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## THE HERALD



*'For unto us a child is born'*

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and Hinton on the Green

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## Prayers ... for the Church

*Give praise, you servants of the Lord*

As we prepare throughout the month for the coming of the great Feast of the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, give thanks for the universal church and the blessings that it brings us. On Christmas Day give thanks for the joy we are sharing with Christians everywhere. Remember too those who are less fortunate in the good things of life and pray that better days may come to them. On 26<sup>th</sup>, the Festival of Saint Stephen, give thanks for his martyrdom and for all who have made this sacrifice for their faith; on 27<sup>th</sup> give thanks for the life and Gospel of Saint John; on 28<sup>th</sup>, the Festival of the Holy Innocents, pray for children everywhere that they may know happiness and safety.

## Prayers ... for the World

As a New Year dawns, bring to God those areas of the world which are torn by the suffering of conflict that the people may be freed to enjoy the happiness and well-being that they deserve. Pray too for the oppressors that their hearts may be softened and their minds opened to our common, universal humanity. Pray for refugees that they may find new homes or a happy return to those homes which they have been driven from. Pray for the people world-wide who work to bring the benefits of education to those lands where it is a rare gift. Ask God to bless families everywhere that they may enjoy the love and security of living together.

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## **A Letter from the Bishop of Dudley Creating a Manger in our Lives.**

A fable from my childhood came to mind recently. It went something like this:  
In the carpenter's shop the tools were tetchy.

"Brother Hammer, you're too noisy."

"Me? Brother Plane's work is all superficial. No depth."

"Me? Brother Tape Measure is always telling others what to do, measuring us all by his own standards."

"Me? It's Brother Screwdriver who drives us all crazy going round in circles."

"Me? Sister Sandpaper always rubbing the wrong way."

"Me? Sister Saw goes back and forth endlessly."

Then the footsteps of the carpenter could be heard and the bickering ceased. When he entered the shop, he put on his apron, went to his bench, and picked up Brother Tape Measure, then Brother Plane, then Brother Hammer and Sister Screwdriver, then Sister Saw, and lastly Sister Sandpaper, whom he used to smooth all the rough edges of the manger he had made. A manger for a herd of animals to snuffle their noses in so as to find the oats in the bleak midwinter.

Perhaps through the season of Advent we should make a manger in our lives, being guided by he who learnt these skills in a Nazareth workshop.

Measure where we are in relation to he who gave the length of his.

Plane away the places where forgiveness is needed.

Hammer against the injustices of the world and screw together the fragments in need of reconciliation.

Saw away the dead branches that need to be pruned so that we might grow.

Sand the rough edges of our tongues, our thoughts, our lack of generosity.

In such a way we respond to the invitation "come let us walk in the light of the Lord" and Jesus is laid again in the manger of our lives and our communities.

From the manger he looks at us, and the whole world, with eyes of peace and forgiveness and love. Just as he will when others use their carpentry skills to fix a wooden beam to a tree outside a city wall.

Travel well this Advent in the company of the master carpenter and see again his most amazing creation, not in wood and nails, but in flesh and blood.



# Christmas Services

## Sunday 18 December

Holy Communion 8am - Hampton

All Age Worship 10am – Hampton

Carol and Christingle Service 11am - Sedgeberrow

Carol and Christingle Service – 4pm Hampton

## Christmas Eve

Crib Service – 3pm Hampton

Crib Service – 6pm Sedgeberrow

Christmas Eucharist – 11.30pm Hampton

Christmas Eucharist – 11.30pm Sedgeberrow

## Christmas Day

Holy Communion – 8am Hampton

All Age Worship – 10am Hampton



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## Fairfield Church

Fairfield Church holds a Communion Service on the first Sunday of every month. The service starts with a 10am community breakfast, and then a Minister leads us in a Eucharist service.

Fairfield Church is a relaxed and informal act of Cafe style worship every week at St. Andrew's Centre, Mayfair. WR11 1JJ

Contact Sarah Hewitt 07456 549969 for further information.



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## Bear and Carols at the Fairfield Pub

Saturday 17 December

Join us from 4pm to 6pm

Contact Sarah Hewitt 07456 549969 for further information.



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## Asum Group Mince Pie Giveaway

Saturday morning 3 December Bridge Street, Evesham at 10.30am

Outside Sue Ryder Charity Shop

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



## **Traditions of Christmas Bells**

Bells, especially Church Bells, have traditionally been associated with Christmas for a long time. In the Anglican and Catholic churches, the church day starts at sunset, so any service after that is the first service of the day. So a service on Christmas Eve after sunset is traditionally the first service of Christmas day! In churches that have a Bell or Bells, They are often rung to signal the start of this service.

In some churches in the UK, it is traditional that the largest bell in the church is rung four times in the hour before midnight and then at midnight all the bells are rung in celebration.

In the Catholic Church, Christmas and Easter are the only times that Mass is allowed to be held at Midnight. It's traditional that at both midnight Masses, the church and altar bells too in many cases are rung while the Priest says the "Gloria" (Gloria in excelsis Deo).

Having a Mass at Midnight at Christmas dates back to the early church, when it was believed that Jesus was born at midnight, although there has never been any proof of this! A lot of Churches have midnight services on Christmas Eve, although not every church will have a mass or communion as part of the service.

In many Catholic countries such as France, Spain and Italy, the midnight mass service is very important and everyone tries to go to a service.

In Victorian times, it was very fashionable to go carol singing with small handbells to play the tune of the carol. Sometimes there would only be the bells and no singing! Handbell ringing is still popular today.

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

For the housebound, the sick and the elderly: Janet Bailey, Maureen Cauldwell, Brenda Clarke, Sarah Clements, Grace Dolphin, Margaret Goodman, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, Nina Lippett, Patrick Newbury, Janice Sinclair, Jessie Webb, Cyril Westwood, Beryl Wood, Michael Wood and David Thomas, 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:

Doreen Grove, John Payne, 'Ted' Phillips, Andy Hughes, Hubert Martin, Dennis Winnett, Betty James, Jean Adams, Steven Hawker, Kenneth Bowell, Martina Smith, Geoffrey Lampitt and Wendy Protherough

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

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## **Boxing Day - the Day after Christmas!**

Boxing Day takes place on December 26th and is only celebrated in a few countries; mainly ones historically connected to the UK (such as Australia, South Africa and New Zealand) and in many European countries. In Germany it is known as "Zweite Feiertag" (which means 'second celebration') and also "Zweiter Weihnachtsfeiertag" which translates as Boxing Day (although it doesn't literally mean that)!

It was started in the UK about 800 years ago, during the Middle Ages. It was the day when the alms box, collection boxes for the poor often kept in churches, were traditionally opened and the contents distributed. Some churches still open these boxes on Boxing Day.

It might have been the Romans that first brought this type of collecting box to the UK, but they used them to collect money for the betting games, which they played during their winter celebrations! In Holland, some collection boxes were made out of a rough pottery called 'earthenware' and were shaped like pigs. Perhaps this is where we get the term 'Piggy Bank'!

The Christmas Carol, Good King Wenceslas, is set on Boxing Day and is about a King in the Middle Ages who brings food to a poor family.

It was also traditional that servants got the day off to celebrate Christmas with their families on Boxing Day. Before World War II, it was common for working people (such as milkmen and butchers) to travel round their delivery places and collect their Christmas box or tip. This tradition has now mostly stopped and any Christmas tips, given to people such as postal workers and newspaper delivery children, are not normally given or collected on Boxing Day.

Boxing Day has now become another public holiday in countries such as the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. It is also the traditional day that Pantomimes started to play.

The 26th December is also St. Stephen's Day. Just to confuse things, there are two St. Stephens in history! The first St. Stephen was a very early follower of Jesus and was the first Christian Martyr (a person who dies for their religious beliefs). He was stoned to death by Jews who didn't believe in Jesus.

The second St. Stephen was a Missionary, in Sweden, in the 800s. He loved all animals but particularly horses (perhaps why there is traditionally horse racing on boxing day). He was also a martyr and was killed by pagans in Sweden. In Germany there was a tradition that horses would be ridden around the inside of the church during the St. Stephen's Day service!

St. Stephen's Day (or 'the feast of Stephen') is when the Carol 'Good King Wenceslas' is set. It's about helping the poor - so it has a strong connection to Boxing Day.

## Weekly Giving Envelopes – Message from Shirley Lynch

It is that time of year again when I need to prepare the Weekly Giving Envelopes ready for next year, and we give a big thank you to everyone who has donated in any way over the past year.

Giving on a regular basis is very important, not only as a Stewardship discipline for ourselves as Christians, but also it means that the Church has a regular income and our Treasurer can pay the bills to keep the Church running.

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**Gift Aiding** is also important as it means that we can claim back from the Government 25p for every £1 donated, but the donor must be paying enough **INCOME TAX** (VAT and Council Tax must not be taken into account) to cover the amount

to be reclaimed. Please would all of you donating through Gift Aid check that your donations are covered by your Income Tax payments, and let me know if this is not the case; we will be required to pay the money back, if not. Most of the members of our congregation are pensioners, and, as we are all too well aware, circumstances can change and this is one thing that we probably wouldn't think about.

At the present time we are also allowed to claim back Gift Aid on small cash donations made at services and on monies donated in the privacy envelopes as long as it is not more than £20 at any one time, and not in the form of a cheque.

If there is anyone out there who would like to join either the Gift Aid or the Privacy scheme, please do contact me, you don't need to be a member of the congregation. Unfortunately there are many people in the community who for one reason or another are not be able to come to church anymore, but still appreciate the Services that the church offers. We are very happy for people to donate by Standing Order as this is another source of regular income for the church and there are a number of people who already do this.

Thank you also to all those who give so much of their time, whether it is cleaning the silver and brass, arranging the flowers, singing in the choir, playing the organ, keeping the Church clean, reading, intercessing, being a Verger, Server or Communion Assistant, bell ringer, Sidesman, Churchwarden or PCC member - the list goes on, but it is all part of our giving and Christian Stewardship.

Please contact me if you have any queries or you want to make a change to your giving Scheme.

*Shirley Lynch*

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# St Andrew's Fundraising Committee

## Christmas is nearly here!

St. Andrew's Church will be supporting St Andrew's School by having a stall at their Christmas Fayre on Friday 2 December 3pm  
Please come along and support the school and the church



## St Andrew's Tots Group

St Andrews tots are having their Christmas Party on the morning of the 13 December from 10:00 until 12:00. Entrance to the party is by ticket only. We are selling tickets for our party, so that we can be sure Father Christmas knows your child is going to attend.

Tots group met every Tuesday and is free to all children under five with their parents or carers. It is a church run concern set up to serve our community 🧑🏻

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## Mincemeat and Marzipan Teabread

200g self raising flour  
100g butter  
85g light muscovado sugar  
85g marzipan, cut in to cubes  
2 eggs  
300g mincemeat  
2tbsp flaked almonds



- Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles fine crumbs.
  - Stir in sugar and marzipan
  - In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs and stir in the mincemeat.
  - Add to the flour mixture and combine together
  - Spoon into a greased and lined 2lb loaf tin, smooth the top and sprinkle with the flaked almonds
  - Bake for 1 hour until risen and golden
  - Allow to cool in tin for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool
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## **Celebrate Christingle this festive season**

With Advent and Christmastide fast approaching, celebrating Christingle is the perfect opportunity to involve your friends, family and community together in worship and spread hope to children and families throughout the UK. The orange, sweets and the candlelight in the dark all help engage children (and others!) in the Gospel at a time of year that can often lose its true meaning.



For many people, attending a Christingle service is one of their first experiences of church. These joyful services never fail to touch and inspire the hearts of all who attend, creating lasting memories that many cherish for years afterwards. If you've celebrated Christingle before, no doubt you will have your own memories of the fun and vibrancy these special services bring.

What's more, by being part of Christingle this year, you can join The Children's Society in its mission to change the lives of vulnerable children across the country who have no one to turn to. The funds raised at Christingle celebrations last year have already helped them provide support to more than 5,000 children and young people so far this year and together with your help they can do even more.

Now more than ever, children need people they can turn to during their most desperate moments. Whether they are a young carer, a refugee or at risk of sexual exploitation, all children need someone who is willing to listen to and support them.

Children like 17 year-old Marnie, who struggled with low self-esteem and feeling isolated. She says: 'My project worker from The Children's Society was there to support me, to be a friend, but most of all she built my confidence.' Marnie's story is just one example of the difference we can make when we work together.

And that's really what makes Christingle so special. By taking part in these heart-warming, uplifting celebrations this year you too can change the lives of children and families in our communities and those across the country, and help us in our mission to support disadvantaged children to have better lives.

### **Carol and Christingle Services in the Benefice**

Sunday 18 December 11am – Sedgeberrow and 4pm - Hampton

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## **Herald Subscription**

**This is due again in January, and will be the usual £3.00 for 11 copies. This can be handed to the person delivering your copy.**

## Sedgeberrow News

The Coffee Morning in October made £248 for Church Funds. The December Coffee Morning is on Friday 16 December at 10am. The Dean of Worcester will be present to launch the Vestry Project. The Church will also be open on Saturday 17 December. There will be no Coffee Morning in January.

The Christmas Trees will be decorated on 3 December, **NOT** 10 December. Please contact Ann Banks if you would like display one; we suggest trees 5 feet tall.

The Tree of Light for loved ones will be dedicated at 4pm on Sunday 4 December. A donation is requested of £5 for each light.

The Carol and Christingle Service will be on Sunday 18 December at 11am and the Crib Service on 24 December at 6pm. The Christmas Eucharist will be on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

There will be a Bingo session will be on 10 December at 8pm in the Village Hall

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

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

Bring to God the families of our area who will be spending Christmas together, that it may be a happy and refreshing time for them. Include in your prayers those who will be travelling to their celebrations, that their journeys may be safe and trouble free. Remember the patients who will be spending the holiday in our hospitals and for their families, friends and the staff who will be caring for them. Give thanks for the people who will be at work to keep all the services running for us. Ask God to be with anyone who will be lonely when their neighbours are celebrating.

*The Lord has been mindful of us and will bless us.*

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**Articles can be submitted by email to: [editor@hamptonchurch.org.uk](mailto:editor@hamptonchurch.org.uk)**

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

Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

## St Andrew's Fellowship – November 2016

At this month's meeting, we were due to have Jean Lewis to talk to us, but very sadly Jean passed away this year. We did not want to have another speaker in her place, so instead, we hit on the idea of having a 'show and tell' afternoon. It was suggested to the members that they might like to talk about something that means a lot to them, perhaps a place they have visited or a precious possession. As we went around the room, ten of us gave a short talk, and it turned out to be an interesting afternoon.

Members were reminded of the trip to Webb's Garden Centre on 22 November, leaving at 11.00am.

The Christmas Lunch was discussed, and it was decided that in January, we would go to the Plough and Harrow at Drakes Broughton.

The AGM will be on 10 January. Subs will remain at £15.00.

Our Christmas Party will be on 13 December, and members were asked to bring a plate of something sweet or savoury, and a present for the bran tub to the value of £3.00.

Meetings are held at Hampton Guide & Scout Hall next to St Andrew's Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2pm. We welcome men and women, churchgoers or not, but we do start our meetings with a short prayer.

For further information please ring 01386 49161

*Jenny Perkins*

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### *Christmas Concert*

**The Evesham Singers**

**with the Evesham Brass and Woodwind Ensemble  
and U3A Concert Band**

**Evesham Methodist Church**

**Saturday 3 December at 7.30pm**

**Tickets £5 - available at the Door**

**DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE EVESHAM  
SINGERS PERFORM THEIR FINAL CONCERT**

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

St Peter’s church in Hinton recently had a Service in Remembrance of those who are buried in our churchyard



This was a warm, reflective and much appreciated service. We have been asked to repeat it next year. Elaine preached a very relevant sermon reminding us that we were there to remember loved ones in a positive spirit of thanks for their lives. She had made some coloured leaves and these, together with a large tree branch, formed our Remembrance Tree. We wrote the names of the dear departed on the leaves and hung them on the tree. Everyone received a small candle to light at home in remembrance.

After the service other leaves were added in remembrance of other loved ones not buried here.

As usual we enjoyed tea, coffee and freshly baked cakes after the service, whilst we had a natter with friends and neighbours.

*The picture shows the Remembrance Tree in St Peter’s Church, Hinton on the Green.*



*An evening of music from the 80's  
Performed by the Pleasuredome*

*March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017, 7:30pm start @ Sedgeberrow Village Hall  
Tickets 7.50 - including ploughman buffet  
Bar and raffle*

Contact for tickets:

Kerrie Spurr – 07515881601

Clare Davis – 07814188077

Lisa James - 07866654923

## Hampton WI – November 2016

Find us on 

There was a good turnout for our November meeting, when we enjoyed a presentation from Marion Allen on Sugarcraft. First Marion gave us a brief history of the origins of the Christmas Cake, which began in the 16th century as a plum porridge, and was adapted over time by omitting the oats and adding flour, butter and eggs to make a cake. She went on to demonstrate how to roll, cut, put together and colour the icing to produce beautiful and delicate flowers and other types of decoration. She had brought along several cakes with examples of different decorations and has agreed to run a short training session for members who are interested in acquiring this skill. Marion made it look relatively easy of course. Read next month's Report to find out how we got on!

Following her talk, Marion judged the competition for 'Something beginning with 'P', which was won by Sheila Harris with a lovely pendant. It is good to see so many entries for the competition each month, often with some very imaginative items.

We have several outings to look forward to, including our bi-monthly lunch later this month at The Thatch Tavern in Honeybourne. Members were asked to select their choices from the menu provided by Broadway Golf Club for our lunch there in February – a lot of our outings do seem to involve eating! We also hope to pay a return visit to The Hive in Worcester sometime in January, to learn some local history in the archaeology department.

Next month we will enjoy our Christmas Social, and the bring and share buffet supper.

If you would like to join us at one of our meetings, do come along. We are always pleased to see visitors and you will be made very welcome. We meet in Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. For further information, please contact our Secretary, Joyce Davey on 01386 443755.

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### From the Registers – October 2016

#### Baptisms

2 October	David Van der Merwe	Hampton
2 October	Kenzo Ewart Ford	Hampton
16 October	Grace Lily McCormac	Sedgeberrow

#### Funerals

10 October	Doreen Groves	Cheltenham
27 October	Pamela Howells	Cheltenham

## Events Update – December 2016

SoulFood	Sun	4 Dec 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	6 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Café Church	Tues	6 Dec 7pm	The Bear, Port St
Hampton WI	Thurs	8 Dec 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	10 Dec 10am - Noon	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	11 Dec 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	13 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	13 Dec 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton PCC	Wed	14 Dec 7.30pm	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	18 Dec 6pm	All Saints
<b>No 2 C's Afternoon Tea in December</b>			
<b>2 C's Afternoon Tea</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>29 Jan 2pm – 4pm</b>	<b>Hampton</b>

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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 - **29 January 2017**

Hampton Guide & Scout Hall from 2- 4pm

For further information contact Elaine Major

01386 446381 or 01386 40722

# Children's Page - Bible Bite

## Bible Bite

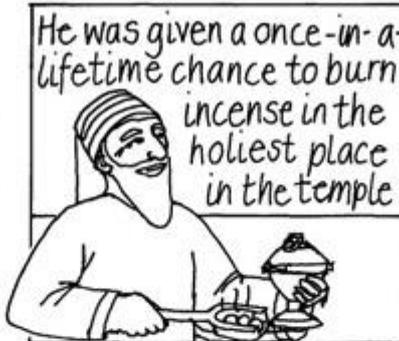
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke ch.1 verses 1-25 & 57-80

The Romans had invaded Israel and still ruled it. Zechariah and Elizabeth were an old childless couple living in the hill country.



It was Zechariah's turn for temple duty in Jerusalem.



He was given a once-in-a-lifetime chance to burn incense in the holiest place in the temple



As it burnt he prayed

Lord God, please rescue us, your people.



Then he saw the angel standing next to him



At our age that's not going to happen



you will be unable to speak until your son, John\*, is born

God has heard your prayer, and you will have a son.

To show you that God means what He says..

\*In Hebrew, 'John' is 'Yochanan' or 'God is gracious'



When Zechariah came out of the holy place..

What happened?



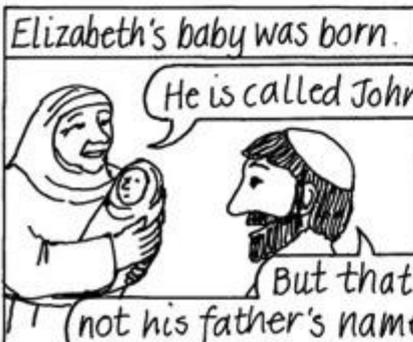
He went home and soon Elizabeth had good news

I'm pregnant!



Elizabeth's cousin Mary visited her...

but left before..



Elizabeth's baby was born.

He is called John

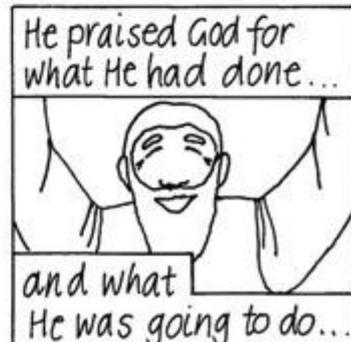
But that's not his father's name



Zechariah wrote...

His name is John

and could speak again.



He praised God for what He had done...

and what He was going to do...

# Christmas Quiz



1. According to the poem, 'The Night Before Christmas', how many reindeer did Santa have to pull his sleigh? Eight, nine or 10?
2. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
3. What is the name of the character in Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' who gets visited by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future?
4. A foreign city has donated a huge Christmas tree to the people of Britain every year since 1947, which is always displayed in Trafalgar Square. Which city is it? A) Munich B) Stockholm c) Oslo
5. How many days are there on a traditional advent calendar? 12, 24, 31?
6. In the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas' how many presents were there in total?
7. There are 365 days in a year. What number day is Christmas Day?
8. What is the last day of Christmas called?
9. What is 'Happy Christmas' in Spanish?
10. What's the name of the ballet traditionally performed around Christmas each year?
11. Stollen is a cake with fruit and marzipan, traditionally eaten at Christmas and originating from which country?
12. Who introduced the Christmas tree to the UK?
13. What is a female turkey called?
14. Which unusual ingredient did Victorian cooks use in mince pies?
15. If you're born on Christmas Day, what's your star sign?
16. Because of the time difference, do the people of Australia get to celebrate Christmas Day before we do in the UK, or after us?



**Answers on page 19**

# St Andrew's CE First School

*Successful learners. Success for life.*



The second half of our autumn term is well underway. In November, we were delighted to welcome our local MP for Mid Worcestershire, Mr Nigel Huddleston. He began his visit with a tour of our new, state-of-the-art, Key Stage 2 building before participating in a question and answer session with our Year 5 pupils. He then joined our Key Stage 2 pupils to observe a two minute silence to remember and honour those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and the British soldiers killed or injured since 1945. He also listened to pupil's poetic tributes to the fallen. It was moving for everyone to think of the reasons behind marking the day.



As Christmas quickly approaches, we are getting ready for our celebrations, with rehearsals for our Reception performance of 'It's a Baby' and Key Stage 1's performance, 'A Little Nativity'. Our Key Stage 2 pupils are working hard learning songs for their Christmas Carol Concert, which they will perform to parents and carers on 15th December at 6pm at St Andrew's Church.

We also look forward to our School Christmas Fete on Friday 2nd December at 3pm organised by the St Andrew's School Supporters' Association. Every year this event is extremely successful and enjoyed by the children, their families and the local community. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you would like a stall at the fete, please contact the office on 01386 41351. We look forward to seeing you there. Our term ends on 16th 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*

Also, if anyone has an hour or more to spare every week and would like to listen to children read, please contact the school office on 01386 41351.

Andrea Bailey - Headteacher

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# SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

*"Reach for the Stars"*



Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'. We are grateful for the harmony in our community and the sense of comfort and happiness that we are afforded. We remember those members of our armed forces who died in the line of duty. Thank you to the members of Broadway Royal British Legion who joined us for our Remembrance Day Assembly. Our Year 1 class made their own poppy wreaths and visited the War Memorial in Sedgeberrow to lay them.

The sporting successes of last year have continued with our KS2 football team winning the Bredon Moles Cluster Football tournament, which took place in November at the Evesham United Football Grounds. We are proud of the performance and also the attitude of our players. They were truly a credit to our school. The children have also been taking part in the Cotswold League Floorball tournament at Chipping Campden School and a Cross Country Event at Prince Henry's High School.



Events still to look forward to this term are the Talent Show, a Great Fire of London re-enactment on the playground, Robot Wars workshop for Year 3 and a GWSR Santa train ride for Year 1 and Year 2. The whole school will squeeze into St Mary the Virgin Church for a Service at the beginning of December.

Christmas Performances include the Reception class Nativity, KS1 Christmas Show 'Hey Ewe' and the KS2 Carol Concert at St Peter's Church, Bengeworth.

Friends of Sedgeberrow School will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre after school on Friday 25th November until 5pm. There will be the usual stalls and games as well as carol singers, a beauty parlour, pork baps and hotdogs and a Father Christmas Grotto. Raffle tickets are available to buy from the school office. Everyone is welcome!

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**Answers to the Christmas Quiz**

1. Eight
2. A coin
3. Ebenezer Scrooge
4. Oslo
5. 24
6. 364
7. 359
8. Twelfth Night
9. Feliz navidad
10. The Nutcracker
11. Germany
12. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert
13. Hen
14. Minced meat!
15. Capricorn
16. Before us

## Services for December 2016

<b>4 December – Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	4pm	Memorial Service	Sedgeberrow
Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12			

Wednesday 7      10am      Holy Communion      Hampton

<b>11 December – Third Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	11am	Family Worship	Sedgeberrow
	11.15am	Christingle & Crib Service	Hinton
Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11			

Wednesday 14      10am      Holy Communion      Hampton

<b>18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	11am	Carol and Christingle Service	Sedgeberrow
	4pm	Carol and Christingle Service	Hampton
	6pm	Carol Service	Hinton
Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25			

Wednesday 21      10am      Holy Communion      Hampton

<b>24 December – Christmas Eve</b>			
	3pm	Crib Service	Hampton
	6pm	Crib Service	Sedgeberrow
	11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hampton
	11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Sedgeberrow

Wednesday 28      10am      Holy Communion      Hampton

<b>25 December – Christmas Day</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, [5-12], John 1:1-14			

Wednesday 28      10am      Holy Communion      Hampton

## Services for January 2017

<b>1 January – Naming of Jesus</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Joint Asum Eucharist	All Saints
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton