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Prayers ... for the Church

To you I call, O Lord my rock.

As we follow the Church's calendar through March to the beginning of Holy Week, pray for Christian people throughout the world as they pray together; may they find this a time to come together in Jesus, putting their differences behind them. On March 19th we have the Festival of Joseph of Nazareth and on 25th the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; give for the living care they gave to the growing Jesus and pray for families everywhere that they may be inspired to follow this example. Pray for the congregation of the church in Sedgeberrow dedicated to Mary; in coming together may they find strength in their mission enjoy in their fellowship. Give thanks for the part played in our worship by our members who read the scriptures to us at our services.

Prayers ... for the World

Continue to pray for our war-torn world, this month for the victims of the seemingly endless violence inflicted by Boko Haram on the people of north-west Africa, for those lives are disrupted by ISIS in Middle East and the people of Ukraine in their continuing civil war. We should find time too to give thanks for the relief agencies who seek to bring aid wherever they are needed. Pray especially for those who concentrate their efforts on children in need, giving thanks for their unselfish service and for the difference they make to children's lives. Bring to God the needs of the various countries of South America and pray that the riches of those countries may be more equally enjoyed.

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From Mark Binney

LENT

The early Church used to hold baptisms on the most important celebration in the Christian year, Easter Day. The candidates were given a course of preparation so that they could understand the Christian faith. The climax of this was when they fasted for 40 days before Easter, imitating the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. To abstain from excess and devote themselves to prayer had an improving effect on the candidates. Other Christians soon clamoured to be able to do the same. So began the celebration of Lent.



The colour used in vestments and on the altar is purple. Some churches use unbleached linen to represent the sackcloth, which formed the usual clothing of people who were repentant. Sackcloth and ashes gives its name to Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, when it is traditional to receive the mark of a cross of ashes on your forehead. The congregation is invited 'to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.' It is if you like, a bit of spiritual gardening. It is easy to neglect the soul when faced with all the temptations of the modern world. Many people give up for a while something which they like eating or doing. This might be from Monday to Saturday every week in Lent or for the whole of the 40 days. Jesus told us not let anyone know we are fasting. We deny ourselves in this way to help us resist the big temptations in life. The person who cannot resist a little temptation will be vulnerable to the larger ones, which come along. These might be life changing and addictive. We don't deny that pleasure is good but we want to be sure that we can keep it under control. Lent is a time when we journey into our inner thoughts and actions to reflect on our relationship to God. Is there anything, which separates us from Him? Is there anything we can do to strengthen our faith? You may wish to attend the Lent course on Monday evenings, 7pm at All Saints Church, or the Alpha Course on Tuesday evenings, 7pm at Bengeworth Church. All are encouraged to pray, read the Holy Scriptures and attend worship. It just takes a little self-discipline to make a special effort.

Reverend Mark Binney

Priest in Charge

Open the Book

We have 5 Church Schools in Evesham and we have Open the Book in 3 of them: St. Richards, St. Andrews, and St. Egwins. It is really hard for smaller churches to provide a team solely for the school that is attached to their church. The Asum Group however, could provide a team of people who can go to each school and provide a fortnightly assembly, which lasts approximately 20 minutes each. The links between our Church Schools and our Churches are really important.



We would like to be able to extend Open The Book to Sedgeberrow First School and Bengeworth Academy, as well as add to what we already do, but we need your help in 6 different ways:

- Be part of the Acting Team who act out a different story each time (there is a script)
- Be part of the Prayer Team who lead the short prayer at the end (also in the script)
- Be part of the Props Team - props are needed for each story (no need to turn up for the assembly unless you wish to)
- Be part of the Costume Team. We need a whole wardrobe of costumes for adults and children (also no need to turn up for the assembly)
- Be part of the Audience - some of the schools would be delighted to welcome Parishioners to watch the Open The Book assembly
- Please pray for the Open The Book team as they go into schools each week to help children learn about the stories in the Bible.

See a video about Open the Book at: <http://AsumGroup.org/open-the-book>

Contacts: Lucy Vincent-Davis (01386 47443) or Sarah Hewitt (07456 549969 or 01386 429133)

Open the Book

'Open the Book' began in Bedford in 1999 as a project to tell children the story of the Bible. It quickly spread, and in 2008 became a national organisation, based in Gloucester.

The Herald

Subscriptions are now due for 2015. The price is unchanged at £3 for a full year. Your distributors will be calling during the next couple of months to collect.

New subscribers always very welcome –contact the Parish Office if you would like to reserve a copy.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)



6th March 2015



2.30pm - Evesham Baptist Church

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women from the Bahamas on the theme of 'Jesus said to them: "Do you know what I have done to you?"' (John 13:1-17).

Everyone is very welcome – men, women and young people.

Church Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll is the formal list of church members and everybody who worships regularly should be on the roll. Each year the roll must be brought up to date. If you are not already on the roll please complete an application form (available in church). It is important that the list is up to date.

At St Andrews completed forms must be returned to Michael Hunter, The Electoral Roll Officer, by 29th March.

Missioner News from Sarah Jayne Hewitt

SoulFood: Sunday Evening Service

Every Sunday at All Saints 6pm – meal and reflection, free entry, all welcome.

Churches Together in Evesham and District - Feeding Body, Mind and Soul

Sunday 1 March - "Doubt"; Sunday 8 March - "Freedom"

CafeChurch, Costa Coffee, Bridge Street

Tuesday 3 March 7pm

Alpha Course

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. The first course at St Peters, Bengeworth runs on Tuesday evenings until 31 March 2015. The course is free, but booking is required. For further information please contact Sarah Hewitt (Tel 07456 549 969).

Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM until Tuesday 31st March 2015 for 2 hours

ASUM House Group

4 March 7.30 pm at 1 Broadway Road

'Ezekiel's Vision. Ezekiel 36:24-28 & 37:1-10

Domus House Church

8 March 11.30 am to 1.30 pm at 1 Broadway Road

Dwelling in the word, prayer and a shared lunch.

Five Good Things About Lent

In case you're thinking at this time of the year that Lent is (as one writer recently described it) 'all purple and prohibitions', here are five good things about it.

1. It only lasts 40 days. Fasts, by their very nature, can't last forever, but Lent has a very manageable forty days. (If you're thinking at six weeks and a bit it's longer than that, see Item 2)). New Year Resolutions simply stretch off into some impossibly distant horizon, but our Lenten attempts at discipline (chocolate, cigarettes, daily prayers, being kind to the cat) have an end date to them.
2. Sundays in Lent are 'as oases'. Sunday is never a day of fasting, but a weekly celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. So - and this is official! - Sundays don't count in Lent.
3. A bit of self-denial is better than a lot of self-indulgence. We live in a very self-indulgent society. Just for forty days it's no bad thing to deny ourselves something that is a minor luxury or a bit of self-pampering - especially if it saves some money which could go to people in the world who have no 'little luxuries'.
4. It's a journey towards Easter. Lent goes somewhere, and that somewhere is the empty tomb of Easter morning. It's daffodils in the churchyard and new life all around us.
5. The days get longer. The English word for this season is the only one that has no religious significance at all. 'Lent' is simply an abbreviation of the Old English word 'lencten', which means 'lengthen'. On these islands, where weather is always a major topic of conversation, it's not surprising that what people noted about the days of Lent was that they got longer - no more of those ghastly dark tea-times. But the 'lengthening' is all part of Item 4, really - moving towards new life. (Sadly, Items 4 and 5 don't apply in Australia and New Zealand. Doubtless they have compensations.)

Given those five splendidly positive things about Lent, which covers the whole of March this year, I trust readers will approach its rigours with joyful hearts.

David Winter (Parish Pump)

Prayers ... for the people around us

Pray for the shops and businesses that serve us in our area that the people there may find satisfaction in their work and that their businesses may thrive. At a time when fewer people happily are unemployed, ask God's blessing on those who are still seeking employment, that they may be strengthened and successful in their efforts. Pray for the young people amongst us as they begin to make their way into our adult world. Leisure time is important to all of us; give thanks for those organisations which present leisure activities, amongst them this month especially sports clubs and the Friendship Club in Hampton.

The Evesham Lent Series 2015

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March 29 - Palm Sunday: Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just

a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.



Prayers ... for those who are unwell

Give thanks for the progress made in the treatment of the Ebola epidemic and continue to pray for those still suffering together with Beattie Ballard, Anne Brace, Judy Buffrey, Maureen Cauldwell Sarah Clements, Pamela Collins, Ivy Curwen, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Syla Emson, Monica Garston, Rosie Goodwin, Peter Hanagan, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Harry Lawson, Clifford Lewis, Barbara Lines, Shirley Lynch, Hubert Martin, Maurice Miller, Vera Peart, Grace Percival, Phillipa Shepherd, Janice Sinclair, Pat Smith, Tony Townsend and those known personally to us.

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March 15 Mothering Sunday – 4th Sunday in Lent

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called 'Mid-Lent' or 'Refreshment Sunday', when the rigors of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. It is called Mothering Sunday as a reference to the Epistle reading for the Day (Galatians 4:21-31). The Lenten Epistles follow from each other with teaching about our life as Christians and how we are to follow Christ. On Midlent Sunday the Epistle talks of bondage and freedom; the bondage of the Law and the Old covenant as compared to the freedom in Christ, "the promised one", and the New Covenant. Verse 26 reads "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." We gain our freedom from Christ and, as it was seen before the Reformation, the Church.

Thus Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church. People were encouraged to go to their 'Mother Church' (their home church or their home Cathedral) to worship and give thanks. Hence apprentices, and others, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family.

On the other hand, Mother's Day is a secular festival invented in 1904 and is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May in most countries in the world. The British Isles seem to be the exception. In recent years Mothering Sunday has been hijacked to take the place of a special, secular day to give thanks for our mothers.

Simnel Cake

Early traditions saw Simnel Cake being eaten on Mothering Sunday, but it soon became customary to keep the cake until Easter Sunday. See the next page for some Simnel Cake facts.

Simnel Cake Facts

- This rich fruit cake was said to test the girl's skills as a cook. If it remained moist and maintained its taste until Easter Sunday, she was seen as a good cook.
- The name simnel is derived from the old French word simenel via the Latin term used to describe the finest flour for baking cakes, simila.
- Simnel cake is a rich fruitcake covered with a thick layer of almond paste or icing, and decorated with eleven small balls of almond paste – made to signify all the apostles except Judas.
- Originally, the crust was occasionally made from a mixture of flour and water, which was coloured with saffron.
- The earliest simnel cakes were more akin to biscuits due to their size and thinness.
- Another tradition was to engrave a figure of Jesus in the centre of the cake with the 11 or 12 paste balls surrounding the image.
- Traditionally these cakes were also decorated with fresh flowers, although these days most cooks use crystallized flowers – such as violets and primroses – or fluffy chicks and coloured eggs.
- An early mention of Simnel, dated early 1200s, appears in the history of the village of Comberton. A manor was given to Erchenger, the baker, who had to provide a hot simnel loaf to the King each morning in return.

An alternative Simnel Loaf Cake

<p>Ingredients 200g (7oz) butter 200g (7oz) caster sugar 350g (12oz) self-raising flour 4 eggs 1 orange, zest and juice 1 lemon, zest and juice 250g (8oz) sultanas 100g (3½oz) mixed peel 150g (5oz) glacé cherries 1tsp mixed spice plus a good grating of nutmeg 150g (5oz) marzipan, cubed 60g (2½oz) flaked almonds 3tbsp apricot jam</p>	<p>Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 3, 160°C, fan 140°C Butter and double line a 2lb loaf tin Beat the butter, sugar, flour and eggs together Mix the citrus zest and juice with the dried fruit and glacé cherries, then add these to the dough mixture, along with spices, and stir until combined Spoon half the mixture into the tin and sprinkle the marzipan cubes Spoon over the rest of the mixture and level the top Sprinkle on the almonds and bake for 1 hour and 40 minutes or until cooked through</p>
<p>Cool in the tin, then carefully turn out and remove the paper. Heat the apricot jam with a little water and sieve out any lumps, then drizzle over the almonds. Dust with a little icing sugar if you like.</p>	



EVENTS FOR EVESHAM BELL TOWER APPEAL

Saturday 14th March: FUNDRAISING EVENING VALE GOLF CLUB

This promises to be a fun evening (4 course meal, auction, raffle, tombola and entertainment). Tickets £40 each available from Paul Betts, telephone 01386 641611. Book by end of February to avoid disappointment.

Sunday 8 March to Saturday 25 April 2015: ART EXHIBITION!

Celebrating and supporting the Evesham Bell Tower Appeal with an exhibition of artists work inspired by the Bell Tower. Exhibition space open for viewing on show nights only. To avoid disappointment please check the Evesham Arts Centre website: www.eveshamartscentre.co.uk

Sunday 26th April 2015: Virgin London Marathon – Bell Tower Appeal Committee Chair, Sue Ablett, will be pounding the streets of London for 26.2 miles and hoping to raise sponsorship for the Appeal. It is easy to donate online, or download a copy of Sue's sponsorship form! Contact details below.

Sunday 10th May 2015: Every time a bell rings.....

A 112 km ride in aid of the Bell Tower Appeal. This ride is moderately hilly, starts from Evesham at 9am. Entry fee - £6.00. Closing Date for entries – 3 May 2015. For details contact Sue Ablett - 0787 1285606 or email: sueablett1@btinternet.com

Why do people get rid of their pets? You would be surprised. So was the Dogs Trust charity, when they began to ask for explanations. One man handed in his dog to the charity explaining he couldn't keep him because "he looked different after we had walked him in the rain." Another family complained: "he wags its tail too much"; another that "he chases frogs"; while for another it was because "he was scared of the cat next door." Energy levels came into it: one owner gave up because "all he did was sleep; we wanted a dog to play with", while another had the opposite reason: "Too playful; we haven't sat down since we got him." **The Dogs Trust** continues to stress that people should not buy dogs on a whim. The rise of internet sales and puppy farms means that abandoned pets are still a big problem.

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or sent to the editor at The Parish Room, Hampton Vicarage, Pershore Road, WR11 2PQ

Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

St Andrew's Fellowship – 10 February

Before introducing our speaker for the February meeting, we had a vote to see which was to be our Charity for 2015. The three nominees were: The Vale School, The Christian Centre and Evesham Shopmobility. The Charity chosen by a large majority was 'The Vale School', a very worthy cause, and any money from this year's fundraising will to them.

Because we don't meet during August, members were asked if they would like to go by steam train from Toddington to Cheltenham and back, followed by tea in a café. All hands shot up, including some members who asked if they could bring partners. It looks as if this will be a popular outing!

It was then time to introduce our speaker, Carol Icke, who gave a very interesting talk on 'Lace Making', and the origins of various pieces, all of which had been made by Carol. After Carol had answered members' questions, a few volunteers had a go at this very difficult craft, which Carol started 50 years ago.

Our next meeting at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall will be on Tuesday, 10 March at 2pm, when Nick Grainger from British Bespoke Auctioneers, will talk about his work as an auctioneer and valuer. If you would like to come along as a visitor, to see if you might like to join The Fellowship, please ring 01386 49161 to find out more.

Jenny Perkins

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

Conversation

For those who are lonely or bereaved.

Please come & join us for

Traditional Afternoon Tea

Last Sunday of the month - next one - 29 March 2015

Hampton Guide & Scout Hall from 3 - 5pm

For further information contact Elaine Major

01386 446381 or 01386 40722

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Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

THANK YOU

from Rosemary Cross

How many times do we say this over the course of the day? Two small words which seem insufficient to their task; they are two of the most important words we can say. We all like to be appreciated and to know that our efforts have not gone unnoticed and although many of our actions are done selflessly a bit of acknowledgement goes a long way.

So...THANK YOU...to everyone out there who has contributed to village life during the course of the last year. Through your hard work we have started to build more of a community in Hinton and we are getting the resources together to tackle the repairs to the church of St Peter’s which is your church and meeting point.

Among the fantastic group of workers we have churchyard mowers, bulb planters, gardeners and pruners; we have church cleaners, flower arrangers and pest controllers; we have readers, organists and ministers; we have untiring cake and preserve makers, stall holders and entertainers; we have book-keepers, service planners, ‘bar staff’ and servers of meals; we have a village Facebook page, someone who reminds us when to put out our bins and others who made sure a much-needed post-box was finally replaced; we have organisers and movers and shakers; we have people with the strength, both in body and patience, to put up (and take down) the marquee – and that’s no small feat!! As a result we have a COMMUNITY and that’s thanks to all of you good people and to everyone who has attended events and been so supportive of the P.C.C. and other village groups. THANK YOU.

Afternoon Tea: Tuesday 31st March - 3pm to 5pm, will be hosted by Sheila Frost at School House. It's a good way of relaxing and meeting fellow villagers and friends of St Peter's. We look forward to welcoming you all there!

Hinton’s Easter Bunny

*A rabbit has a shiny nose
As nature did intend
Because his little powder puff
Is at the other end!*



This is Hinton’s Easter bunny and he is looking for a name!

He will be living in St Peter’s church, Hinton in the run up to Easter.

Please pick a name for him and leave it on the list, which he is looking after, along with your name and phone number.

His name will be picked and the winner announced on Easter Sunday on the 5 April at our 11.15am service. The winner will get an Easter treat!

GOOD LUCK!

Hampton WI – February 2015

Ann Evans welcomed members to this month's meeting and began with business matters. Transport arrangements were made for our lunch at Broadway Golf Club on the 25th and Ann encouraged members to look at the book and put their names down if they were interested in outings to Tudor House and The Hive in Worcester. A page had also been included for a morning skittles match, possibly followed by lunch, at St Ecgwins Club.

Four members have birthdays this month and they were presented with posies made by Ann (including red roses to mark St Valentine's Day). Ann said she planned to do this each month during her presidency, using seasonal flowers as the year progressed - a lovely idea and the 'birthday girls' were delighted.

It was then time for Sue Ablett to talk to us about the Waterways of Russia. Sue had studied Russian at university and had paid several visits to the country, but had not joined her husband on the 10-day journey along the 1100 miles of waterway from Moscow to St Petersburg. However, the itinerary he received had been extremely detailed and he had taken some excellent photographs, so Sue was well equipped to speak about it. We learnt that the trip included rivers and lakes, joined by canals, which had been constructed to link Moscow to the coast. We saw slides of both cities, showing spectacular buildings as well as some of the beautiful artworks housed in the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, and a picture of Lenin's Mausoleum in Moscow's Red Square, where people still queue to see his embalmed body. We all enjoyed Sue's entertaining and informative talk.

Sue kindly judged this month's competition, for an item beginning with 'F', and the winner was Chris Robertson with an ornamental fish. Next month it's 'M', so get your thinking caps on ladies.

John Darby will tell us about the work of the **Evesham Street Pastors** on 12 March and in April **Prime Ministers' Partners** will be the subject of David Howe's talk.

We are always pleased to see visitors, so do come along to one of our meetings at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall. You will be made very welcome.

Our meetings are held at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. Do come and join us.



Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall

To hire the Hall for Classes, Parties, Events etc., please contact Liz Rodway on 01386 48794 or e.rodway@btinternet.com. Morning sessions available.

From the Registers – January 2015

Baptisms

4 January	Oscar Artis	Hampton
18 January	Molly Julia Rowlatt Taylor	Hampton

Funerals

5 January	Brian Davis	Cheltenham Crematorium
19 January	Joyce Perrott	Cheltenham Crematorium
22 January	Eleanor Middleton	Cheltenham Crematorium
27 January	George Bradshaw	Hampton
29 January	Lynda Jackson	Hampton

Marie Curie
Cancer Care



March brings daffodils – time to remember Marie Curie Cancer Care

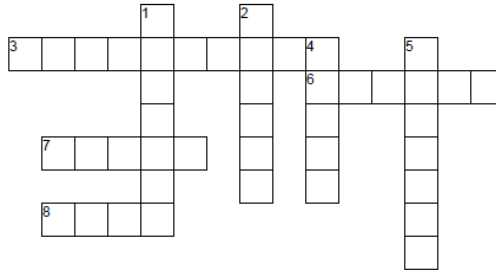
Spring is a good time to celebrate the British charity Marie Curie Cancer Care, whose symbol is the daffodil. Named after the Polish-born scientist, who was awarded two Nobel Prizes (in 1903 and 1911), the charity was established in 1948, the same year as our National Health Service came into being. Following the donation of an engagement ring to help raise funds, the very first appeal was launched and raised £4,000. By 1950 the ongoing appeal had raised £30,000 and two years later the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation officially became a charity. Today it is based in Hampstead, London, and is called Marie Curie Cancer Care. It seeks to ensure that everyone with cancer will have the high-quality care and support they need, in the place of their choice.

Marie Curie Cancer Care supports the funding of several long-term Palliative Care research facilities in London, Liverpool and Cardiff and encourages research across its hospices and nursing service.

For those readers who may know a relative or friend who has cancer and whom they would like to help, just listening to them can be valuable support. Remember that it's important to offer before you do things – otherwise they may feel a lack of support which is not helpful. Be specific: it is better to say "Can I do the shopping?" (for example) than "Is there anything I can do?"



Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

3. A deserted area
6. Heavenly beings that protected Jesus in the wilderness.
7. The number that is ten more than thirty.
8. The opposite of bad.

VERTICAL

1. Encouraged someone to do something even though it was wrong.
2. To turn away from sin.
4. The fallen angel who tempts someone to do wrong.
5. To accept something to be true.

WILDERNESS	REPENT	GOOD	BELIEVE
FORTY	SATAN	ANGELS	TEMPTED

Decoder Puzzle

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the puzzle to help break the code.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 18-5-16-5-14-20 _____
2. 2-5-12-9-5-22-5 _____
3. 20-5-13-16-20-5-4 _____
4. 14-5-23-19 _____
5. 1-14-9-13-1-12-19 _____
6. 19-1-20-1-14 _____
7. 4-1-25-19 _____
8. 23-9-12-4 _____
9. 6-15-18-20-25 _____
10. 7-15-15-4 _____

REPENT	BELIEVE	TEMPTED	NEWS	ANIMALS
SATAN	DAYS	WILD	FORTY	GOOD

SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

“Reach for the Stars”

The term is passing by very quickly once again but with lots of exciting topic work going on enabling children to learn through our rich and broad curriculum. Reception have been doing a wonderful topic on Pirates and Mermaids and produced some lovely treasure maps. Year 1 are looking at the weather and using our new scientific instruments (wind streamers!) to record the direction of the wind. They made wind streamers before heading outside to see which direction they blew in using the compass and later made their own kites. On another day they went outside and observed the clouds before performing a simple test to understand what clouds are made from. They now know that clouds are made from tiny droplets of water and have made rain gauges to collect data- just like a scientist!

Year 2 topic is all about monsters which is bringing in some exciting activities and Year 3 have been looking at

Romans while the Year 4 topic is currently about ‘Junk to Funk’. They have been designing and making clothes made out of junk materials and learning how to weave starting off by weaving two different crisp packets together. They look amazing!



They can't wait to try out some more techniques to make their clothes look stylish and cool. Harry has used a Lidl bag and an old comic to make a wonderful Scooby-Doo top - how much would you pay for such a wonderful design??



Year 5 have been studying 'Space' and recently made their own rockets which they were able to launch in the school playground using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to fuel them. Some reached amazing heights! Do have a look at the wonderful video on the Year 5 blog page of the website.

From Michèle Humphreys

It is with regret that I have made the decision to retire as head teacher of Sedgeberrow C.E. First School at the end of the summer term after eight and a half very happy and successful years here and thirty-five years in the teaching profession altogether. I feel very proud of the developments and achievements I have been able to lead during my time here culminating in the outstanding year we have just completed. The hard work and dedication of the whole fabulous staff team together with the excellent attitudes to learning from our wonderful children make the school the happy and successful that it is and I will be very sad to leave but the time is right and I know that the school will only continue to go from strength to strength in the future under the guidance of a new head teacher.

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Events Update – March 2015

SoulFood	Sun	1 Mar 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Monday	2 Mar 7 for 7.30pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	3 Mar 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Café Church	Tues	3 Mar 7pm	Costa Coffee
SoulFood	Sun	8 Mar 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Monday	9 Mar 7 for 7.30pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	10 Mar 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	10 Mar 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton WI	Thurs	12 Mar 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	14 Mar 10am-12noon	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	15 Mar 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Monday	16 Mar 7 for 7.30pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	17 Mar 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton PCC	Wed	18 Mar 7.30pm	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	22 Mar 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Monday	23 Mar 7 for 7.30pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	24 Mar 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	26 Mar 10am	Sedgeberrow
Double C's Teas for the Bereaved & Lonely	Sun	29 Mar 3 – 5pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Afternoon Tea	Tues	31 Mar 3 – 5pm	Hinton

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The last half-term has been another action-packed learning extravaganza for every class. To enhance their topic work, Years 3 and 4 made a visit to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The children astounded Museum staff with their knowledge about Ancient Egypt. Later that week, Year 3 held an Egyptian Exhibition in their classroom and each class came to view their work.

Our Year 2 class visited the Midland Air Museum in Coventry to coincide with their topic, 'Up, Up and Away'. The children had a wonderful time exploring many aircraft, including climbing inside the cockpit of a Vulcan Bomber! Also, Key Stage 1 recently enjoyed a morning of science-based activities, which allowed the children to measure, record and discuss different elements of force, particularly push, pull and twist.

On Monday 2 March, St Andrew's are hosting the Evesham First Schools Cluster Gymnastics Festival. It is the first opportunity we have had to host a cluster event since building work began last year. Year 4 pupils from our cluster schools will be putting our new hall to good use. Coaches and Young Play Leaders will be providing activities and training throughout the morning, which promises to be a superb experience for all.

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5 March at St Andrew's this year. Children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and will take part in literacy activities during the day. Also this term, Year 3 will be attending the annual Music Cluster Festival at Evesham Arts Centre where they will be singing a song of their choice to other schools in the area.

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Sedgeberrow News

The next Coffee Morning in Church will be Thursday 26 March. Why not pop along for coffee /tea and a chat, and have a go on the Tombola and Raffle.

The next Bingo evening will not be until September. Thank you to all who have supported us and given prizes through the last year.

Prayers ...for those who have died

Pray for those who have died and for those who mourn them. Steven Print, Wisdom Smith, Eleanor Middleton, George Bradshaw, Lynda Jackson, May Corbett, George Harrell, Gordon Blake, Joyce Perrott, Colin Byrd and Hayden Hall.

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Services for April 2015

Wednesday 1	7pm	Compline	Hampton
Thursday 2	7pm	Last Supper	All Saints
Friday 3	10am	Stations of the Cross	Hampton
Friday 3	2pm	Good Friday Service	Hampton
Friday 3	6pm	Good Friday Service	Sedgeberrow
Friday 3	6pm	Good Friday Service	Hinton
Saturday 4	8pm	Easter Vigil	Bengeworth
5 April – Easter Day			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Family Eucharist	Hampton
	11.15am	Easter Eucharist by Extension	Hinton

Services for March 2015

1 March – Second Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	3pm	Baptism	Hampton
Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16, Romans 4:13-end, Mark 8:31-end			
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8 March – Third Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	FAMILY SERVICE AND BAPTISM	Hinton
Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22			
Wednesday 11	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
15 March – Mothering Sunday			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	3pm	Baptism	Hampton
Exodus 2:1-10 or 1 Samuel 1:20-end, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:33-35 or John 19:25b-27			
Wednesday 18	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
22 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	11.15am	All Age Worship	Hinton
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33			
Wednesday 25	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Clocks go Forward 1 hour			
29 March – Palm Sunday			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	BENEFICE EUCHARIST	Hampton
	6pm	SoulFood	All Saints
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-end or Mark 15:1-39 [40-end]			
Monday 30	7pm	Compline	Hampton
Tuesday 31	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Tuesday 31	7pm	Compline	Hampton