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Hinton on the Green

# THE HERALD



Deuteronomy  
8:3

Matthew 4:4

Bread is not enough to keep us alive;  
we need to feed on every word of God

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# Prayers ... for the Church

*Shout with joy O you true of heart!*

In your prayers for the worldwide Church remember the members of the Baptist Union and especially the members of that church here in Evesham. Pray too for our diocese of Worcester, our Bishops, John and Graham, our clergy, readers, administrators and indeed all of us who are part of it. Include the PCC's of our three parishes who manage our business and the members of our congregations who lead us in the intercessions at our services. February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple; ask for God's blessing on all people who are offering themselves to serve God here on earth. February 10<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday; pray for the help of the Holy Spirit as we prepare during Lent for the great Feast of all – Easter.

# Prayers ... for the World

Bring to God the problem of global warming that all nations may develop policies to combat this threat to our planet. Continue to pray for peace, mentioning the countries of northern Africa, that those whose well-being is threatened may find relief and that those who oppress the innocent may experience a change of heart and mind. Pray for the leaders of China, that they may grant their people more freedom. Ask God to bless and strengthen all those who work to improve the health of the people of poor nations; give thanks for the care taken and the efforts made by those in richer countries who make sacrifices to support this cause.

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## From Mark Binney

This year St. Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday when the Church is focusing on the first Sunday in Lent. All around the Vale of Evesham there are signs outside the pubs saying 'Book Now for Valentine's Day'. Have you booked? Are you going to start your Lenten fast with a feast? I have asked a few men of a mature age what they plan to do and many have said "We don't celebrate Valentine's Day". Is this wise I wonder, will they be numbered among the many who rush into the supermarkets at the last moment to buy flowers for their rather upset beloved!



The traditional association of St. Valentine's Day with courtship and the choosing of a 'Valentine' of the opposite sex is connected perhaps with certain customs of the pagan festival of Lupercalia (mid February) at Rome, rather than with any tradition concerning the two Valentine Saints whose commemoration falls on the 14 February. One was a Priest and one was a Bishop and it is just possible that the legends about them refer to the same person. A popular legend is that Valentine was imprisoned for performing Weddings for Soldiers who were forbidden to marry. During his imprisonment he healed his jailors daughter. Before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. Another legend is that he cut hearts from parchment giving them to the Soldiers to remind them of their wedding vows and God's love.

It was Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century who associated romantic love with Valentine's Day. This evolved in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century into an occasion in which lovers presented flowers to each other, offering confectionary and sending hand made cards known as Valentine's. In recent times this has developed into the sending of mass produced cards and e-cards, roses, chocolates (in heart shaped boxes), jewellery. Over one billion Valentine's cards are exchanged in the U.S. every year. So how does Valentine's Day relate to Lent? Probably more than most people think. The journey to the cross is about love, God's love for us and the commandment 'to love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends'. That's how Jesus wants us to love each other. It is one thing to feel loving over a romantic meal but quite another when all feelings of love seem to have evaporated. Love can be tough. There must be times when Jesus finds it hard to love us with all our faults. But he doesn't let it stop him. Even when he was killed on the cross he prayed for the soldiers who drove the nails through his wrists. If Jesus can love us in such a way, how can we refuse our love to those who are near and dear to us? Tell your beloved that they are loved and appreciated.

**Mark Binney**

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## **'A Year in the life of the Church' Project**

Mark Binney and Sarah Hewitt are starting a new project this year to record a year in the life of Anglican Churches in Evesham. Throughout the year they will be taking photographs of groups, events and services that take place throughout the year. The end result will be collated with short video clips into a narrated "show reel" which will be able to be shown on church websites and is to be used at Baptism and Marriage preparation groups.

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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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## **Stay, Play and Pray**

Our next Stay, Play and Pray session will be on 13 February at 10:00 in the St Andrew's Church during 'Open Church' morning. This gives children the opportunity to take part in a church-related craft activity, whilst their parents can spend a few moments taking in the peace of our beautiful church, pray or have a well-earned cup of coffee and a biscuit.

This month the theme will be Mothering Sunday and St Valentine's Day.

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## **Family Church at Fairfield**

Fairfield Church is opening again for Sunday morning services at 10am, 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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## **Spring Harvest March 2016**

A small group are heading to the Spring Harvest at Minehead, on March 28th for 5 days. If you would like to join us, book your accommodation at [SpringHarvest.org](http://SpringHarvest.org) or call 0330 100 9330 and then let us know you're joining us. Sarah 07456549969

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## CafeChurch@TheBear

Tuesday 2 February 2016

Come and join us at 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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## 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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## Fairtrade Fortnight Pancake Morning



**Saturday 27 February, Evesham Baptist Church, 10.30 to 12.30pm**

Nigel Huddleston MP is attending to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Evesham Baptist Church becoming a Fairtrade Church.

Come along for Pancakes, Fairtrade Stall and so much more. Funds raised will be donated to the Tear Fund.

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## From the Registers – December 2015

### Baptisms

6 Dec	Toby Lewis Sheward	Hampton
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### Funerals

2 Dec	Daniel Byrd	Hampton
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22 Dec	Anthony Rusher	Hampton
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23 Dec	Kenny Stewart	Hampton
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# The Evesham Lent Series – All Saints Church

LENT  2016

This Lent Series, we are using **The Possible World** course to help Christians wrestle with big questions. It looks at life through the lens of mission, in particular the prophetic mission of Jesus, and encourages us to discover that another world is indeed possible. Mondays throughout February and March 2016. Starting with refreshments at 7pm for a 7.30 pm prompt start.



## **8 February: Jesus a prophet. Me, a prophet? Led by Rev Andrew**

**Spurr:** What did Jesus have in common with prophets who came before him? Put simply, he presented a radically different way of looking at the world, or worldview.

**15 February: Hospitality: All right for some?** What is hospitality? One dictionary describes it as “the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guest, visitors or strangers” Yet for the Israelite people, there was a way to demonstrate their faith, reflecting god’s love and welcome to all people, including strangers or people foreign to them.

**22 February: Consumer Culture: I want to live simply...but I like stuff: Led by Ian Spencer of Holland House:** The prophets also presented a vision of a world where everyone has what they need. The Old Testament law of Moses included instructions that would protect society from experiencing persistent poverty and the unequal distribution of resources, such as the Year of Jubilee in which all debts were to be cancelled.

**29 February: The environment: For God so loved the world: Led by Archdeacon Nikki Groake:** The task of Old Testament prophets was not just to be critical, but to present a radical hope. This hope includes the wellbeing of the whole earth. Human beings are expected to be good stewards of God’s creation.

**7 March: Led by Archdeacon Rob Jones:** We live in an age when global interconnectivity and technology give us continuous access to almost the whole world – and the whole world’s problems. Images of suffering and violence come before our eyes so frequently that we can easily feel overwhelmed. Even phrases like “make a difference” make some of us cringe with cynicism.

**14 March: Injustice: So many issues, so few of us:**

**21 March: Now what? Joining the prophetic and the practical**



## **2 February - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas**

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself. In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas. The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

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### **Ashmolean Museum - Edward Lear Exhibition**

The Ashmolean Museum Broadway will be reopening its doors on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 with a new special exhibition focusing on the extensive travels of Edward Lear (1812-1888). The exhibition continues until 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Lear was one of the most versatile and prolific artists of the nineteenth century. As an illustrator of natural history, he was supreme; as a traveller and recorder in pictures and prose of landscapes in the eastern Mediterranean and India, he was unrivalled; as the author of nonsense verses and stories, his popularity has never been eclipsed.

From extraordinary sketches of landscapes and nature, to the nonsense drawings and verses for which Lear is so well known, the exhibition presents over 20 framed works alongside letters, manuscripts and books. These works have been loaned from the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford which is the home of the largest and most comprehensive collection of Lear's work in the UK, and many of these works have rarely been on public display.

The Museum opens Tuesday – Sunday 10-5pm Prices: Adult £6.00 Family £12.00; Concession £4.50 ; Child £2.00 (under 5's free)

Website: <http://www.ashmoleanbroadway.org/>



## From the Diocesan Newsletter

Church Action on Poverty Sunday takes place each year on the last Sunday before Lent (until 2014 it was part of Poverty & Homelessness Action Week). This year it falls on Sunday 7 February and the theme this year 'Bread Broken for ALL'

Food is a gift from God. But in the UK today, thousands of people are denied access to that gift by injustices that leave them destitute. Growing numbers are going hungry, or trapped in poverty despite their best efforts. But people in poverty are usually blamed for their situation, or treated as powerless victims.

You may not know it, but you, and everybody else in the UK, have a right to food. In 1976, our Government made a binding commitment under international human rights law to secure the human right to adequate food for everyone in the UK.

Church Action on Poverty is a national ecumenical Christian social justice charity, committed to tackling poverty in the UK. It works in partnership with churches and with people in poverty themselves to find solutions to poverty, locally, nationally and globally.

The charity has a vision of a more equal society, with a narrower gap between rich and poor. Happier. Healthier. Safer. Fairer.

### **A prayer for Church Action on Poverty Sunday:**

*Creator God,  
you made this good earth and gave us enough  
that all could delight  
in bread and wine, milk and honey, story and song.  
As Jesus sat by lakeside and table  
and shared bread,  
and said that his body was broken for all,  
he showed us a glimpse of your Kingdom.  
Inspire us  
with a vision of a society beyond the scandal of poverty  
where bread is the birthright of all your children.  
Give us hearts that yearn for it,  
voices to call for it,  
strong hands to build it together.*

Find out more at **[www.church-poverty.org.uk](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk)**

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## **Most popular Bible Stories: The Good Samaritan**

This month's Must Know Story is the familiar story of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The story tells of a man who is mugged on the road and rescued by a Samaritan. Jesus tells this story in answer to a lawyer's question, 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' or 'What must I do to go to heaven?' Jesus responds by calling for a life of total love towards God and neighbour. The lawyer responds with another question, 'and who is my neighbour?' to which Jesus answers with this story. The story tells of a dangerous journey between Jerusalem and Jericho. The plight of the man and the indifference of the priest and Levite would horrify Jesus' hearers. They assumed the hero of the story would be an ordinary Jew. Yet Jesus presents the Samaritan, a sworn enemy of the Jews, as a model of integrity and an example to follow. The challenge of the story is that often our neighbour can be our worst enemy, yet these are the people that we are called to love as ourselves. Of course, all of us will be able to think of people who are Samaritans in our lives i.e. those we try to avoid and don't want to help. If we are honest, we know that we do not have it in ourselves to love as Jesus says here. We need somebody who will be a Good Samaritan to us, to rescue us and enable us to love others as ourselves. Jesus is our Good Samaritan. 'By depicting a Samaritan helping a Jew, Jesus could not have found a more forceful way to say that anyone at all in need - regardless of race, politics, class, and religion - is your neighbour.'

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

Bring to God our local hospitals and their patients, that they may find strength and comfort, and their families and friends who are anxious for them. Pray for the medical staff who tend them day and night and for the administrators who are responsible for the smooth running of the hospitals. Mention the prisoners at Long Lartin prison, that the time there may be spent beneficially. Pray too for your near neighbours in their various needs as they are known to you and give thanks for their friendship that brightens our everyday life. Ask that the Holy Spirit may be worth the young people of our area who are getting to know the world of work, another step into adulthood.

*I will bless the Lord at all times.*

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### **Leap year – when women can propose to men**

An old Irish legend tells how it was St Brigid who first struck a deal with St Patrick to allow women to propose to men every four years. The arrangement was meant to 'balance' the traditional roles of men and women in a similar way to how Leap Day balances our calendar.

# **The Story behind the Hymn: Who Would True Valour See**

*Written by John Bunyan*

Who would true valour see, Let him come hither; One here will constant be, Come wind, come weather. There's no discouragement Shall make him once relent His first avowed intent To be a pilgrim. Who so beset him round With dismal stories, Do but themselves confound; His strength the more is. No lion can him fright, He'll with the giant fight, But he will have a right To be a pilgrim. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend Can daunt his spirit; He knows he at the end Shall life inherit. Then fancies fly away; He'll fear not what men say; He'll labour night and day To be a pilgrim. By John Bunyan (1628-88) John Bunyan wrote these words while a prisoner in Bedford jail. They appeared as a poem in his great work, *The Pilgrim's Progress*. He would have been astonished to learn that his poem would ever go on to become a well-loved hymn. What was Bunyan doing in jail? He had got caught up in the religious/political tensions of the times, and suffered for it. John Bunyan was born in 1628, only a few years after the Pilgrim Fathers fled England for America, and religious freedom. Those were troubled times in England, with great tensions between King Charles and the Royalists, who were Catholic and believed in the divine right of kings, and the Parliament, as represented by Cromwell and the Roundheads. Bunyan had been brought up a Roundhead, and even became a soldier for a while in Cromwell's army. When another soldier died in his place, Bunyan was stricken with grief, and went on to become a committed Christian. After the Restoration of the monarchy and the Established Church in 1660, Bunyan was viewed with suspicion as a Puritan sympathiser. He was ordered to stop preaching in public, but refused. He was convicted and altogether spent 12 years in prison. They turned out to be the most fruitful years of his life, for he took up the pen, and in the end reached far more people than he could ever have done by preaching locally. The poem appears in *Pilgrim's Progress* at the point where Christiania and her four sons meet and help Mr Valiant-for-Truth on the road. They wash his wounds, give him food and drink, and learn his story. Mr Valiant-for-Truth was on his way from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. He relates the obstacles and battles along the way, and then launches into 'Who would true valour see...' The poem/hymn has been praised as 'calculated to inspire the most doubtful spirit; the most disconsolate soul and to rekindle the fire of zeal and enthusiasm for the pilgrim journey.' ... it was born out of Bunyan's own struggle... to be a pilgrim.' And it is the same faith, in the same Lord, and the same journey, that keeps millions of Christians in the Persecuted Church of today strong and looking forward... to the Celestial City!

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## St Andrew's Fellowship – 12 January 2015

After beginning the meeting with the fellowship prayer we immediately went into the AGM.

All of the committee agreed to carry on and were duly voted in. Shirley Lynch (Treasurer) gave her report and collected subscriptions, which remain at £15.00 per annum. She also took deposits for the forthcoming Christmas lunch at the Northwick Arms on 26 January. All business completed we then proceeded with the rest of the afternoon.

John had prepared a quiz based around Christmas and although we would have liked to carry on, we decided to stop as there was a full programme to enjoy.

Rachel Evans, from The Vale of Evesham School, was welcomed by the Chairperson, who then presented her with a cheque for £450.00. This was the amount raised by the fellowship throughout last year for our Charity. Rachel gave a short "thank you" before joining members for Tea.

The tea was highlighted by a birthday cake and rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Jean Gersham who was celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> year.

The speaker for the next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February will be Andy Green, talking about his life as a Policeman.

Meetings are held at the Guide & Scout Hall next to the Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2pm. For further information please ring 01386 49161

*Jenny Perkins*

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## National Nest Box Week

NNBW takes place each year from 14-21 February, and after more than 15 years it is now an established part of the ornithological calendar.

NNBW aims to encourage everyone to put up nest boxes in their local area in order to promote and enhance biodiversity and conservation of our breeding birds and wildlife.

Whether you're a family with space for a box in your garden, a teacher, a member of a local wildlife group, or you belong to a bird club and could organise a work party, National Nest Box Week gives you the chance to contribute to the conservation effort in the UK whilst giving you the pleasure of observing any breeding birds that you attract to your garden.

**Why take part?** Natural nest sites for birds such as holes in trees or old buildings are disappearing fast as gardens are 'tidied' and old houses are repaired.

<http://www.bto.org/about-birds/nnbw>

## Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

**Shrove Tuesday** is the day before Lent starts: the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins.

Today Shrove Tuesday is known to most as Pancake Day after the fried batter recipe traditionally eaten on this day. But there's more to Shrove Tuesday than pigging out on pancakes or taking part in a public pancake race. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots.

### **Penitence**

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of *shriving* that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shriving, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them.

**Shrove Tuesday** is a day of **celebration** as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent.

**Giving up foods: but not wasting them:** During Lent there are many foods that some Christians - historically and today - would not eat: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shriving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

**Lent** is the period of 40 days, which comes before **Easter** in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities. Nowadays many people give up a variety of things for lent. **What will you give up?**

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**“...From whose bourn no traveller returns...”** William Shakespeare

For many people Christmas has not been a happy time. Maybe they are mourning the loss of someone they loved or perhaps they are involved in caring for a family member or friend who is ill and facing death. Let us remember that for some this will have been their last Christmas ever. We look ahead into a new year which they know will be their last year.

Is this a gloomy thought? What do we believe or want to believe about death?

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross wrote "Death is simply a shedding of the physical body, like a butterfly coming out of a cocoon. It is a transition into a higher state of consciousness, where you continue to perceive, to understand, to laugh, to be able to grow, and the only thing you lose is something that you don't need any more, and that is your physical body".

Edith Sitwell wrote "Love is not changed by Death, and nothing is lost and all in the end is harvest".

Henry Scott Holland wrote "Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away to the next room. I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, That, we are still".

Bishop Charles Henry Brent wrote the poem 'The Sailing Ship' which followed the dying person, seen as a sailing ship, beyond the horizon of those watching and concluded with the words

*And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "She is gone",  
There are others who are watching her coming,  
And other voices take up a glad shout,  
"There she comes" – and that is dying.*

The service in 2014 in St Peter's church, Hinton, which celebrated the marriage of so many couples in this ancient building was well attended. Pictures were displayed and there was also an exhibition of some of the wedding finery. One couple opted to renew their vows too. During 2016 we hope to have a similar service when we remember all those dear ones buried in our churchyard.

**Watch out for details.**

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## **Sedgeberrow News**

We are looking forward to another successful year in 2016.

The Church was full for the Carol/Christingle Service, and the Crib Service was attended 200 adults and children. The children were very excited making the Crib, whilst the Nativity story told was by Charlie.

The next Bingo will be on Saturday 13 February at 8pm.

The next Coffee Morning is on Thursday 25 February at 10am at the Home of Roger and Judith Horton, 64 Main Street Sedgeberrow. There will be a Raffle and a Bring and Buy Stall.

The next Coffee morning in Church will be on Thursday 24 March at 10am

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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 one - 28 February 2016

Hampton Guide & Scout Hall from 2- 4pm

For further information contact Elaine Major

01386 446381 or 01386 40722

## **Events Update – February 2016**

St Andrew’s Tots	Tues	2 Feb 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Café Church	Tues	2 Feb 7pm	The Bear, Port St
SoulFood	Sun	7 Feb 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Mon	8 Feb 7pm for 7.30pm	All Saints
St Andrew’s Tots	Tues	9 Feb 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew’s Fellowship	Tues	9 Feb 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton WI	Thurs	11 Feb 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	13 Feb 10am - Noon	Hampton
Bingo	Sat	13 Feb 8pm	Sedgeberrow
SoulFood	Sun	14 Feb 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Mon	15 Feb 7pm for 7.30pm	All Saints
PCC Meeting	Wed	17 Feb 7.30pm	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	21 Feb 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Mon	22 Feb 7pm for 7.30pm	All Saints
St Andrew’s Tots	Tues	23 Feb 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	24 Feb 10am	Sedgeberrow
Double C’s Afternoon Tea	Sun.	28 Feb 2 – 4pm	Scout & Guide Hall
SoulFood	Sun	28 Feb 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Mon	29 Feb 7pm for 7.30pm	All Saints

## Hampton WI – January 2015

Winter has arrived at last, but there was a warm welcome from Ann Evans, our President, when we got together for our first meeting in 2016. We were delighted to have three new members and to welcome back Jenny Perkins, a former member, who has re-joined. In addition we were very pleased to welcome 3 visitors and hope they, too, might decide to join us on a permanent basis.

There were a few items of business and Ann drew our attention to various events in the Gold Book, including the annual Daffodil Evening organised by Fladbury WI in March and a Group Guided Walk around the Gas Street Basin District of Birmingham in June. There were also two birthday posies for members with birthdays in January.

There was no speaker and instead we enjoyed a General Knowledge Quiz compiled by Ann Evans, which got the grey matter working, plus some lucky guesses for some of the questions. The winning team comprised Jill Robinson, Chris Robertson and Pam Wills.

The competition, for an item beginning with 'B' was won by Jill Robinson with a very pretty handmade box. It was really pleasing to see so many entries, some of them very imaginative. One in particular – 'A Bear wearing a Bra made us smile' Following the main raffle Ann had organised an additional raffle, with a guaranteed winner per table, which was great fun, and it was then time for tea and home made cakes to round off a very enjoyable evening.

We are now looking forward to our meeting on 11 February, when Sara Lewis will give us tips on Organic and Ethical Beauty Therapy. The competition will be for an item beginning with 'C', so we had better get thinking of some ideas now. On the 24 February we will have our lunch at Broadway Golf Club, which is a lovely venue. Hopefully the weather will enable us to enjoy the view.

Our meetings are held at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. Visitors will be made very welcome.

If you fancy joining us for one of our meetings at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm, you would be made most welcome.

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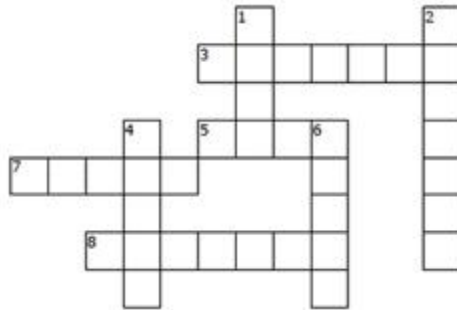
### **Prayers ... for those who have died**

For those who have died and all who mourn at this time, including Anthony Rusher, Lisa Martin, Marina Brereton, Arthur Knott, Neil Canning, Michael Collings, Frances Zicking, Philip Gibbons, George Mcilpatrick, Bernard Scaysbrook and Irene Williams.

*God will bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear him*

# Children's Page

## *Crossword Puzzle*



### ACROSS

3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
5. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
8. One who is employed to perform services for someone else

### DOWN

1. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
2. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H<sub>2</sub>O
6. To eat or drink a small amount

TASTE	SERVANT	WATER	MIRACLE
WEDDING	BEST	WINE	CHEAP

### *Multiple Choice Quiz*

- \_\_\_ 1. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife  
A. taste B. cheap C. wedding D. wine
- \_\_\_ 2. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes  
A. miracle B. servant C. wine D. best
- \_\_\_ 3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature  
A. best B. wedding C. servant D. miracle
- \_\_\_ 4. One who is employed to perform services for someone else  
A. wine B. servant C. water D. taste
- \_\_\_ 5. To eat or drink a small amount  
A. wine B. miracle C. cheap D. taste
- \_\_\_ 6. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H<sub>2</sub>O  
A. taste B. water C. best D. servant
- \_\_\_ 7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior  
A. servant B. water C. cheap D. wedding
- \_\_\_ 8. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others  
A. best B. wine C. wedding D. water



# St Andrew's CE First School

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The Spring Term began well with everyone returning to school refreshed after their Christmas break. This term is relatively short compared to last, but we have lots of exciting work and events planned as usual and will be packing in lots of exciting topic work happening enabling the children to learn through our rich and broad curriculum. Both Reception classes have been learning all about food, and will be cooking, baking and best of all....tasting! Sticking with the food theme, Year 1's topic is chocolate and children have been finding out how and where chocolate is grown and manufactured. 'Up, Up and Away' is Year 2's topic and to further enhance their understanding of how things fly and the history of air travel, they will be visiting the Midlands Aircraft Museum. Years 3 and 4 will be visiting the Worcester Museum as part of their topic work on 'World War Two'. Year 5 will be exploring what life was like for the Ancient Greeks, including the notion of Democracy and how the Olympic Games were back then compared to how they are now.

Our 'Open the Book' is developing under the new leadership of one of our staff volunteers, Lynne Hawley who is supported by Elaine Major. Children thoroughly enjoy this creative approach to learning the stories of the Bible, and we are now in our sixth year of production. If anyone could spare any time to assist with our Open the Book, please contact Elaine Major via the St Andrew's Church Office on 01386 446381 or email [office@hamptonchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@hamptonchurch.org.uk)

To encourage children to read at home and school, in January, we ran a school sponsored read. All the money raised will go towards brand new books for the school. All pupils who took part in this challenge received a book token to the value of half the money they raised, so not only does the school benefit from new books, each child can purchase a new book to take home with them.

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# SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

*“Reach for the Stars”*



*Happy New Year to everyone from Sedgeberrow School!*

During the Spring Term our association with Worcester Warriors Rugby Club continues this term with Community Coach, Dave Rogers, coming weekly to dispense an Aviva Tackling Numbers Session to our Year 4 class. Dave teaches a maths lesson with a rugby theme followed by a tag rugby P.E. lesson. This is a wonderful collaboration, which the children enjoy greatly. These children will also have an opportunity to show off their new skills during a tag rugby match taking place during the half time break of the Worcester Warriors v. Bath match on the 13 February.

Friends of Sedgeberrow School are organising a Race Night for parents on the 29 January at 7.30pm in the village hall, which promises to be lots of fun. The money raised will go towards our astro-turf project which we hope to complete in 2016, enabling the children to have an all-weather surface to take part in sport.

In February the children will fundraise for The Lunchbowl Network. This is a charity that sell soapstone hearts for £1 each with the profits going to feed orphaned and vulnerable children in the Kibera district of Nairobi. We are lucky to have Gerry from the charity come and take an assembly to help our children understand the poverty in which these children live and how they use the fundraising money to help alleviate the suffering.

Reception children are looking forward to a visit from Evesham Library staff who will share some books with them and teach them all about the library. They will also be dropping off a Booktime pack for each child in the class, which contains library information as well as free books to enjoy with their family.

As well as the many sports and arts clubs, an additional school club is running this term: 'J.A.M. – Jesus and Me' which is a worship group. The children in this group will, amongst other things, help to organise and lead a Christian assembly once a fortnight, which will include aspects of drama.

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## **Prayers ... for those who are unwell**

For the housebound, the sick and the elderly including Janet Bailey, Anna Ballard, Maureen Cauldwell, Sarah Clements, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Richie Edwards, Monica Garston, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Margaret Goodman, Sue Jones, Lewis Langston, Clifford Lewis, Jackie Newbury, Nina Lippett, Janice Sinclair and Cyril Westwood as well as others known to us personally.

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## Services for February 2016

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>7 February – Sunday next before Lent - Quinquagesima</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Exodus 34:29-end, 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2, Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]			
<b>10 February – Ash Wednesday</b>			
	10am	Holy Communion with Ashing	Hampton
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	Hampton
<b>14 February – First Sunday of Lent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	6pm	Holy Communion	Hinton
Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13			
Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>21 February – Second Sunday of Lent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18, Philippians 3:17 – 4:1, Luke 13:31-end			
Wednesday 24	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>28 February – Third Sunday of Lent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	11.15am	All Age Worship	Hinton
Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9			

## Services for March 2016

Wednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>6 March – Mothering Sunday</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
	11am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	3pm	Holy 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 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton