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THE HERALD



*For unto us a Child is born
Unto us a Son is given
And the government will be upon His shoulder
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*

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Prayers ... for the Church

For unto you is born this day a Saviour which is Christ the Lord

As you prepare during Advent for the great Feast of Christmas, pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith and who may therefore be unable to join in the celebration. On Christmas Day give thanks for the gift of our Saviour come to live amongst us, as He still does in spirit and in love. Pray too for those for whom this will be a discovery of a great truth; that they may continue to grow in understanding and faith. On 28th when we remember the Holy Innocents put to death by order of Herod, bring before God all children who are victims of neglect and cruelty from those who should care for them; may this be a season when the love of God delivers them from their unhappiness.

Prayers ... for the World

Ask for God's blessing on the work of the United Nations Organisation, especially for the members of the Security Council who have such influence on policies. Pray for guidance that they may use that influence and authority for the good of all nations rather than their own national interests. Continue to pray for the countries of the Middle East, for the people there who are oppressed by warfare and violence, that they may be delivered from these hardships. Include in these prayers all Muslims, those who turn their backs on violence and those who pursue it, that they may all learn and follow the true meaning of their religion. Pray for the people of India, a land where the gap between the rich and poor is so wide, that the wealth may be shared more justly. Mention the people of the Pacific Islands that they may live happily together in prosperity.

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From Mark Binney Silent Night



This Christmas the carol Silent Night is being sung as a reminder of the remarkable Christmas truce of 1914. Albert Moren a British soldier recalled that ‘it was a beautiful moonlit night, frost on the ground, white almost everywhere.... There was a lot of commotion in the German trenches and then there were those lights – I don’t know what they were. And then they sang “Stille Nacht” – “Silent Night”. I shall never forget it. It was one of the highlights of my life.’ The soldiers exchanged gifts of tobacco and chocolate and played football between the trenches in no man’s land.

Silent Night was first performed on Christmas Eve 1818 at St. Nicholas Parish Church in the Austrian village of Oberndorf near Salzburg. The young priest Father Joseph Mohr had written the lyrics and asked the schoolmaster and organist Franz Xaver Gruber to compose a melody and guitar accompaniment for the church service. The Carol has grown to be a favourite throughout the world ever since.

For the Centenary of the 1914 truce a new verse and chorus has been commissioned for the carol, which will be sung by thousands of football fans and carol singers at Silent Night events throughout the country. There is a stadium event at Evesham United Football Club at 1pm on Sunday 14th December sponsored by Churches Together in Evesham as part of Hope 2014. You are warmly invited to bring your family and friends to sing carols at this special event.

The Christmas truce lasted until the morning of December 26th. The power of the moment is in the joy that Christ the Saviour is born. There is hope for this divided world. The Archbishop of Canterbury invites us this Christmas to leave our defended positions and meet those we might consider to be our enemies, exchange greetings and make peace.

Reverend Mark Binney
Priest in Charge



Gift Aid

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you and of your own do we give you. (Quote from the old ASB Communion Service)

The time has come to start preparing the 'regular giving' boxes for next year. Regular giving is such an important part of our Church life, not only because it is a way of showing our love to God for all he gives us, but because without it we would not have a Church to worship in or money to spend on Mission, which is what we as Jesus' Disciples are called to do. Over the year we support the work of the Tots Group, Open the Book at St. Andrew's School, regular input at Alphabet House Play Group, the Youth Group as well as our Bible study groups.

In this country, unlike some other European countries, we do not receive any help from Government for the upkeep of our churches. Our Parish Share, which we are required to pay, helps to support our Clergy, both active and retired, as well as educating and training new clergy, Readers and ALMs, and mission both at home and abroad, which the Diocese carries out. Then, there are all the regular Church bills; heating, light, insurance, cleaning, office equipment, repairs – great and small, and anything we feel would enhance the working of our community, such as putting in a toilet so that the church is more accessible for use by the Tots Group and the older members of our congregations. Those coming to Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals, may have travelled a long way and it is a long way across the vicarage garden to the toilet at the Parish Room. We are very fortunate that we have John Martin as our benefactor and still receive substantial support from the John Martin Charity, without which we would not be a viable church.

We are very grateful to all those who give on a regular basis, whether Gift Aided or not. Most people now know that Gift Aid can be claimed on any giving by a person who pays Income Tax enough to cover the amount claimed which is 25p for every £ given. We now have new rules from HMRC which mean that any giving on the plate, and that includes envelopes which are not Gift Aided, at a service with 10 or more people in the congregation, can also be counted for Gift Aid, with some provisos. We cannot include cheques or any giving by one person that amounts to more than £20 at any one time. Even so this has made a welcome difference to the amount of Gift Aid we have been able to claim.

If you are not currently in the Envelope scheme and would like to be part of it, or have any queries about Gift Aid please contact Shirley Lynch either at church or on 01386 553392.

Prayers ... for the people around us

At this season of family gatherings and parties, pray that this may be a time of happiness and thankfulness for the blessings that our families and friends bring to us. Ask that any disagreements from the past year may be resolved and that we may all be at ease with the people around us. In the run-up to Christmas, remember the people who work in our shops and businesses; may they enjoy a season of successful trading. Include in your prayers the people who will be working while the rest of us are celebrating; may they find gratitude and satisfaction in all they do for others. Don't forget the many who will be lonely at this season of togetherness; may they find companionship at this time of goodwill to all.

Can You Help Please?

We are looking for people who could help with some of our church activities on a regular or occasional basis:

Setting up equipment for St Andrew's 'Tots' in the Guide and Scout Hall at 8.15 am on Tuesday mornings during school term time.

Welcoming visitors to our church on 'Open Saturday', which is currently on the second Saturday of the month, from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon.

If you think you can help please ring the Parish Office on 01386 446381, between 9.15 am and 1.15 pm, Monday to Friday.

From the Diocesan Newsletter

It is with sadness that we have learnt that former Warden of Holland House and Lay Canon of the Cathedral, Peter Middlemiss, has died. Please pray for Fritha, family and friends.

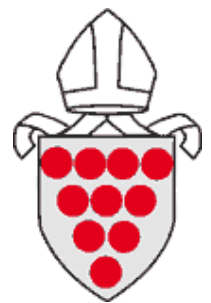
A Tour of Bones

Denise Inge's book was published on 6 November by **Bloomsbury**.

It was officially launched at a concert by Worcester Festival Choral Society (of which Bishop John is President), at Worcester Cathedral on **Saturday 15 November**.

WFCS dedicated the first concert of their season to Denise and performed Faure's Requiem as well as Jonathan Dove's There was a Child, which features lines from Thomas Traherne's poems.

Find out more on the diocesan website.



Churches Together in Evesham and District

AIDS Day Service – All Saints

Monday 1 December - 6pm

Not So Bleak Beer and Carols – All Saints

Friday 12 December – 7.30pm

HOPE Together Christmas Carol Big Sing – Evesham United Football Stadium

Sunday 14 December - 1 pm

If anyone is interested in helping at the Christmas Day Lunch – Vale of Evesham Christian Centre, please contact Diane Bennett on 07721 559387 or diane@eveshamchristiancentre.co.uk

Missioner News from Sarah Jayne Hewitt

Christ-Mass Retreat Day

This will be on 3 January 2015 at the House of the Open Door Community, 10am - 3pm. We will be exploring the true meaning of Christmas.

The cost is £20, to include refreshment and lunch. Bookings, with payment, are required by 8 December 8th to Sarah Hewitt. Please make cheques payable to House of the Open Door.

Evening Worship - SoulFood at All Saints Church, Sunday at 6pm, with a simple shared meal. The service is contemplative and informal.

Domus House Church - The second Sunday of the month at 1 pm at 40 The Heathers, WR11 2PF. Starting with a simple, shared lunch. All welcome.

CaféChurch meets monthly on the first Tuesday evening at 7 pm at Costa Coffee. Coffee is free, donations are welcome. Come and join us! On 2 December, come along and hear the QuatreSax Quartet.

Asum House Group – 3 December at 1 Broadway Road, 7.30pm

Contact Sarah Hewitt for further information on 07456 549969

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Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

St Andrew's Fellowship – 11 November

It was lovely to welcome three new members to St Andrew's Fellowship, we hope they will enjoy our friendly group.

We started with a prayer, read by John Lynch, to remember those who fought or died in the First and Second World Wars. Then, after the business, we had a very interesting and informative talk from our speaker, John Darby, who is a member of the Evesham Street Pastors, who do a very worthwhile job helping and advising those out for the evening, who may have got into difficulties. The Pastors give out things like flip-flops, to girls unable to walk in their high heels, also bottled water, and cards with useful phone numbers which may be helpful.

Following our talk, we went on to discuss our Christmas Party, asking everyone to bring something for the buffet, and a present for the Lucky Dip. The Party will be on Tuesday 9 December at our usual time of 2pm, in the Scout and Guide Community Hall. We welcome new members, both women and men, churchgoers or not. For more information, please ring me, Jenny Perkins, on 01386 49161.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH **THE DOUBLE "C" MONTHLY TEAS**

Conversation

Company

For those who are lonely or bereaved.

Please come & join us for

Traditional Afternoon Tea

Last Sunday of the month - next one - 30 December

Hampton Guide & Scout Hall from 3 - 5pm

For further information contact Elaine Major

01386 446381 or 01386 40722

Bereavement Group

Elaine Major is hoping to start a bereavement group in the New Year, to follow up from the funerals in the four churches in the Benefice. If anyone would like to help out, either by visiting or making regular telephone calls to those who require comfort and company, would they please contact Elaine, either at the office or on her home number 01386 40722. There will be a meeting to discuss the service we are able to offer, on Monday 12 January, at 2.30pm in the Parish Office.

EVENT FOR EVESHAM BELL TOWER APPEAL A Christmas Celebration

St Peter's Bengeworth, Saturday 13 December 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00 to include glass of wine & nibbles, available from:
The Almonry Museum; All Saints Church Office, Market Square;
Joyce Doyle - 01386 446918; Sue Ablett - 0787 1285606
or email:sueablett1@btinternet.com



Sedgeberrow News

Christmas Trees

We would like to display Christmas Trees in Church again this year. If anyone is interested in decorating one please get in touch with Ann Banks on 881623.

Coffee Morning

The Coffee morning in December will be on **TUESDAY 16 December** 10am to Noon, with Christmas trees on display.

This will be the last one until **26 MARCH**

We have had a very successful year with our Coffee mornings.

Bingo

The next one will be on 6 December at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Songs of Praise

Our service on 14 December will be a 'Songs of Praise', please come along and enjoy.

Sedgeberrow School:

The whole School will be in Church on 18 December. All are welcome.

*The PCC committee would like to wish you a Happy Christmas
and a
Peaceful New Year*

We three kings of Orient are... what?

“A cold coming they had of it at this time of the year, just the worst time of the year to take a journey, and specially a long journey, in. The way’s deep, the weather sharp, the days short, the sun farthest off, in solstitio brumali, the very dead of winter.”

It was 1622, and the Bishop of Winchester, Launcelot Andrews, was preaching a magnificent sermon to King James I. Reckoned one of the best preachers ever, Launcelot Andrews’ words were later taken up by T S Eliot and transformed into his wonderful poem ‘The Journey of the Magi’. What a vivid picture – we can see it all! The camels’ breath steaming in the night air as the kings, in their gorgeous robes of silk and cloth-of-gold and clutching their precious gifts, kneel to adore the baby in the manger.

Yet the Bible does not give us as much detail as some people think. Tradition down the centuries has added a great deal more. For instance, we know from St Matthew that the magi were ‘wise’, or learned men of some sort, but we do not know if they were kings or not. The Bible tells us there were several; tradition has decided upon three, and even named them: Balthassar, Melchior, and Caspar (or Gaspar). But the Bible does tell us that the magi gave baby Jesus three highly symbolic gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Gold stands for kingship, frankincense for worship, and myrrh for anointing – anticipating his death.

There is a lovely ancient mosaic in Ravenna, Italy, that is 1,500 years old. It depicts the wise men in oriental garb of trousers and Phrygian caps, carrying their gifts past palm trees towards the star that they followed... straight to Jesus.

#GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday – 2 December

The Church of England is backing this global day of giving when we’re asked to consider performing an additional act of generosity to bless a neighbour, colleague, friend or charity.

Whether we give our time, make a donation, bake a cake or show hospitality, it’s a chance to remember God’s love for us, and an opportunity to reflect his love out to others. You might plan what you will do; or you might simply respond generously to the needs you encounter on 2 December.

Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

Hinton rocks for Harvest!

Our Harvesteen Supper was another huge success, and once again we were overwhelmed by the support we received. It is such a pleasure to see our lovely church filled with people of all ages enjoying an evening together. The evening comprised of a Raffle, a Licensed Bar, Hog Roast provided by the Outdoor Pig Company - which was delicious and praised by many - and music by The Harmonaves and The Sparkletones. There was even dancing in the Aisles! Proper traditional use for a proper traditional village church!

One villager said. "Fantastic event! Made the church feel like a community club for the village where all generations could go and enjoy themselves. Well done to the event organisers for making our village come alive".

Takings for this event reached a whopping £1,455, with expenses to be deducted. We are now in a position to start to apply for match funding, to aid our plight to raise in excess of £100k needed for repairs that will protect our church. Our beautiful church has been included in the recent At Risk Register, published by Worcestershire Heritage, stating that St Peter’s in Hinton on the Green is "very bad" with structural cracks on the tower.

“Harvesteen”?

We were a bit late arranging a harvest supper so we ended up combining it with a celebration of Halloween. Which, traditionally, is not the witches-and-ghouls pagan festival, which many now think of. It is the evening before “All Hallows”, also know as “All Saints Day. And the “Trick or treating” is a development of an ancient tradition in which children and poor people would sing and say prayers for the dead in return for cakes.

A Hinton PCC baby!

Ben and Kayley Sidney, both members of Hinton PCC, are delighted to announce the arrival of their firstborn, Constance May Sidney, on 22 October, weighing in at 6lb 15oz.

Get ready for Christmas!!

There is still availability on the Crafty Course in Hinton on 4th December. Learn how to make a Christmas Door Wreath and Table Decoration whilst enjoying a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles in a cosy kitchen in Hinton on the Green. The evening commences at 7.00 p.m. and the cost is £12. Phone Rosemary soon on 01386 443240 to book your place. There will be a draw to win the items demonstrated – included in the price!



Yew 4 you

Yew trees can be found growing in churchyards all over the country. Many of them are hundreds of years old and some pre-date the church itself. The dark foliage and bright berries of the Yew are a welcome sight as winter approaches. They are often found in churchyards because this area would be enclosed and animals were unlikely to wander in there. **Every part of the Yew is highly poisonous except for the fleshy fruit BUT ... THE SEED INSIDE IS DEADLY.**



If you go into a churchyard or have Yew trees in your garden be **very** careful that children do not eat the 'fruits'. The Yew relies on birds to help it spread to new areas. Seeds pass harmlessly through the bird to be 'deposited' in a new site ready to grow into a tree. Some animals seem able to eat the berries, known as arils, with impunity e.g. foxes, squirrels and badgers but **never underestimate its toxicity**. Don't allow your pet to chew Yew wood, and make your family aware of its dangers.

Do you order goods on the Internet? Would you like to earn money for your church or favourite charity at no extra cost to yourself?

YES? Well this is what you need to do – go to www.giveasyoulive.com and sign up. It's that easy. Every time you order goods on the internet from a store which participates in the scheme (and there are hundreds of them) a proportion of your payment will go to your chosen charity. It doesn't cost you a penny and it means lots of extra cash for your church. You can change your chosen charity whenever you want.

Hinton prepares for Christmas

Hinton's **Christmas services** promise to be as joyful this year as last and you are all most welcome to join in worship at St Peter's Church.

Mulled wine may crop up somewhere if we're lucky!

14th December is the third Sunday of Advent and there will be **Holy Communion at 6pm.**

On **21st December the morning service at 11:15am** will be a traditional **Service of Lessons and Carols.**

The **Crib Service on 24th December is at 5pm** and will include a nativity tableau. Costumes are available from Lisa so phone her (number at front of Herald) soon to ensure you get the donkey/angel/shepherd/etc. costume your child has always wanted to wear! Mothers are asked to volunteer to help organise this service.

There will be **Midnight Mass commencing at 11:30pm on Christmas Eve.**

PLEASE COME ALONG TO ST PETER'S AND CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTH – THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



Hampton WI – November 2014

Our newly elected President, Ann Evans, welcomed members and one visitor to our meeting on 13 November.

She began by saying how interesting and informative last month's visit to Worcester Cathedral Library had been. It was wonderful to see documents and books, some of them dating back to the 8th century, so well preserved and in some cases beautifully illuminated and to imagine the many hours of painstaking work it would have taken to produce them. We rounded off our visit in the Cloister Cafe, where we enjoyed a bowl of homemade carrot and coriander soup.

On 4 November, Joyce Davey had hosted a Lemon Drizzle Cake afternoon in aid of the Worcester Breast Cancer Unit. This was very well supported and there was a raffle and sales table as well as cake, tea and chat, so we all enjoyed ourselves, while supporting a very good cause.

We are planning our usual New Year's lunch in February at the Broadway Golf Club and are getting together ideas for more interesting outings and events in 2015. As always, the committee encourage members to pass on suggestions for places they would like to visit.

Cameron Addicott then gave an enlightening talk on his *20 Years Undercover with Customs and Organised Crime*. He spoke about what motivated the criminals and the methods used to catch them, as well as explaining money laundering and surveillance techniques. It was a fascinating insight into a shadowy world, particularly for those of us who are fans of crime dramas on the television.

Next month it will be our Christmas Social, when we will enjoy a 'bring and share' supper. At the meeting we will be collecting donations in support of Caring Hands in the Vale. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm.

Why Rudolph really does have a red nose

As Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer celebrates his 75th birthday this month, it has been discovered that the red nose may well have some basis in scientific fact.

Researchers in Sweden have used thermal imaging cameras to capture the heat from reindeer as they graze, and discovered that while most of a reindeer body is well insulated, their noses glow bright orange, due to the large amounts of heat that they release. The reason is simple: reindeer have a high concentration of blood vessels in their nose and lips to help keep those areas warm and sensitive as they rummage through snow, looking for food.

Children's Page

ANGELS

We hear a lot about angels at Christmas. Many of the carols we sing have angels in them – like 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night'.

Angels are God's messengers and you can read about the good news they brought to the shepherds in Luke's Gospel, chapter 2, verses 8-20.

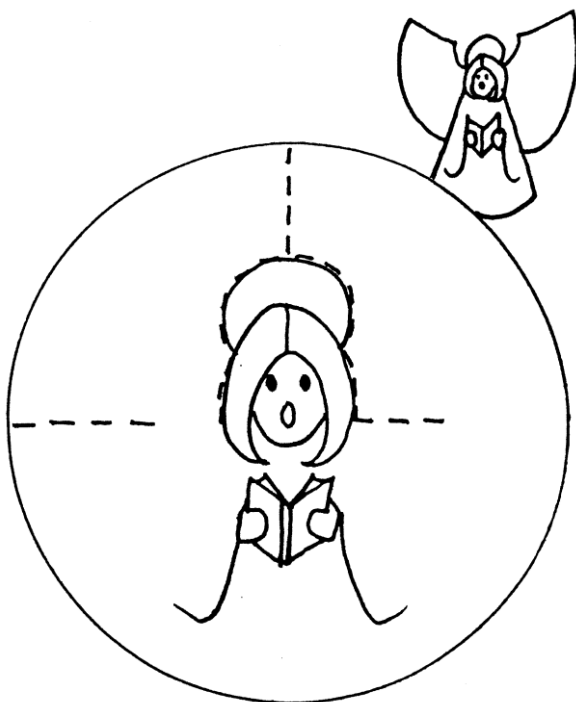
MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS ANGEL

You can make a whole host of angels, one for the top of the tree and a row of them, all different sizes, to go on a windowsill. To alter the size, simply draw a bigger or smaller circle, you could use a dinner plate or a small tin to draw round. You could even make a giant angel using a dustbin lid!



You will need:

Scissors, thick white paper or thin white card, some felt tip pens and something circular to draw round (use a small plate or saucer to start with).



Draw a circle on the paper and cut it out. Mark the centre of the circle (lightly fold it into quarters to find the centre).

Copy the face and features on to the circle and colour them in.

Mark the dotted lines and cut around them and around the halo and hair as marked.

Fold the angel into a cone by putting one wing over the other and slotting them together. A little piece of sellotape will hold it firmly.

How do angels greet each other?

They say, Halo.

What do fish sing at Christmas?

Shark, the herald angels sing.



SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

“Reach for the Stars”

Our Christian value for this half-term is PEACE and we did a lot of work about Remembrance in November. Following a whole school assembly on the theme each class did some lovely work which included a beautiful wreath of poppies made in Year 1, some lovely paintings of the poppy fields in Year 3 and some very thoughtful illustrations in Year 4 to accompany Wilfred Owen’s poem.

Year 5 recently visited Bredon school in Tewksbury to take part in a cluster cross country race with Year 4 and 5 children from other local schools. We are very proud that one of our children came 7th out of about 70 pupils for the girls, and another came 7th out of the boys! The winner of each race received a medal and a trophy, and everyone that took part in the race was also given a medal and a certificate.

We held our annual ‘Sedgeberrow’s Got Talent’ show again this year following a break for iSingPop in 2013. All children were welcome to audition and then many were put through to the final evening show. This year we had a real mixture of singing, dancing, playing the piano, performing gymnastics, doing karate and many more amazing acts. The hall was packed for the final performance and all children are to be congratulated on having the courage to get up and have a go.

There were collection buckets at the Talent show for ‘Children in Need’ and we have been selling wristbands to raise more money. On the actual day children came in with more donations and dressed as heroes to fit with the theme for this year.

We are now looking forward to all our Christmas performances and events. Our Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 5 December, to which all are welcome, and term ends with our annual whole school Christmas lunch, kindly provided by F.O.S.S.

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

Mrs M M Humphreys
Headteacher

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St Andrew's CE First School

Successful learners. Success for life.



The second half of the autumn term is well underway and as Christmas approaches, we are getting ready for our celebrations at St Andrew's school with rehearsals for our Early Years and Key Stage One production, 'It's a Baby'. The children will be performing it in December in our new school hall. Our Key Stage Two children are working hard learning songs for their Christmas Carol Concert, which they will perform to parents and carers on 17 December, 6pm at St Andrew's Church.

On 14 November we had a 'spotty' day in aid of Children in Need. All the children made a huge effort as you can see from the photograph. We raised over £240 from a cake sale and donations to wear 'spots'.



We look forward to our School Christmas Fete on Friday 5 December at 6pm, organised by the St Andrew's School Supporters' Association. Every year this

event is extremely successful and enjoyed by the children, their families and the local community. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you would like a stall at the fete, please contact the office on 01386 41351. We look forward to seeing you there.

This year, as an alternative to visiting the theatre to watch a pantomime, Open Sky Productions Theatre Company came to school on Wednesday 26 November to provide workshops and performances of 'The Mighty Prince and Other Fabulous Fables' for all of our pupils. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the performances and participating in the workshops.

Our Open Mornings were a great success with lots of children, parents and carers coming to look around our wonderful new Reception Unit.

A very big thank you to everyone who has given us the Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers. We will use the vouchers to re-establish our front garden with sensory plants and planters.

St Andrew's CE First School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year

THE GREAT WAR: AND THE CONSEQUENCE WAS . . .

Do you remember the old party game of 'Consequences'? Armed with pencil and paper, participants added various steps to a sequence of events, culminating in the requirement to answer this question: 'And the consequence was?' Well, mostly that was amusing, but in real life consequences of our actions are not always funny, sometimes they are disastrous. That seems to be the story of the end of the Great War. The guns fell silent on November 11th 1918, but the consequences of that appalling conflict rumbled on through the history of Europe ever since. The problems seem to have stemmed from the 'peace process' itself. After the Armistice, there were months of negotiations culminating in the Treaty of Versailles, which was finally signed on the 29th of June 1919.

The conditions of the Treaty, largely dictated by the victorious Allies, were intended to ensure that Germany would be in no position in the foreseeable future to embark on military aggression. Kaiser Wilhelm was to go into exile. The German army was to be limited to 100,000 men, with no artillery, tanks or aircraft and her navy reduced to only eight sea-going ships - with no submarines. The Rhineland would be occupied by the Allies for fifteen years, and Alsace-Lorraine was returned to France. Other parts of Germany were ceded to Poland and all overseas territories were shared between the Allies. Probably worst of all were the swinging financial reparations, which Germany had to pay for the damage she had inflicted on other countries. Effectively, the German economy was left in ruins.

Very soon, this led to the collapse of the Deutschmark. Hyperinflation followed in the early years of the nineteen-twenties. By 1923 a loaf of bread cost two billion marks! Wages devalued overnight and families were literally starving. Not surprisingly there was disorder and strikes, and America felt bound to come to her rescue, pumping money into the German economy.

The Wall Street Crash of 1929 put an end to that, paving the way for an ambitious politician called Adolf Hitler to offer an authoritarian way out - National Socialism. Singling out the German Jews as 'the problem' - the hideous era of the Hitler Youth, the Nuremberg Rallies, Kristallnacht and Belsen began. Hitler built the autobahns and made the trains run on time, but he also prepared a whole nation for war and did his best to eliminate the Jewish people altogether.

And the consequence was? Well, take your choice, but the Second World War is the most obvious, and the mass emigration of Jews to their old homeland was another. There was a better consequence, too. At the end of World War II Churchill demanded 'Unconditional Surrender' by the Axis powers, but he also counselled 'magnanimity in victory'. The lesson of 1919 had been learnt. Germany and Japan were defeated, but not humiliated, and the world now is a rather safer place . . . as a consequence.

Little Hospice Hoima

Legalising the prescription of morphine in Uganda

Imagine a world where the strongest painkiller is Paracetamol. This was the situation in 1993 when Hospice Africa started work in Uganda. After much lobbying by Dr Anne and Dr Jack Jagwe, the law in Uganda was changed in 2004 and oral morphine can now be prescribed, both by doctors and also by nurses who have qualified at Hospice Africa Uganda. This has encouraged the legalisation and use of morphine in other countries. This is now recognised as the key step in developing palliative care in sub-Saharan Africa.



At Hospice Africa Uganda patients are asked to pay 5,000/- per week, (about £1.50) towards the total cost of 45,000/- for care per week, independent of the number of visits and medications. About one third of patients can manage to pay. HAU assist those who cannot afford (60%). HAU visit patients and families at home, supports them with pain and symptom control and counselling. This cost includes transport and specially trained staff. A daily dose of morphine costs about 20p.

A donation of £106.75 has recently been sent to Little Hospice Hoima from monies for teas and coffees after Sunday Services at Hampton Church.

Do you want to know even more about Hospice Africa?

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See www.hospiceafrica.or.ug for more information.

Prayers ... for those who are unwell

Continue to pray for the victims of the Ebola virus and for those who care for them with Beattie Ballard, Ann Brace, Judy Buffrey, Pamela Collins, Ivy Curwen, Maureen Cauldwell, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Sylvia Emson, Monica Garston. Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Harry Lawson, Clifford Lewis, Hubert Martin, Maurice Miller, Vera Peart, Grace Percival, Rosie Rencher, Phillipa Shepherd, Janice Sinclair, Pat Smith and Tony Townsend as well as others known to you personally.

Events Update – December 2014

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	2 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Café Church	Tues	2 Dec 7pm	Costa Coffee
SoulFood	Sun	7 Dec 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	9 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	9 Dec 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton WI	Thurs	11 Dec 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	13 Dec 10am-12noon	Hampton
Christmas Celebration	Sat	13 Dec 7.30pm	Bengeworth
SoulFood	Sun	14 Dec 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	16 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Tues	16 Dec 10am-12noon	Sedgeberrow
Standing Committee	Wed	17 Dec 7.30pm	Hampton
Avon Singers Carol Concert	Wed	17 Dec 7.30pm	Bengeworth
SoulFood	Sun	21 Dec 6pm	All Saints
Lessons and Carols	Sun	21 Dec 11.15am	Hinton
Carol Service	Sun	21 Dec 3pm	Sedgeberrow
Carol Service	Sun	21 Dec 4pm	Hampton

From the Registers – October 2014

Baptisms

5 October	Grace Ellen Welch	Hampton
	Bradley Mayo	Hampton
19 October	Jessica Mary Ann Waters	Sedgeberrow

Funerals

1 October	Samuel Alford	Worcester Crem.
13 October	Audrey Print	Cheltenham Crem.
16 October	Harold Turner	Cheltenham Crem.
30 October	Malcolm Green	Hampton

Prayers ...for those who have died

Pray for those who have died and for those who mourn them: Ann Farman, Malcolm Green, Baby Gurney, Stephen Metrovitch and Veronica Morse.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill.

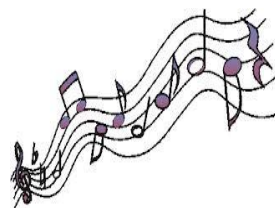
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Avon Singers Carol Concert - St Peter's Church

Monday 15th December at 7.30pm

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Tickets £8 includes wine and mince pie

Tel: 446242 for tickets or on door.

Services for December 2014

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
7 December – Second Sunday of Advent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8			
Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
14 December – Third Sunday of Advent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship (Songs of Praise)	Sedgeberrow
	6pm	Holy Communion	Hinton
Isaiah 61:1-4. 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8. 19-28			
Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
21 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	11.15am	Lessons and Carols	Hinton
	3pm	Carol Service	Sedgeberrow
	4pm	Carol Service + Christingle	Hampton
2 Samuel 7:1-11. 16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38			
24 December – Christmas Eve			
	3pm	Crib Service	Hampton
	5pm	Crib Service and Nativity Tableau	Hinton
	6pm	Crib Service	Sedgeberrow
	8pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hampton
	11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hinton
25 December – Christmas Day			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Family Worship	Hampton
28 December – Holy Innocents			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Joint Asum Service	All Saints
Jeremiah 31:15-17, 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, Matthew 2:13-18			
Monday 29	12 noon	Wedding	Sedgeberrow
Wednesday 31	10am	No Holy Communion Service Today	Hampton