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# Prayers ... for the Church

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious*

We celebrate three festivals this month: on 1<sup>st</sup> Phillip and James, on 14th Mathias. Pray for the help on the Holy Spirit as we seek to live lives worthy of the memory of these Apostles when they were with Jesus. On 31<sup>st</sup> the Visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist. Pray for expectant mothers everywhere as they plan for the enlargement of their families. Bring to God the mission of our diocese with our bishops, the clergy and readers in our various parishes; commend our mission to God and pray that we may all be supported in our work. Include in your prayers missionaries at home and abroad and make special mention of those in areas of the world interest you. Ask God to bless the activities of the Fellowship at Saint Andrews, Hampton and of the Society of Friends in Evesham.

# Prayers ... for the World

Pray for the people whose lives are blighted by poverty and concentrate on any area(s) that you are particularly aware of. Ask that a share of global wealth should be available to all those who are denied it. Give thanks for those organisations or individuals who seek to bring relief and pray that the minds of those who misappropriate that relief may be opened to the needs and rights of the poor. Bring to God the work of the UNO in the hope that those who use it for their own selfish ends may come to be led by the ideals of that body. Pray too for the people of India in all their diversity, asking for social justice there and for Pakistan that it may be freed from the strife arising from religion.

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**From Mark Binney**

## **Comforter or Dis-comforter?**

In the 'Authorised' or King James Version of the Bible, the Holy Spirit is referred to as 'the Comforter'. It all sounds very cosy and comfortable. But words change their meanings down the centuries. The New Testament was written in Greek and the word Jesus uses for Holy Spirit is 'Paraclete'. It means somebody called to your side to help you, as you might call a defence lawyer if you are accused in a law court, which is why most modern translations describe the Holy Spirit as our 'Advocate'. In the Latin translation of the Bible, the word 'Comforter' was connected with a 'fort' – meaning a strong castle – or the verb to fortify. So the Holy Spirit is called to our side to give us strength to cope with life's challenges. All this is a million miles from the idea of a Comforter who makes us feel safe without doing anything.



The Holy Spirit enables us to stand up and be counted. It is often our lack of courage that prevents us from doing what we feel is right. When people speak in our increasingly secular culture dismissively about religion, ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to speak up for God to share your faith. Sometimes this may involve you in public speaking, or by giving a talk about how you have felt God's help in the tough

times of your own life. Also in speaking up for what you feel is right. You need to be brave to voice unpopular views knowing that some people will disagree with you, and will make trouble. It is at these times that you need God's help to give you strength and the words to say.

This might sound distinctly un-comfortable. Nobody ever said it was easy being a Christian. It's easy to become discouraged, give up the struggle, and give in to the temptation to stop praying, and stop going to Church. Yet if you believe in a Spirit-filled way, then you can look back on time well spent, talents well used. You don't have to do this on your own. Ask the Holy Spirit to be present and you will be given all the strength you need. God never promised you a bed of roses; but there will be deep satisfaction if you speak up, stand up and stand fast. But perhaps we had better think of a new name for the Holy Ghost, 'the Comforter'. How about, 'The Holy Spirit, the Dis-comforter and helper'?

Reverend Mark Binney

Priest in Charge

# Church Fundraising Committee

## Car Treasure Hunt – 17 May

£5.00 per head

Leaving the Guide and Scout Hall car park at **12:00**

Phone the church office to book your place and get more details. Although the finish will be at a secret location, this will be somewhere where there will be refreshments.



Come and join in. Fun for all the family!

### *Summertime Flower Arranging Competition and Open Gardens Sunday 14 June 11am to 5pm*



Tickets and maps for the Open Gardens will be available from Hampton Farm Shop and the Parish Office. Last year the Open Gardens event was very successful and people enjoyed visiting a number of beautiful gardens. The trail ends in the vicarage garden where afternoon tea will be served. Tickets include entry to the Church to view the flower arranging competition.

### *Flower Arranging Competition*

To enter, please contact either Margaret Thomson on 01386 27541 or the Parish Office. The entry fees are £1 for children, £2 for adults.

The theme is **Summertime** so we are looking forward to seeing our church looking bright and colourful!

If you wish to enter the competition, spaces will be allocated on 6 May, when the church will be open from 11:00 onwards.

### *Church Fête - 18 July 2pm*

The church fête is to be held in the vicarage gardens. We need as many volunteers to help as possible but more importantly we need people to come and enjoy the festivities. There will be a fancy dress competition, so get creative!

# **Missioner News from Sarah Jayne Hewitt**

## **SoulFood: Sunday Evening Service**

Every Sunday at All Saints 6pm – meal and reflection, free entry, all welcome. Run by Churches Together in Evesham and District.

Feeding Body, Mind and Soul

## **CafeChurch, Costa Coffee, Bridge Street:**

Tuesday 7 April 7pm

## **All Saints Book Club:**

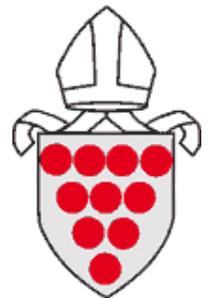
This new book club had its first meeting on Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm at Noelle Beaumont's house. Our first read was Karen Joy Fowler's novel 'We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves'. Each month we'll meet in a host's home and discuss the book for an hour then over a dish of delicious pudding we'll choose next month's book and share any recommendations of books we've enjoyed. If you love reading then do come along for some stimulating discussion, yummy puddings and fun! If you'd like more information contact Noelle via church house on 01386 442213

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## **From the Diocesan Newsletter**

### **Alexander McCall Smith in conversation**

Fans of the author Alexander McCall Smith will have the opportunity to get up close and personal at a special event in Worcester Cathedral on Wednesday 27 May, 5:45pm. Bishop John will host a question and answer session with the author with the opportunity to attend an exclusive drinks reception before the event. All proceeds from both events are being shared between the Three Choirs Festival and Berega Hospital in Morogoro, Tanzania.



Alexander McCall Smith is one of the world's most prolific and most popular authors, writing or editing well over 100 books, including his highly successful No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. His various series of books have been translated into over forty-six languages and become bestsellers through the world. They include the 44 Scotland Street novels, the Isabel Dalhousie novels, the Von Igelfeld series, and the Corduroy Mansions series.

Tickets for the exclusive drinks reception at 5.45pm in the Chapter House will cost £10 and there will be priority seating for those who have also bought tickets for the question and answer session. Tickets for the Q&A session at 6.45pm in the Cathedral Nave are £8.50. Both tickets can be booked by calling 0845 6521823 (Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm) or online from [www.3choirs.org](http://www.3choirs.org) (Please note there is a £2.50 booking fee per transaction).

## **1 May - May Day – Unbridled Merriment**

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: "for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?"

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets, and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and that evening, bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day - and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was "the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England", according to Pepys.

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## **14 May - Ascension Day - 40 Days with the Risen Christ**

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. 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.

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## Laying down their lives at Pentecost

As you celebrate Pentecost, pause for a moment to ask yourself one question – how is it that you are standing here, as a Christian, on this day in 2015?

It's because somebody told you about Jesus, right? But who told them? We're all links in a chain that stretches back to Pentecost, when Peter emboldened by the Holy Spirit, first told others about the faith. He, and countless others since, paid the ultimate price, so that you might live.

And Christians are still laying down their lives around the world today for their faith. Christians are persecuted under authoritarian states, in communist and post-communist countries, under Hinduism and even under Buddhism.

But today, few face persecution more severe than that suffered by Christians under extreme Islam in the countries which first heard the gospel after Pentecost.

At the first Pentecost, 3,000 devout Jews had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the giving of the Law. They returned to their respective nations bearing an even greater gift – the Gospel, which spread like wildfire.

Yet today, 2,000 years later, that Christian presence is dwindling to the point of extinction.

Take Iraq, ancient Mesopotamia and the birthplace of Abraham, where today Christians are being driven from their land by Islamic State. "Are we seeing the end of Christianity?" asks the Vicar of Baghdad, Canon Andrew White. "We have had people massacred, their heads chopped off. It looks as though the end could be very near."

Further north, in Erbil, Chaldean Archbishop Bashar M Warda, ponders the same question.

"Since 2003, half the Christians have left the country," he says. "The attack has been immense. We were above 1million, now you hardly find 300,000." He, too, fears the exodus of Christians may be unstoppable.

The one beacon of hope is Iraqi Kurdistan, which has flung open its gates to the persecuted, and claims to be the only region in the Middle East where the Christian population is growing. The Kurds understand persecution. They were gassed by Saddam. And these Kurds who are remembering Christians in their hour of need are Muslims.

May our own memories be not so dulled by the freedoms we take for granted that we fail to remember our persecuted Christian family this Pentecost.

Release International supports persecuted Christians in 30 nations. Release is working with partners in Baghdad to keep the flame of the gospel alive, and in Kurdistan to help refugees – some of whom are coming to faith in Christ.

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## Prayers ... for the people around us

As we approach a General Election pray for wisdom and understanding for all seeking election, for their supporters and for everyone entitled to vote. When we have a new government of whatever party, pray that the new government may govern wisely and justly. During the coming weeks students in our schools and colleges will be sitting important exams: pray for them and their families at this time of concentrated effort for all and stress for many. Mention in your prayers the businesses of our area where the people around you work with special mention of those in agriculture and horticulture. At this time of falling prices remember those who are still struggling to make ends meet.

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## EVENTS FOR EVESHAM BELL TOWER APPEAL

**Concert - Aphelion, Saturday 2 May, All Saints Church, 7.30pm**

Featuring ancient and contemporary music from 12th century plainchant to 21st century ambient, with Paula Evans – voice; Chris Long – piano and electronics, and Emma Whitcroft – flute. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine, from Almonry Heritage Centre, Church Office, or Sue Ablett (email: [sueablett1@btinternet.com](mailto:sueablett1@btinternet.com) or tel: 0787 1285606)



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

A 112 km ride in aid of the Evesham Abbey Bell Tower Appeal. This ride is moderately hilly, starts from Evesham at 9am, with controls at Kineton, The Coffee Stop and Earlswood, Manor Farm Tea Rooms, plus 1 information control. Entry fee - £6.00. Closing Date for entries – 3 May 2015.

**Soul Night, Saturday 13th June – Evesham Rowing Club, 7.30 - midnight**

Featuring live music with Boogie Street. Celebrate the sounds of the 60s! Tickets £10 each – will be available from Abbey Appliances, High Street, Evesham. Tel: 01386 442540. Event jointly supporting Bell Tower Appeal and Pancreatic Cancer.

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## Prayers ... for those who are unwell

Pray for the patients in our local hospitals with Beattie Ballard, Anne Brace, Maureen Cauldwell, Sarah Clements, Pamela Collins, Ivy Curwen, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Sylvia Emson, Ron Gardiner, Monica Garston, Rosie Goodwin, Peter Hanagan, Brian and Gwyneth Holliday, Girlie Humphries, Hubert Martin, Sue Jones, Clifford Lewis, Barbara Lines, Nina Lippett, Hubert Martin, Maurice Miller, Vera Peart, Grace Percival, Janice Sinclair, Tony Townsend and Beryl Wood as well as others known to us personally.

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## **St Andrew's Fellowship – 14 April**

There were a few items of business to discuss before the speaker was introduced. Members were asked to put their names down if they wished to go to the Hop Pocket, and to pay a deposit for the mini bus, as numbers are restricted.

The steam train trip from Toddington in August, has been booked and members were invited to bring partners if they wished.

The speaker was Steve Garside, Head of Evesham Vale School, and he gave us a very interesting insight into how the school benefits children with learning difficulties, and severely disabled children from the age of 2 years up to 19 years. With about 120 staff for 160 students, the children are helped in many ways, from learning to wash and dress themselves, to being able to live independently at age 19 in some cases. Mr Garside has only been at the school since January this year, but has worked with special needs for over 20 years. He said that he is really enjoying living in Evesham.

Before the raffle was drawn, we presented our eldest member with a 90th birthday gift. Mrs Gwen Thomas has lived in Hampton for sixty-four years, and was a member of the Mothers' Union for many years before it became St Andrew's Fellowship. Gwen also worked at St Andrew's School for a long time.

At our next meeting, which is held at the Scout and Guide Community Hall on Tuesday 15 May at 2pm. Our speaker will be Andy Pedrick, talking about Spring Gardening – Tubs and Baskets.

All are welcome, Church members or not. For more information, ring 01386 49161 for details.

*Jenny Perkins*

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## **Hope 2015 – Picnic in the Park**

**Sunday 24 May – 13.00**

CTED (Churches Together Evesham) under the banner of Hope Together Evesham, are hosting a Picnic in the Park in Evesham's Abbey Park.



Please come and join us after your church/fellowship group Sunday morning service. Bring along a picnic lunch and a chair and get to know those from other fellowships in an informal setting. We are hoping to have activities arranged for the younger people and those "young at heart".

Further updates and details will be available in your pew sheets over the coming weeks.

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# Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

Save the Dates!!

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Breakfast Church!
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Afternoon tea in the church, 3pm-5pm
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Petertide Church Fête
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: - Harvesteen Supper and Music

## THE WET SHEEP by Rosemary Cross

Every Sunday when you attend church a churchwarden or PCC member will hand you a Hymn Book, a Prayer Book and a Wet Sheep (anagram). At the end of the service everyone dutifully hands back their books and ... the Wet Sheep.

The Wet Sheep tells you all about forthcoming events and services and contains other bits of information you may have missed, such as if a friend needs your prayers. For those who produce the Wet Sheep and those who hand it out it is rather dispiriting when it is immediately returned. The idea is that you should take it home with you.

When you have finished with the Wet Sheep please recycle it – but only after you have read the relevant bits.

So ... give a Wet Sheep a good home and take it with you next time!!

[Of course, we are talking about your Pew Sheet!]



## FÊTE – 14 June

Sorry, it’s a bit early for “Petertide” (St Peter’s Day is 27th June) but we’re calling it our patronal service and Fête anyhow! We’re planning to build on the success of our three previous Fêtes: Can you help?

**Help:** Would you be able to help on the day – for example by running a stall - or know someone who would? Do you know of any local clubs / groups who might like to put on a display, show or performance to help entertain the throngs?

**Donations:** Like those of most villages, our fête relies on support and donations from the local community. We’re looking for bottles for our bottle tombola, raffle prizes and offers to bake a cake for a cake stall.

If you are in a position to help with any of the above, please let us know. Contact Clare Davies on 07814188077 / 01386 48283 / clare7875@gmail.com.

## “BREAKFAST CHURCH” by Clare Davies

During a recent PCC meeting, we were discussing ways to encourage new members to our church. I foolishly said that I could write an essay on it, talking about my own experience, but getting people to read it would be difficult. So of course I was set the challenge, so here goes!

Four years ago I was an active member of Hinton Community group who had fundraised to build a new children’s park in our village. I heard from another member that the diocese (although, at the time, I didn’t even know what it was) was considering closing down St Peter’s Church. Now, although I wasn’t a church-goer,

nor even attended services at that time, I knew that I didn't want this to happen. I can't really explain to you why I didn't, apart from the fact that Craig and I were married at St Peter's in 2001 and both my sons were christened there and perhaps, one day, one of us would finally be buried there as Hinton on the Green is going to be our home for a very long time, if not forever. Therefore, in 2011 I became a member - with several other villagers - of a newly elected PCC.

I started to attend services on a regular basis as a way of supporting the church and our cause of stopping it from being closed. I did feel out of my depth and a bit of a hypocrite at times, as I wasn't sure I was even a "Believer" but I gave it a go for a cause I believed in. Over the years I have made some wonderful friends. We laugh, we cry, we even argue - but best of all, we support each other and our community. I have made friends for life.

This newly elected PCC has revived Hinton on the Green's community and we're trying to encourage new members to the church. So in order to encourage people like me (who felt out of my depth and found some of our services overwhelming and dull) we are bringing in a whole new idea to a few of our church services. We're introducing "Breakfast Church".

What is breakfast church you may ask? Well it's what it says on the tin. We're going to start our service with Bacon Butties and Coffee, while we mull over the morning papers. We're then going to have discussions about a certain theme or subject in a relaxed informal manner. We're not going to be reading from service booklets, and we may not even sign hymns - so this is a new radical way for a morning service.

Now I don't have the words to make this sound fantastic or even remotely unmissable but what I can say to you, is if you don't try it, how on earth can you ever know if it's for you or not? I can also say that if making new friends and being part of a community is something that you would like, then this is the perfect opportunity. If you're lonely and would like some company, this is the place to come. We are not your typical PCC as we have been told many times; we're a good mix-up of people who all have the same agenda in mind.

I can honestly say that being a part of St Peter's Church for almost four years has made me feel happy and content and given me great satisfaction in knowing that I am doing something worthwhile. So please come along, give it a go and see what we're all about. You don't have to ever come again if you really don't want to, but I think you'll be surprised!

### **MAJOR RENOVATIONS AT HINTON CHURCH! STARTING SOON !!!!!**

Expect to see scaffolding! We are delighted to report that St Peter's has been awarded a whopping £100,000 grant from the government's "Listed Place of Worship Roof Repair Fund" grant scheme! The award, which is actually a little under £100,000, is for a major project to make thereof watertight. This will include complete replacement of the tower roof, some re-tiling and renovation to the nave roof, work on all the lead work, and new guttering and soakaways. The

church is on the “Worcestershire Listed Buildings At Risk Register”, so this work is crucial.

I'm sure you will be delighted about this, whether or not you have attended church services, afternoon teas, village events such as Harvesteen and the fêtes or simply love the building and support the restoration of this historic Grade 2\* listed building. The success of the grant was perhaps due in part to the PCC being able to demonstrate the community support shown for the building and this project, and for that we thank you all, the Hinton on the Green community. The donations that you may have made through supporting any event we've held, have made it all possible. And, of course, the villagers' hard work at our fêtes and concerts, and other fundraising ventures. Many thanks to you all - you know who you are!

The grant should be just enough to pay for all that roof work, when supplemented by the thousands, which have been so kindly and generously donated and raised by parishioners, and others. But please do all carry on with that fundraising work - the interior is still in need of a lot more work! Only then will you be able to proudly admire our fully restored church (and our only public community building) that will last for future generations.



### **Do unto others**

In the book ‘The Water Babies’ by Charles Kingsley we see two characters called Mrs Doasyouwouldbedoneby and Mrs Bedonebyasyoudid. Which of these ladies would you rather meet?

**Harvesteen Supper: Friday 31 October 2015.** If you haven't attended one of our suppers, please do think about coming this year. We have a great time (licensed bar!) with a wonderful community and a good time was had by all! For 2015, we're planning more of a “folk” theme.

### **Scarecrow Festival:**

The Hinton Community Group is planning to put on a village “Scarecrow Festival” to coincide with Harvesteen. The whole benefice is invited to join in by making scarecrows and positioning them around Hinton. Prizes for the best ones! There will also be competitions for children. Please contact Liz Davies on 01386 41762.

### **Afternoon Teas:**

Back in the church now that the weather has warmed a little. Last Tuesday of every month, 3pm to 5pm, so the next one is on 26 May. All welcome!

## Sedgeberrow News

The next Coffee Morning in Church will be Thursday 28 May 10am to 12 noon.

Why not pop along for coffee /tea and a chat, and have a go on the Tombola and Raffle?

We have booked July 11th for our Fete, which will be held in the Village Hall. If you have any ideas for stalls, attractions etc., please contact Ann Banks.

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## Prayers ...for those who have died

Judy Buffery, Francis Buttle, Mervyn Hocken, Joan Johnson, Kathleen Jones, Henry Stephens and Audrey Turner.

*O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness.*

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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.



## Bell Tower Bell Ringers

St Andrew's is happy to welcome the bell ringers from the Evesham Bell Tower who will join us for Sunday morning ringing whilst the restoration work is carried out on the Bell Tower. They will probably be with us from the end of April until Christmas.

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## Evesham Rowing Club Annual 2 Day Regatta

### Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 May

Two days of top class rowing with races every 2 minutes. Refreshments and bar facilities available. Free entry for spectators. 9am - 7pm both days.

### Tiddesley Wood Spring Open Day

#### Sunday 4 May - Tiddesley Wood Nature Reserve, Pershore

Open day in beautiful woodland. Guided walks, children's activities, demonstrations and craft stalls. Refreshments, music, free parking. Adults £3, children £1. 10am - 5pm.

## Hampton WI – April 2015

Ann Evans opened our April meeting by welcoming members and presenting birthday posies, with a special posy for Gwen Thomas, who is celebrating her 90th birthday this month, which prompted an enthusiastic chorus of 'Happy Birthday'. Joan Parry gave a brief welfare report on absent members and there was a reminder that menu choices were required for lunch at St Egwins Club following the skittles on 30 April.

Our speaker was David Howe, on the subject of Prime Ministers' Partners. He began by pointing out that there had been four Prime Ministers who had never married, namely Spencer Compton, William Pitt the Younger, Arthur Balfour and Edward Heath. This was thought to be a disadvantage and apparently when Edward Heath was elected, a working party was set up to find him a wife. It seems a lady was found who was willing to fill this role and they became friends, but there were no wedding bells.

The role of Prime Ministers' partner is often a difficult one, requiring a show of support in public, even if not being of the same political persuasion, for example. Following the death of her husband, Clementine Churchill, who was not a Tory, took her place in the Lords as a cross bencher.

Mary Wilson had married her husband when he was an Oxford don and she hated the life as wife of the Prime Minister. She refused to live at No 10 Downing Street, opting instead for accommodation in nearby North Street, but she continued to support her husband and when Harold Wilson's health deteriorated in later years she became his nurse and carer. Denis Thatcher was known for keeping a very low profile. He refused all interviews and was 'always present, never there', supporting his wife while maintaining his interests in golf and rugby and tolerating portrayals of him, in Private Eye for example, as a bit of a buffoon.

Perhaps surprisingly, the partners of Prime Ministers have no special treatment and when they are not with the Prime Minister, there is no security provided for them or their children. Following an election, if there is a change of government, they must be ready to move out of No.10 in a matter of hours. The role of partner to the Prime Minister is obviously not for the faint hearted.

At our Resolutions meeting on 14 May, during social time Audrey Shepherd will show us how she recycles old birthday cards, for sale in aid of the Worcester Breast Care Unit.

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 on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm.

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## Events Update – May 2015

SoulFood	Sun	3 May 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	5 May 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Café Church	Tues	5 May 7pm	Costa Coffee
Church Open Morning	Sat	9 May 10am-12noon	Hampton
Breakfast Church	Sun	10 May 10am	Hinton
SoulFood	Sun	10 May 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	12 May 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton WI	Thurs	14 May 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
SoulFood	Sun	17 May 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	19 May 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton PCC	Wed	20 May 7.30pm	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	24 May 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	26 May 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Afternoon Tea	Tues	26 May 3 – 5pm	Hinton
Coffee Morning	Thurs	28 May 10am-12noon	Sedgeberrow
Double C's Teas for the Bereaved & Lonely	Sun.	31 May 3 – 5pm	Scout & Guide Hall

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

Conversation

Company<sup>For</sup>

those who are lonely or bereaved.

Please come & join us for

### **Traditional Afternoon Tea**

Last Sunday of the month - next one - 31 May 2015

Hampton Guide & Scout Hall from 3 - 5pm

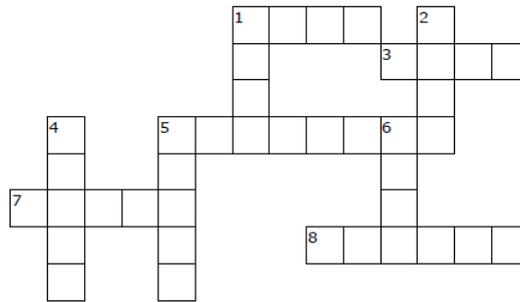
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# Childrens' Page

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

### DOWN

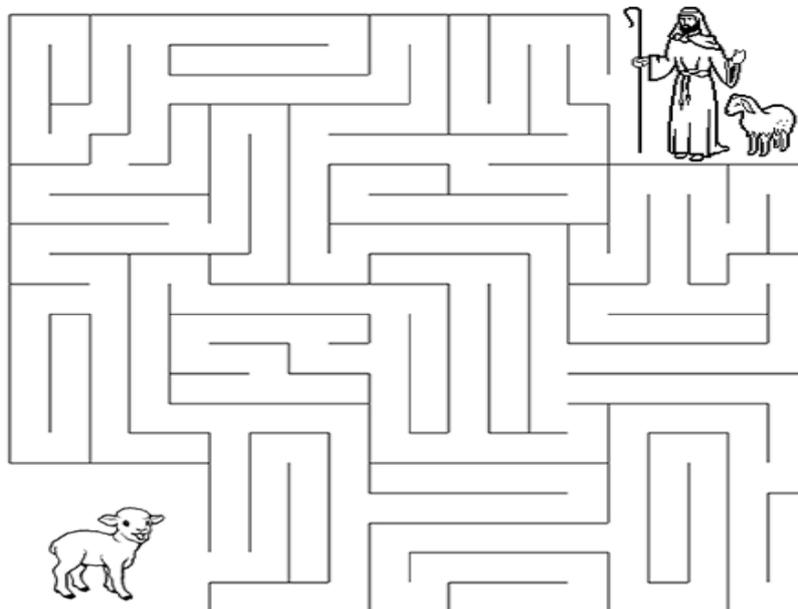
1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Wooly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE

## Maze Puzzle

### The Good Shepherd

Help the sheep find his way to the shepherd.



"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

John 10:14 (NIV)

# SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

*“Reach for the Stars”*

I do hope that everyone had a lovely Easter. We can't believe that it is already the Summer Term – this year has gone by very fast indeed. I feel very sad that this will be my last term at Sedgeberrow and mean to enjoy and hold on to every moment. It is also the last term for our lovely Year 5 of course and I have said exactly the same to them. A busy term for all of us but I am sure it will be a rewarding one.

Our Key Stage Two show at Pershore Number 8 Arts Centre, Minions In Need, was a great success with sell-out performances both nights. Here is an extract that Year 5 put into their magazine 'The Hoot'.



## The story



The yellow minions make a charity called M.I.N to help those minions that are less fortunate. Meanwhile the purples are planning to steal the money from the yellows. But while all of this is happening Juliet and Romeo fall in love.

Key stage 1 made a card for key stage 2 and wrote their names in, we LOVE IT!

During the Easter Holidays we had some PV solar panels installed on the hall roof funded through the county Spend-to-Save scheme. There is a monitor in the library so that we can immediately see how much energy we are using and the amount of money we are saving. The Eco-committee are really enjoying keeping track of this. Our valuable visits to Sandfield Farm continue this term. Reception will be having their first visit, which is very exciting and will have a further two during the term. Year 5 are looking forward to their 3 day residential visit to Condoover JCA centre in May, and Year 4 will be off to Malvern Outdoor Educational Centre for 2 days. Sports Day will hopefully be happening, weather permitting, in June. We begin at 10.45 am when the children parade out into the playground in their house groups and complete a circuit of activities. Following the presentation of house cup to the winners we move to the field for some competitive class races after which there is a family picnic lunch which parents are encouraged to stay for.

There will be induction visits for our new Reception children and cluster transfer activities for our Year 5 who are moving on to Middle School so we look forward to lots of exciting times ahead. Do look at the class blogs on our website to keep up to date with everything that is happening and note the date of June 19th when our Summer Fair takes place at 3.30 pm. All welcome.

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# St Andrew's CE First School

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We had an extremely busy half-term. Four Year 4 children visited St Mary's Roman Catholic School in Evesham and participated, alongside children from other schools in the area, in a gifted and talented maths event. To mark the end of term, Years 1-5 attended church for the Easter Service. The whole of Year 4 acted wonderfully in three Easter Stories, namely, the retelling of The Great Parade, The Last Supper and finally the crucifixion. Hannah Cooper, carried out the role of Jesus superbly, with reverence. We were very proud of the children's singing, acting and exemplary behaviour.

The summer term has started very well, and it will go extremely quick with all the exciting trips and events, which will be packed into it! Mrs Daffurn is absolutely thrilled to finally be in her new classroom, as it is a wonderful, stimulating environment in which the Reception children can play and learn. Later this month, Year 1 will be attending a Multi Skills Festival at St Egwin's Middle School where they will take part in fun non-sports activities, such as movement skills, agility, balance and co-ordination. These skills provide a base for all round development in most sports. Once again, our Year 3 class will be attending the annual singing festival at Evesham Arts Centre. The children have been practising hard and will impress everyone with their singing skills. Also, confirmation classes will be starting very shortly, and some of our Year 5 children will choose to be confirmed at the end of half-term.

Finally, we are sad to announce that, after sixteen year, Mrs Bridgeman is leaving St Andrew's. She and her family are relocating to the village in Wales, where both she and her husband were born. All of us at St Andrew's wish them the very best of luck!

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## **Crothorne Walkabout - Sunday 4 & Monday 5 May**

This event is developing year by year with many market stalls, charity stalls, childrens' entertainment, bands, flower festival in the Norman Church, pig roast, licensed bar and various refreshments, local produce, bric-a-brac, preserves and many interesting gardens, both large and small. Display of vintage cars. Entrance £6 Inc. car parking. Something for everyone. Sun: 1pm - 6pm, Mon: 11am - 6pm.

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**From the Registers - March 2015**

**Baptisms**

1 March	Emily-Jane Booth	Hampton
8 March	Constance May Sidney	Hinton

**Funerals**

13 March	Alan Pitts	Westhill Park
17 March	Brion Higgott	Hampton
18 March	Christine Barker	Worcester Crematorium
27 March	Kathleen Jones	Hampton

## Services for May 2015

<b>3 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Family Worship	Hampton
	3pm	Baptism	Hampton
(Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4 or Genesis 22:1-18) or Acts 8:26-end, 1 John 4:7-end or Acts 8:26-end, John 15:1-8			
Wednesday 6	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>10 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Breakfast Church	Hinton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
Isaiah 55:1-11 or Acts 10:44-end, 1 John 5:1-6 or Acts 10:44-end, John 15:9-17			
Wednesday 13	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Thursday 14	7am	Ascension Day Holy Communion Followed by Breakfast in Vicarage	Hampton
Saturday 16	1pm	Wedding	Hampton
<b>17 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	3pm	Baptism	Hampton
Ezekiel 36:24-28 or Acts 1:15-17, 21-end, 1 John 5:9-13 or Acts 1:15-17, 21-end, John 17:6-19			
Wednesday 20	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>24 May – Pentecost</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	11.15am	All Age Worship	Hinton
Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15			
Wednesday 27	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>31 May – Trinity Sunday</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Bengeworth
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Baptism	Hampton
Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17			
<b>June</b>	Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion Hampton