Church supports Little Hospice Hoima, which is under the umbrella of Hospice Africa Uganda. We recently sent £70, which were the proceeds from our Church Sunday Coffee.

The founder of Hospice Africa Uganda, Professor Doctor Anne Merriman, has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is part of her nomination:

Dr Merriman has spent a life in service to providing health care to those in desperate need. She introduced palliative care in Singapore, helped to establish a formula for liquid oral morphine, established Hospice Africa, lobbied for the legalization of morphine in Uganda, developed a centre for excellence in palliative care for Africa in Hospice Africa Uganda, developed the Institute for Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa and was a founding member of the Palliative Care Association of Africa, the African Palliative Care Association and the palliative care unit at Makerere University. In recognition of outstanding service to those in need Professor Dr. Anne Merriman has been nominated for the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize.

Christian Aid Week – 11-17 May 2014

Give people a future without fear

War tears lives apart. You can help put them back together.



For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is part of daily life.

The good news is that individuals, communities and churches can make a real difference this Christian Aid Week. Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise £12m (€14.3m) for

Christian Aid Week. Thanks to your efforts, many more people can look forward to a future free from poverty.

Your Christian Aid Representative is Ray Edwards 01386 443683.

Churches Together Christian Aid Service

St. Peter's, Bengeworth

11th May 3pm

St Andrew's Fundraising Committee

The Table Top Sale held at St Andrew's Church Centre at the end of March raised £110.00.

Our next fund raising event will be the Summer Fete, which will be held on the longest day 21 June at 2pm. This is a little earlier in the year than usual, but we do want the children to be involved, so we did not want to hold it during the summer holidays.

This year we need lots of craft projects for our craft stall, cakes for the cake stall and some interesting prizes, so please get busy.

We are going to need lots of hands on deck on the day and also on the evening of 20th, helping to put up the marquee and gazebos on the vicarage lawn.

Please contact me on 01386 47541 if you can help on any way.

If you would like to run a stall for us, there will be a prize for the best dressed stall and if you would like to have a stall for yourself or your organisation there will be a small charge of £10.00

Look out for more news on the pew sheets

Thank you

Margaret Thomson

Future Dates for Your Diary

September - Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper (Date tbc)

St Andrews Church Centre, Fairfield

October 11 - Harvest Supper

Hampton Scout and Guide Hall

November - Christmas Bazaar (Date tbc)

St Andrews Church Centre, Fairfield

In order for the events to be successful, we will need help and support.

Please contact Margaret Thomson on 01386 47541 if you feel you can help out!

Prayers ... for those who are unwell

With the patients of our local hospitals and anyone you know personally include Pamela Collins, Andrew Dyke, Monica Garston, Patricia Hooke, Girlie Humphries, Denise Inge, Caroline Jackson, Sue Jones, Par Kersey, Clifford Lewis, Joanne Painter, Iris Pinkstone, Alan Reed, Rosie Rencher, Phillipa Shepherd, and Pat Smith

29 May – Ascension Day -40 Days with the Risen Christ

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. It may seem crazy to call it Eastertide when Easter is clearly over! - but these are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection.

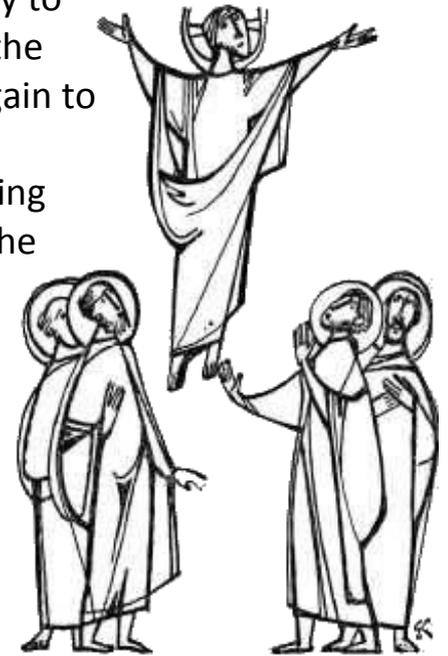
The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those forty days. Jesus was seen by numerous disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged his disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent him, he was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands - and blessed them."

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with his return to his Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless his disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: "While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: "I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God..." (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: "they worshipped him - and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! "I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.



Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

United we stand – divided we fall



We are one of a group of churches forming a ‘United Benefice’. The churches are Hinton, Sedgeberrow, Hampton and Bengeworth.

Sometimes people think it’s best to ‘go it alone’ – at the moment

Scotland is preparing to take a momentous decision about whether it should be part of a ‘United Kingdom’ or not. Sometimes people think they might be better off as part of a larger whole. We only have to look at what’s happened recently in the Crimea to see this.

Generally though, it seems that there is strength where there is unity. It’s important for those within the United Benefice to support one another. At our last Hinton PCC meeting one member commented, “We can’t really expect them to come to our church if we don’t go to theirs.”

As a result it was decided that we wouldn’t have our intended service on 11th May but instead ask members of the Hinton community to attend the Christian Aid service which will take place at St Peter’s, Bengeworth, on that day at 3.00 p.m. Similarly, we found that there is going to be a ‘Pentecost Party’ in Workman Gardens on 25th May – which is when Hinton had intended to have a ‘picnic service’. So the picnic service has been postponed until 22nd June and we suggest that parishioners join with others in our ‘Group’ to enjoy a BBQ, comedian, bouncy castles and fun in Workman Gardens on 25th May.

We very much hope Hintonites will join in these activities and make the effort to go to those other churches when there is a ‘Benefice’ service there. We have a **Benefice Service here in Hinton on 6th July**, which is when we shall be celebrating Petertide this year.

The date isn’t quite the right one but the sentiment – to celebrate our Patron Saint – is just the same. Money raised at the Fête goes to the Church Restoration Fund. We hope members of the other churches will join us on this occasion.

Petertide Fête

Our third St Petertide Fête, will be held on Sunday 6th July 2014. We cordially invite all those in our benefice including their family and friends to join us at 11.45am for the service and our Fête will commence at 12.30pm.

This year we are planning lots of entertainment for you as well as the wonderful display of stalls. We welcome back Steve and Friends playing the blues; they were such a great success last year and we are extremely delighted that they can join us again. Also entertaining you, with a dance performance, including children from the village, will be Chrissy Glass Performing Arts Group. Lastly, we are also hoping for Fladbury First School to show us their wonderful display of maypole dancing. Maypole permitting!

On the day, you will find our popular bottle Tombola, a wonderful array of cakes on our Cake Stall and a fabulous display of plants. There will be Jewellery by Posh Chloe, Bunting from Flying-colours-bunting and home décor items from Artichoke, helping to support local artisans. If you are thirsty or peckish you will find a Bar located in our marquee, a BBQ selling burgers and hotdogs and a refreshments stall selling tea, coffee, soft drinks and an assortment of cakes and deserts. Those who enjoy our coffee mornings will know about the cakes!

There will be a raffle, including various wonderful prizes and many other stalls, together with lots of children's games and a sweet tombola.

We are asking for donations to our bottle tombola and we would be very grateful for offers to bake a cake for our cake stall. Please contact me Clare Davies on 07814188077, 0138648283 or email at clare7875@gmail.com

TO RECAP:

- NO SERVICES IN HINTON ON 11TH MAY AND 25TH MAY.
- PICNIC SERVICE NOW ON 22ND JUNE AT 11.15 A.M.
- CELEBRATION OF PETERTIDE AND FÊTE ON 6TH JULY.

Scout Bell finds new home

For the past 30 years, a maiden bell, which was cast from the metal of a church bell dating back to 1770, hung at the Evesham Scout Campsite at Hinton-on-the-Green. The Scout Camp closed at the end of 2013 after 60 years, when the lease came to an end. The bell has now found a new home at St Peter's Church in the village. On Sunday 23 March, St Peter's Church at Hinton-on-the-Green held an 'All Age Worship', which incorporated the Mothering Sunday service. Young members of St Peter's read poems dedicated to their mums and distributed posies as a gift for all mothers present.

During the service, the Scout Bell was dedicated and blessed by Lay Minister John Lynch in the presence of the large congregation from the village, along with Cubs, Scouts, and Leaders of 1st Evesham 1st Hampton Scout Group, members of the Scout Active Support Unit and representatives of the Scout District.



*Bärbel Wolstencroft
District Commissioner*

Hampton WI

At our Spring Group Meeting on 10 April we welcomed visitors from Ashton, Badsey, Childswickham, Evesham Vale, the Littletons and Pebworth WI's, Jan Titley, the Group Co-ordinator and Ann Smith, the Ambassador for Denman College.

In a brief run through of business, members were reminded to bring items for the sales table at next month's Resolutions meeting. An outing to the Guide Dog Training Centre in Leamington has been arranged for Wednesday, 9 July and on Tuesday, 12 August there will be a 'posh tea' in the hall, when Diane Bennett from Caring Hands will give a talk on the work of the charity and members can bring donations of tinned food and clothing.

Jill then handed over to Jan Titley, who first reminded everyone of the Group Quiz on 29 April and spoke about plans for a tea party in St Andrew's Hall, Pershore, to celebrate the arrival of the Centenary Baton on 11 September.

Following the business, Lisa Jayne Smith, dressed as Marie Lloyd, described the history of the Music Hall from 1850 - 1950. With a variety of costumes, songs and recitations Lisa took us from the spit and sawdust of the Victorian era, with its monologues and tragi-comedy, to more sophisticated Edwardian times, when performances took place in theatres in front of a more middle-class audience, and the Queen of the Music Hall, Marie Lloyd, introduced sauciness and showed her ankles. Then came the First World War, and Vesta Tilley with her song about Burlington Bertie. The 1920's brought jazz, swing and the Charleston, Gracie Fields and Charlie Chaplin. The 30's and 40's saw the Depression and World War II. There was often a shortage of people to put on the shows, so clever costumes enabled one person to play several parts. It was also the time of such well-known performers as Joyce Grenfell, Arthur Askey and Flanagan and Allen. In the 50's the 'vision box' arrived, making entertainment more accessible, bringing about the demise of the music hall and the theatres began to close, or were converted to bingo halls.

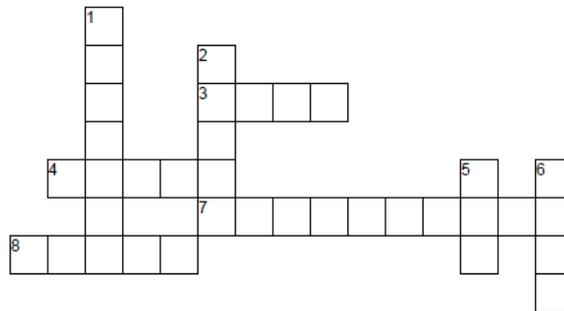
We had all enjoyed Lisa's thoroughly entertaining performance, and a good sing-along with many old favourites like My Old Man said Follow the Van, Pack Up Your Troubles and the White Cliffs of Dover, finishing with a rousing rendition of Land of Hope and Glory.

Joyce Davey gave the vote of thanks to Lisa, before refreshments were served and the raffle was drawn. The evening concluded with thanks to Hampton WI on behalf of the visitors, proposed by Carol Vizer from Evesham Vale WI.

Our meeting on 8 May will be the Resolutions Meeting and on 12 June Anthony Collis will talk about Pub Signs of Worcestershire. Visitors and new members are welcome at our meetings. Please contact Jill Robinson on 01386 40136 for information.

Children's Page

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. A place where someone is buried
4. "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said." Matthew 28:6
7. A shaking or trembling of the the earth
8. A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God

DOWN

1. The first or early part of a day
2. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
5. A period of twenty-four hours
6. A period of seven days

STONE	MORNING	WEEK	EARTHQUAKE
RISEN	ANGEL	DAY	TOMB

Word Search

'The Stone Was Rolled Away'

B H M W E E K A J E S U S E S
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 I S Z V K M T G O R H C L R I
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TOMB	ANGEL	RISEN	RISEN	STONE
SHOOK	WEEK	FIRST	DAWN	HEAVEN
EARTHQUAKE	ROLLED	JESUS	AFRAID	DAY

St Andrew's CE First School

Successful learners. Success for life.



On Tuesday 4 March Year 4 parents were invited to come into school and join their children for a Roman inspired literacy workshop. The children wowed everyone with their comprehension and story writing skills. The first week back also saw us celebrating World Book Day. Staff and children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters with everything from the Queen of Hearts to swashbuckling pirates on show.

This half term Years 4 and 5 have been learning about the Romans. On Friday 14 March they took part in a battle re-enactment. Children had a wonderful time using the shields and swords that they had made and learnt a great deal about war tactics and developing terrifying war cries.

Friday 21 March was World Poetry Day and to celebrate this, Year 5 wrote and recited poems. Here is one by Rhys

'It started with a joyride
A tired job, a roaring lion,
Soot comes flying in your face,
Faster than the blink of an eye,
The train will hunt you down.

On 19 March, Year 1 visited Toddington Railway. They travelled to Winchcombe, had lunch on the train and took part in a treasure hunt on the platform. A wonderful and informative day was enjoyed by all.

Year 4 and 5 enjoyed a trip to Chedworth Roman Villa. The children had a wonderful time dressing up as Roman slaves and learning about all the amazing inventions that the Romans brought to Britain, such as bathhouses, latrines and underfloor heating.

We have lots more exciting things planned for the Summer Term and we look forward to telling you about these in the next edition of the Herald.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Coaché'.

David Coaché (Headteacher)

Prayers ... for those who have died

Pray for anyone known to you personally, with those who mourn.

In God I trust and will not fear

When you plan your garden this Spring

Plant three rows of peas:
Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul.

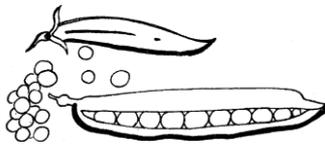
No garden should be without
turnips:
Turnip for service when needed
Turnip to help one another
Turnip the music and dance.

Plant four rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness.

Water freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden.
Because you reap what you sow.

Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be happy
Lettuce really love one another.

To conclude our garden
We must have thyme:
Thyme for fun
Thyme for rest
Thyme for ourselves.



Spring Clean time?

Are you a hoarder? The recent TV series on hoarders was an awesome insight into how some people struggle to throw anything away at all. Some people get very sentimental about clothes, books, papers, knickknacks and other belongings which they tie to different memories of their lives.

One thing for sure – we can't hang on to our things forever. We can't take them with us when we die. Jesus said as much in the gospels. He urged people not to spend their valuable time on earth piling up lifeless things that they would one day lose. He urged them to invest their time and energy instead on building a relationship with God which would never die, and which would ensure them an eternal future. (Matthew 6:19,20)

A life spent following Jesus is well worth everything. It may cost us everything we have – it does in many places in the world today. So – this Spring, have a good clean of your heart and let go of the useless things. See Jesus for the treasure he is, and hang on to him instead. He will never let you down.

Events Update – May 2014

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	6 May 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	10 May 10am-Noon	Hampton
CTED Christian Aid Service	Sun	11 May 3pm	Bengeworth
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	13 May 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	13 May 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	20 May 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton PCC	Wed	21 May 7.30pm	Hampton
Hope Together Event	Sun	25 May 10.30am – 4pm	Workman Gardens
St Andrew's Fete	Sat	21 June 2pm	Hampton Vicarage
Vale Local Food Festival	Sun	22 June 11am – 4pm	All Saints Church Yard
Petertide Celebration and Fete	Sun	6 July	St Peter's, Hinton

From the Registers – March 2014

Baptisms

16 March	Ellie Toni Lynn Savidge	Hampton
23 March	Lucie Grace Buttle	Hampton
23 March	Ryan Jack Buttle	Hampton
30 March	Tania Angela Eliza Kershaw	Hampton
30 March	Elton Kershaw	Hampton

Funerals

10 March	Albert Dyke	Hampton
11 March	Gladys Pritchard	Hampton
13 March	Leslie Woolley	Hampton
13 March	Evelyn Hewitt	Hampton
19 March	Albert Stanley	Cheltenham Crematorium
20 March	Ivy Kimberlee	Hampton
21 March	Barbara Williams	Hampton

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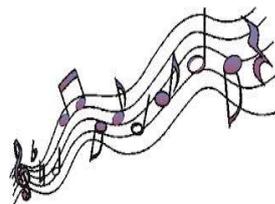
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Services for May 2014

4 May – Third Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 or Zephaniah 3:14-end, 1 Peter 1:17-23 or Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Luke 24:13-35			
Wednesday 7	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
11 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Christian Aid Service – CETD	Bengeworth
Acts 2:42-47 or Genesis 7, 1 Peter 2:19-25 or Acts 2:42-47, John 10:1-10			
Wednesday 14	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
18 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
Acts 7:55-60 or Genesis 8:1-19, 1 Peter 2:2-10 or Acts 7:55-60, John 14:1-14			
Wednesday 21	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
25 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Asum Service	Bengeworth
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
Acts 17:22-31 or Genesis 8:20 – 9:17, 1 Peter 3:13-22 or Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21			
Wednesday 28	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Friday 30	12.30pm	Wedding	Hampton

Services for June 2014

1 June – Seventh Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
Acts 1:6-14 or Ezekiel 36:24-28, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 or Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11			
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Saturday 7	1pm	Wedding	Hampton
8 June – Pentecost			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow