



Sedgeberrow



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# THE HERALD



## Prayers ... for the Church

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given*

During Advent pray for all Christian people as they prepare for the great Feast of Christmas that they may come together in spirit and to the glory of the Christ Child. On Christmas Day give thanks for all the joy that the day brings. Three days later we keep the Festival of the Holy Innocents, the children killed on the orders of Herod the Great. Pray for children everywhere, especially those who are disadvantaged, lonely or persecuted. Look back over the year and give thanks for the blessings you have received, including the friendships you have enjoyed. Pray too for the people of St Mary's Catholic Church, Evesham.

## Prayers ... for the World

At this season when the angels sang of peace and goodwill for all people, pray for a change of heart in all those who choose violence as their way forward. And bring to God the work of the peacemakers, who make it their business to bring about a better world. Ask for help for the victims of famine and for their efforts to lift themselves out of their troubles in the face of repeated failure of their crops. Pray that medical missionaries may feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in their work, facing what must seem terrible odds.

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## **Who is Welcome this Christmas?**

**An article by Archdeacon Nikki Groarke, Archdeacon of Dudley**

There was no room for the refugee family. Everywhere was full to overflowing. The last inn they tried was packed, so they had to make do with a shed, camping out, making a home as best they could, finding somewhere dry at least, so the baby could be born under the shelter of a barn roof.

No room for the refugees. It's been an on-going theme of our news cycle this year as the plight of families fleeing Syria has worsened. We have witnessed millions of people fleeing war and violence in what has become one of the largest refugee crises ever recorded. And it has been the pictures of child refugees which have most impacted us.

Jesus, as a child, was a refugee, unwelcome and homeless. No wonder then that as he grew up and began his earthly ministry, he called outcasts friends, invited those on the edges to come closer. Many of those who were comfortable and settled continued to reject him, or simply missed the opportunity to welcome him into their homes, their lives, because they did not grasp who he was.

We easily sanitise our recounting of the birth of Jesus as we celebrate Christmas. The stable becomes a homely scene, softly lit, populated with wise men, shepherds and cute donkeys. We forget it was a last resort: a dirty shed occupied because young refugee parents were shut out of all the more suitable accommodation. Let's allow ourselves to engage with this part of the story differently this time, perhaps allowing ourselves to consider whether we would have welcomed a refugee family into our homes then, and whether we would now.

Let's also reflect this Christmas on whether we are really ready to welcome Jesus into our homes, our lives, not just at Christmas, as a baby, but the rest of the year, as our Lord and Saviour, and one who invites us to love and welcome those who are outcasts, as he loves and welcomes us.

**This article takes the place of the Vicar's Letter for this month.**

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### **SoulFood: Sunday Evening Service**

Every Sunday at All Saints 6pm – meal and reflection, free entry, all welcome. Run by CTED. 'Feeding Body, Mind and Soul'.

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*A Merry Christmas to all our readers and  
grateful thanks to all our Contributors from  
the Editor*

## CafeChurch@TheBear

Tuesday December 1st is Christmas Carols night

Come and sing the night away from 7.30 pm in the lounge



CafeChurch is particularly for those who have had no recent experience of Church. We provide a relaxing atmosphere, a theme for the month, with a Christian viewpoint and an opportunity to ask questions about faith and life. If you would like to know more contact Sarah Hewitt on 07456 549969 or John Darby on 07747 842192.

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## Beer and Carols at The Fairfield

12 December at 7.30 pm

Soft drinks and mince pies also served

Send your favourite carol requests to: [missioner@asumgroup.org](mailto:missioner@asumgroup.org)

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## Asum Group Mince Pie Giveaway

Saturday morning 5 December Bridge Street, Evesham



With choir and musicians from local churches – do come along and join in.

Donations of Mince Pies are needed, and can be left in the box at the rear of the Church.

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## Open the Book at St. Andrews School

Open the Book is a service in which the children act out Bible Stories during Assembly on a Tuesday morning.

We are looking to recruit more parishioners to enhance what is an already popular event with the children. If you could spare an hour on a Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning, or could help with props at home, please contact Elaine Major on 446381 or 40722.

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## Evesham Arts Centre in December and January

Saturday 12 December – **The Nutcracker** – Vienna Festival Ballet 3pm

Sunday 13 December – **Bretforton Band** – 7.30pm

**Jack and the Beanstalk** – Phoenix Theatre Group – Wednesday 20 January to

Sunday 24 January – 7.30pm (also 2.30pm matinee on Saturday and Sunday.

For more details and ticket prices contact [www.eveshamartscentre.co.uk](http://www.eveshamartscentre.co.uk)

## Christmas Services

### Sunday 13 December

Carol Service – 6pm Hinton

### Sunday 20 December

Carol and Christingle Service – 4pm Hampton

Carol Service – 10am Sedgeberrow

Crib and Christingle Service – 11.15am Hinton



### Christmas Eve

Crib Service – 3pm Hampton

Crib Service – 6pm Sedgeberrow

Christmas Eucharist – 11.15pm Hinton

Christmas Eucharist – 11.30pm Hampton

Christmas Candlelit Carol Service – 11.30pm St Andrew's Church Centre, Fairfield

### Christmas Day

Holy Communion – 8am Hampton

Family Worship – 10am Hampton

Parish Eucharist – 9am Sedgeberrow

## Shine - Out of School Clubs

A team of Asum Group parishioners joined together in March this year, to provide professional, bolt-on, wrap-around care at three of our Church Schools in Evesham – Sedgeberrow, St. Richard's, and Bengeworth Academy. Sedgeberrow commenced in September with an After School Club, running from 3 – 6 Monday to Friday. St. Richard's and Bengeworth Academy will hopefully start in the New Year depending on Governor approval and Ofsted Registration and will offer after school clubs and holiday clubs.

**Shine** offers, at a modest cost for parents and carers, a complete out of school club with trained and experienced staff to be held on school premises where practicable. The service is designed to work seamlessly with the teaching team and to ensure that the children are cared for kindly and professionally as soon as they reach the club.

As we are a charity, we will in time, invest any surplus to help low income families or lone parent families to access the club and fund further mission projects in Evesham.

Further information: Sarah Hewitt 07456549969 [sarah@shineoutofschoolclubs.org](mailto:sarah@shineoutofschoolclubs.org)



# **Evesham HOPE Together Carol Service**

## **Evesham United Football Club –**

### **20 December 1pm**

Join us for singing led by a choir and band from local churches



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## **Family Church at Fairfield**

Fairfield Church is opening again for Sunday morning services, but a more informal approach, with coffee and refreshments alongside worship and prayer. The aim is to provide Church in a style that will attract those who currently do not attend a regular place of worship. The service will start with breakfast, children's craft activities and then a worship band will lead a block of worship followed by scripture, a talk, prayers and a final block of worship.

In order to further resource this new service we need a small group of people to come and help us as Welcomers; Cooks; Children's Team; Musicians; Singers; Readers; Crew and Administration. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact Sarah Hewitt on 07456 549969

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## **St Andrew's Tots**

St Andrew's Tots are having a Christmas party on the 8 December starting at 10:00 for the children. This is organised by one of the grandparents and tickets are available when you visit the group. On the 15 December we will take the children into church for our annual nativity story time.

St Andrew's Tots meets every Tuesday and is for all pre-school children, aged 1 to 5 years, and their parents, grandparents and carers.

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## **Stay, Play and Pray**

On the 13 December during Open Church at 10:00, Elaine and Margaret will be holding a Christmas Craft session for children of all ages. Parents will be given the opportunity to take well deserved time to sit in the peace of our beautiful church, have a cup of tea or coffee or chat to their friends whilst their children make something good for Christmas. This is the first of, what we hope, will be regular Stay, Play and Pray sessions

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# St Andrew's Fundraising Committee

## Christmas is coming!

St. Andrew's Church will be supporting St Andrew's School by having a **Lucky Dip** stall at their Christmas Fayre on Friday 4 December 6pm  
Please come along and support us.



## From the Diocesan Newsletter



### Holy Land Pilgrimage

A comprehensive 10 day tour based in Jerusalem and the Galilee from 3 November 2016, planned by Archdeacon Robert Jones and organised and run by McCabe Travel Ltd. This is a unique opportunity to visit key sites in the Holy Land with Bishop John and the RC Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley.

We are delighted to invite you to join us on this ecumenical pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Together, we will walk in the places where Our Lord walked, from the place of his birth to the place of his death and resurrection. We will pray in the places in which Jesus ministered and lived. This is a great opportunity to explore our faith, enlarge our hope, and deepen our love for the Lord. It is a privilege to travel as brother and sister pilgrims, sharing in our common faith and love of the Lord Jesus, and we hope and pray that in so doing, we may all the more live out that great prayer of Christ himself, that "all may be one". We warmly invite you to journey with us, and to share in this great opportunity to see those places we read of in the scriptures.

The cost of this tour is £1,795 sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities. We will stay in three well appointed hotels, ideal for pilgrimage. The Manger Square hotel in Bethlehem, the Gloria hotel in Jerusalem and the Ron Beach hotel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The tour is on a **full-board basis** with buffet breakfast, lunch and table d'hôte evening meal included daily. We have also included entrance fees and all gratuities, which we will disburse locally to those who help us on our journey. A complimentary visa is issued on arrival in Israel.

**For further information and booking please contact Worcester Diocesan Office  
The Old Palace Deansway Worcester WR1 2JE Tel: 01905 773301 Email:  
k.jones@cofe-worcester.org.uk**

## Most popular Bible Stories: Who is the Baby?

A little girl was examining a Christmas crib with her grandmother and commented, 'Grandma, it's really nice, but there's one thing that bothers me: is the baby Jesus ever going to grow up? He's the same size he was last year!!' As we continue with the top ten Must Know Stories, the birth of Jesus must be the most well-known. However, are we really growing in our understanding of this story? The angels announced, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.' (Luke 2: 10,11). The birth of a baby is a time of great joy and excitement and Jesus' birth is good news for all people! He is none other than the king of the universe, who has come as our Saviour. To experience this joy, we must let go self-centredness and living as our own saviour. His deliverance and wholeness is a real cause for joy! 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.' (Luke 2:14). We may feel anything but peace with God, ourselves, or even with those closest to us at Christmas. How can a Jewish infant born to a peasant family in first century Palestine be the source of peace between God and man in the twenty first century? Jesus came to establish such peace through his death on the cross. Trusting the Prince of Peace in our lives brings peace with God. If we ignore this message of Christmas, we won't benefit from it. As the carol says, 'Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her king.'

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## From the Registers – October 2015

### Baptisms

4 Oct	Ava Rose Green & Joshua Stuart Dawson	Hampton
11 Oct	Matthew Kai Mendoza-Ayers	Hampton
18 Oct	Lydia Mae Dawes & Mason Charlie Jones	Hampton

### Funerals

1 Oct	Pamela Abbot	Hampton
13 Oct	Leonard Gould	Hampton
15 Oct	Christopher Howard Hartley	Hampton
22 Oct	Josephine Myrtle Box	Hampton
22 Oct	Brian Wentworth Joseph Smith	Hampton
23 Oct	Edith Fielder	Hampton



## The Story behind the Hymn: Good King Wencelas

Each year at Christmas we sing about good King Wenceslas looking on the Feast of Stephen... ever wonder who on earth he was? Here are three of the five verses...

*Good King Wenceslas looked on the Feast of Stephen*

*When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.*

*Brightly shone the moon that night, tho' the frost was cruel*

*When the poor man came sight, gathering winter fuel...*

*Bring me flesh and bring me wine; bring me pine logs hither;*

*Thou and I will see him dine when we bear them thither.*

*Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together,*

*Through the rude winds' wild lament, and the bitter weather...*

*In his master's step he trod where the snow lay dinted;*

*Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.*

*Therefore Christian men, be sure wealth of rank possessing,*

*Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourself find blessing.*

This carol was 900 years in the making... and started with a brutal murder in Bohemia. For Wenceslas was a real person, the Duke of Bohemia, who lived in the early 10th century. He seems to have been a rare ruler, in that he was just and had compassion for the poor. His goodness made him enemies, and when he was only 22, he was assassinated on the steps of a church in Prague in 935. But that was not the end of Wenceslas. Deeply mourned by the common people, he was soon considered a martyr and a saint.

A cult of Wenceslas grew up in Bohemia, influencing the High Middle Ages idea of the rex Justus – or 'righteous king' - that is, a monarch whose power stems mainly from his great piety. The story of Wenceslas came to England sometime before 1853, when Queen Victoria's envoy to Stockholm sent some rare books to a friend, John Mason Neale, Warden of Sackville College, East Grinstead. Here Neale found the story of Wenceslas in an ancient poem by Czech poet Václav Alois Svoboda. Neale published his translation as a carol in 1853. He made the 'Duke' into a 'King', as a later Pope had conferred the regal title on Wenceslas. The carol tells the poignant story of a young king and his page braving harsh winter weather in order to bring food, wine and fuel to a poor peasant on the Feast of St Stephen (26 December). The journey is terrible, and the page only gets through by following in the king's footprints, step by step, through deep snow.

There are themes here of following Christ, through suffering, to do good to the poor. If the story is ancient, so is the melody that Neale chose for his carol - it goes back to Finland in 1582. Good King Wenceslas... today, a millennium after his brutal murder, he is still remembered in Prague, where a statue of him stands tall in the middle of Wenceslas Square. His goodness is not forgotten.

## **St Andrew's Fellowship – 10 November 2015**

With so much going on at this time of year, it was necessary to get out the diaries. Today we welcomed Liz Griffin, retired Editor of the Evesham Journal, who gave us a talk entitled 'My Life in Print', after which she answered some of our questions. On 19 November we are going to Stratford Garden Centre, where we will probably do a little Christmas Shopping, followed by lunch in the restaurant.

On Tuesday 24 November we are going to Bob James' temporary warehouse, to see Christmas Shoeboxes being packed and checked before being transported to different countries in Europe for children who otherwise would have nothing or very little.

8 December is our Christmas Party, when we will be entertained by 'The Gilded Lilies'. Members were invited to bring a plate of food for sharing, a gift for the bran tub to the value of not more than £3. There will also be a raffle, and they can bring a friend if they wish.

Our Christmas Lunch will be on 26 January at the Northwick Arms, and members were reminded to bring their deposits to the Christmas Party.

The Coffee Morning, held at 17 Meadows End on 21 October, raised £211 for the Vale of Evesham School, which is our charity this year. This was the third event that we have held this year.

Anyone interested in joining our group should ring 01386 49161 for more information. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Hampton Scout and Guide Community Hall at 2pm. All are welcome male or female, any faith or none, though we do start our meetings with a prayer.

*Jenny Perkins*

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### **Prayers ... for the people around us**

At this season children are first in our minds. Pray for their happiness in the warmth of their families and especially for children who will see little of the goodies we would like them to enjoy. Ask God to bless the charity Crisis and its work among the single homeless; include the hostels where they offer food, shelter, medical attention, advice and friendship. Pray for the safety of everyone who will be travelling over the holiday; may they arrive happy and well. And remember the emergency services which will be on call throughout. Give thanks for the love and friendship of everyone you share the holiday with

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# Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

## Hinton Churchyard

The members of the P.C.C. would like to thank all those who have helped keep Hinton Churchyard in good order over the course of the past year. Many people have helped out and forgive me if I fail to name some for them but thanks are due to:- David Cross, Nick Frost, Liz Davies, Neil Joscelyne, Sheila Frost, Mark White and others for their hard work. If anyone else in the village would like to contribute in time or money to the upkeep of the churchyard please get in touch with Rosemary Cross on 01386 443240. Mower training is provided for volunteers. New helpers are always needed as churchyards don't mow and tidy themselves you know!

## Christmas Schedule

Christmas in Hinton brings peace and joy as you will find if you come along to our church.



Our Service of Lessons and Carols will be at 6pm on 13 December.

Readers are required, so if you are able to do this please phone Rosemary (01386 443240). It's nice to have a few extra people involved in this.

On 20 December the Christingle/Crib Service will be at 11.15am preceded by the making of Christingles. Do contact Liz Davies about this Service on 07801 496166. The children holding up their lighted Christingles is a very special moment to hold in your hearts for the year ahead.

Once again we are lucky in being able to celebrate Christmastide with our Christmas Eucharist at 11.15pm on 24 December.

Do join us and discover the true meaning of Christmas - not a time of spending and overconsumption but a time for family and friends; a time of love and contentment.

## Harvesteen Success

We held our annual Harvest Supper (Harvesteen) on Saturday 31 October and once again a very successful event with lots of support. We were entertained by Dampiers’ Round and the Drakes Broughton Bell Ringers who were both fabulous and enjoyed by all. These ladies from Drakes Broughton Bell Ringers raise money for a charity, which supports families with children with childhood cancer.

[www.josssearchlight.org.uk](http://www.josssearchlight.org.uk). On the night they collected £87 so thanks again for everyone’s generosity. The whole evening was magical and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We raised over £700 towards the Church Roof Repairs. As you may have seen in the Evesham Journal, we did receive a grant to £98100.00 towards these repairs, however, the final bill could be as much as £110,000. It's a stunning building, and we can't secure its future until we fix the roof, so all this extra fundraising is needed.

# Sedgeberrow News

## Coffee Mornings

Our October Coffee morning made £172 for Church Funds. Our December Coffee morning is on TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 10am to 12 noon. There won't be a Coffee morning in January

## Bingo

The next Bingo is on 19 December at 8pm in the Village Hall.

## Christmas Trees

We are again having Christmas Trees decorated in Church from the 6 December until January. There will also be a tree outside with lights to remember loved ones

## Dates to Remember

6 December - 4pm - Tree of Light Dedication Service

20 December - 10am - Carol Service and Christingle

24 December - 6pm - Crib Service

25 December - 9am - Holy Communion

We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



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## Prayers ... for those who are unwell

With anyone you know who is unwell and the patients of our local hospitals pray for Janet Bailey, Anna Ballard, Maureen Cauldwell, Sarah Clements, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Richie Edwards, Monica Garston, Rosie Goodwin, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Margaret Goodman, Sue Jones, Lewis Langston, Clifford Lewis, Jackie Newbury, Nina Lippett, Ivy Pullin & Janice Sinclair as well as others known to us personally.

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## Prayers ... for those who have died

For those who have died and all who mourn at this time including John Le Page, Gwenyth Grove, Nora Usher, Pamela Abbott, Madeline Perry, Alan Gould, Thomas Beasley, Christopher Hartley, Arthur Smith, Patricia Allen, Josephine Box, Brian Welland, Brian Smith, Janice Yates, June Yates, Emma Allard, Ray Wood, Beryl Collins and Ken Jennings

*His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Prince of Peace.*

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# ***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 month - next ones - 27 December 2015 (tbc)

And 31 January 2016

Hampton Guide & Scout Hall from 2- 4pm

For further information contact Elaine Major

01386 446381 or 01386 40722

## **Events Update – November 2015**

St Andrew’s Tots	Tues	1 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Café Church	Tues	1 Dec 7pm	The Bear, Port St
<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>4 Dec 6pm</b>	<b>St Andrew’s School</b>
SoulFood	Sun	6 Dec 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew’s Tots	Tues	8 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew’s Fellowship	Tues	8 Dec 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton WI	Thurs	10 Dec 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	12 Dec 10am - Noon	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	13 Dec 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew’s Tots	Tues	15 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Tues	15 Dec 10am - Noon	Sedgeberrow
PCC Meeting	Wed	16 Dec 7.30pm	Hampton
Bingo	Sat	19 Dec 8pm	Sedgeberrow
SoulFood	Sun	20 Dec 6pm	All Saints
Double C’s Afternoon Tea	Sun.	27 Dec 2 – 4pm	Scout & Guide Hall
SoulFood	Sun	27 Dec 6pm	All Saints

## Hampton WI – November 2015

Ann Evans, our President, welcomed members and visitors to our meeting on 12 November and began with a few business items.

The first of the bi-monthly Lunches had been held at the Queen's Head, Salford Priors, and had been very enjoyable. In January the venue will be The Star at Ashton under Hill. Members were requested to volunteer to bring raffle prizes, flowers, help with tea and give the vote of thanks to speakers during our 2016 meetings. The visit to Tudor House in Worcester had been interesting and informative, with a tour led by the very enthusiastic curator. Ashton under Hill had been the clear winners of the Group skittles tournament. In February we will be going to Broadway Golf Club for our New Year's Lunch.

The President then introduced Vince Williams and Jon Goodson, who had come to talk to us about 'The WI at War' and some of the many ways in which the WI was able to contribute to the war effort, while maintaining its pacifist status. The first WI in the UK was formed in Llanfair PG on Anglesey in 1915. The aim was to teach women in rural communities to grow and preserve food to help provide essential nutrition for people during the war years and also between the wars, when there was rationing and food was short. To help, the Government relaxed sugar rationing for WI's. With the Germans attacking food convoys and fishing trawlers in an attempt to starve the population, the keeping of livestock became a 'backyard' job. Pig and rabbit clubs were formed and wild rabbits were hunted for food, and also for their pelts, which were then sold to the USA for use in fashion items.

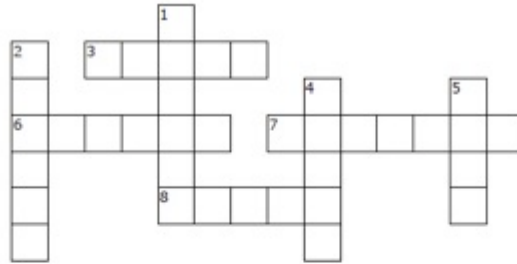
By the time of World War 2, one in 3 villages had a WI and the membership had grown to 300,000. Throughout, the Government encouraged WI's to hold regular meetings to maintain high morale. WI members were involved in transporting and housing evacuees and Lady Denman set up an Ambulance Fund. Food parcels were sent to the colonies and to our allies and, after the war, when the Germans were starving, the WI sent food and clothing to help. At the time of the Cold War the NFWI began a campaign to limit nuclear testing and during the Gulf War they collected books to send to the troops. It was an interesting and enlightening talk. Pam Wills gave the vote of thanks on behalf of members.

There was a good variety of entries in the competition for **something beginning with 'N'**, which was won by Sally Aldous with a pen **nib**.

On 10 December it will be our Christmas Social. We are always pleased to welcome new members and visitors. Meetings start at 7.30 pm in the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall. If you would like to join us at one of our meetings, do come along.

# Children's Page

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3. The earth or universe
- 6. To make an effort to hear something
- 7. An area or territory ruled by king or queen
- 8. A statement proven to be or accepted as accurate or factual

### DOWN

- 1. To capture and hold under the authority of law
- 2. Where a king or queen lives
- 4. To battle, quarrel, or argue; a conflict between two or more people
- 5. Brought into life by birth

ARREST	LISTEN	FIGHT	BORN
WORLD	PALACE	KINGDOM	TRUTH

## *Born to Be King*

## Word Search Puzzle

T E S T I F Y F C Z N U H E Y  
 C D U Y W R T K I A W N U H Y  
 S E R V A N T S I G R O A G F  
 V W T A Q Z V P T N H R R F T  
 I F F Y J M G G J T G T E L U  
 V J A P W W T A C H U D K S D  
 K I N G W O I T R U T H O X T  
 P F S A Y I N G C H P O V M X  
 L Q E V E R Y O N E R C Q L N  
 A T A B R D N C M I I K I I R  
 C P A L A C E D N Q G L I S E  
 E T D P R I E S T N H S D T A  
 M P O Z W F A C T D T H E E S  
 V G I R P E O P L E W W A N O  
 N I B O R N M R N J P V Q S N

IDEA	PLACE	RIGHT	WORLD	SERVANTS
TESTIFY	KINGDOM	TRUTH	ARREST	LISTENS
FACT	PEOPLE	REASON	BORN	FIGHT
SAYING	PALACE	PRIEST	KING	EVERYONE

## St Andrew's CE First School

*Successful learners. Success for life.*



The second half of our autumn term is well underway. One of our Christian values this half-term term was endurance and the children demonstrated this value when they participated in an energetic, fun-filled and noisy event with GB Paralympic athlete Katrina Hart, who led the whole school in a fitness circuit and delivered an inspirational assembly to everyone. All children were politely requested to ask their family and friends to sponsor them and the money raised will be used to buy some new and much needed sports equipment.

Phase 2 of our building work is progressing well with the ground works and foundation laying being completed by Christmas. The new building is scheduled to be completed by May 2016 and will comprise of six classrooms, mobile IT space, additional toilets, a nurture room and additional playground. The playground and sports facilities will be constructed over summer 2016.

On 13 November, children and adults dressed as their favourite Super Heroes and the School Council had a cake sale in aid of Children in Need. Everyone made a superb effort and we raised £218.35.

We have recently had a SIAMS Diocese Inspection, which provided an opportunity to celebrate our work as a Christian Church of England School. The experience was positive for us all and we look forward to receiving our report in due course.

As Christmas quickly approaches, we are getting ready for our celebrations, with rehearsals for our early Years and Key Stage 1 performance, 'Children of the World'. 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 at 6pm at St Andrew's Church. Our Christmas Fete takes place at 6pm on Friday 4 December, to which all are welcome.

Our term ends on 18 December with our annual whole school Christmas lunch, kindly provided by St Andrew's School Supporters' Association.

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

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# SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

*"Reach for the Stars"*



Sedgeberrow CE First School have had a fabulous start to the second half of the Autumn term.

The School Council organised a talent competition '**Sedgeberrow's Got Talent**' which culminated in a superbly entertaining show for parents on the afternoon of Friday 13 November showcasing a variety of talents from piano and guitar playing to stand-up comedy and karate. We are so proud of the children who auditioned. The children were keen to get involved in the fundraising for the **BBC Children In Need** Appeal. We sold wristbands, had a non-uniform day and did a collection at the Talent Show raising a fantastic **£438** for this very worthy cause.

The focus in school now is the run-up to Christmas. The children are busy learning their lines and songs for the Reception Class Christmas Nativity and KS1 Christmas Production. KS2 are looking forward to entertaining parents, grandparents and friends at a carol concert taking place at St Peters, Bengeworth on the evening of 17 December .

**Friends of Sedgeberrow School (PTA) are organising a Christmas Fayre** which promises to be exciting and magical. There will be a combination of old favourite stalls and a few new fun games. Santa will be there waiting for all the children to visit him in his grotto and hot food/drinks will be available for those that want to relax and feast on some traditional Christmas treats. Raffle tickets are available in advance from the school office or can be bought on the day. It takes place in school on **Friday 4 December 3.30 -5.30pm**. Entry is free and all are welcome.

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# Cranberry Orange Cookies

Ingredients MAKES 48

225g butter, softened

200g caster sugar

100g dark brown soft sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon orange zest

2 tablespoons orange juice

300g plain flour

1/2 tsp. bicarbonate of soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

225g chopped cranberries

60g chopped walnuts (optional)

## Icing

1/2 teaspoon orange zest

3 tablespoons orange juice

200g icing sugar

## Method

Preheat the oven to 190 C / Gas mark 4.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter, caster sugar and brown sugar until smooth.

Beat in the egg until well blended. Mix in 1 orange zest and juice.

Combine the flour, bicarbonate of soda and salt; stir into the orange mixture. Mix in cranberries and if using, walnuts, until evenly distributed.

Drop dough by rounded tablespoonful onto ungreased baking trays. Cookies should be spaced at least 5cm apart.

Bake for 12 to 14 minutes in the preheated oven, until the edges are golden. Remove from baking sheets to cool on wire racks.

## Icing

In a small bowl, mix together 1/2 teaspoon orange zest, 3 tablespoons orange juice and icing sugar until smooth. Spread over the tops of cooled cookies. Let stand until set.



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## Services for December 2015

Wednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>6 December – Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	4pm	Christmas Memorial Service	Sedgeberrow
Baruch 5 OR Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6			
Wednesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>13 December - Third Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	6pm	Carol Service	Hinton
Zephaniah 3:14-end, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18			
Wednesday 16	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>20 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	10am	Carol Service	Sedgeberrow
	11.15am	Crib and Christingle Service	Hinton
	4pm	Carol and Christingle Service	Hampton
Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45, [46-55]			
<b>24 December – Christmas Eve</b>			
	3pm	Crib Service	Hampton
	6pm	Crib Service	Sedgeberrow
	11.15pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hinton
	11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hampton
<b>25 December – Christmas Day</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Family Worship	Hampton
Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, [5-12], John 1:1-14			
<b>27 December – First Sunday of Christmas</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Joint Asum Service</b>	<b>Bengeworth</b>
1 Samuel 2:18-20. 26, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-end			

## Services for January 2016

<b>3 January – Second Day of Christmas</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton