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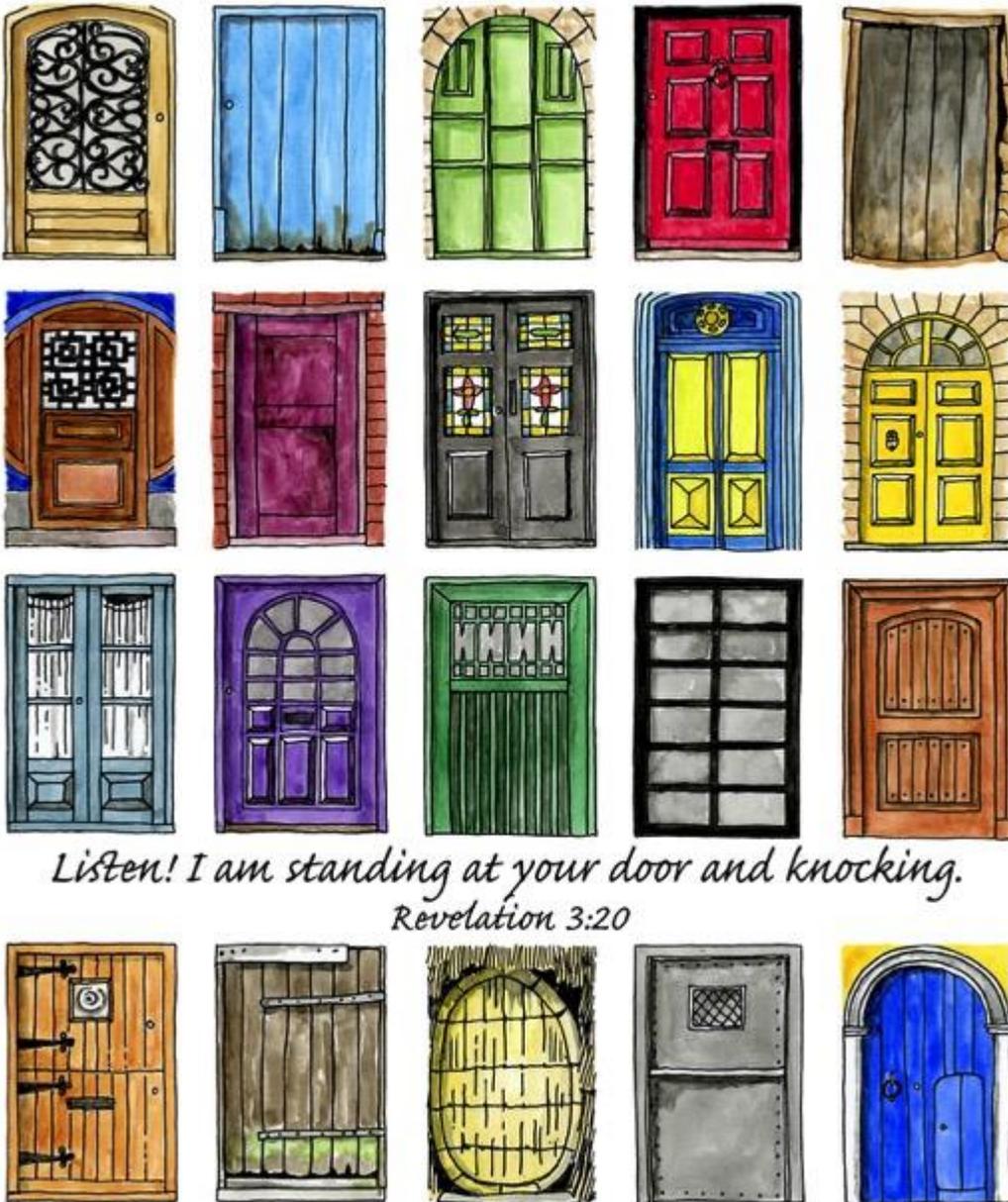


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Hinton on the Green

# THE HERALD



*Listen! I am standing at your door and knocking.  
Revelation 3:20*

The magazine of the Churches of  
Hampton, with Sedgeberrow  
and Hinton on the Green

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## Prayers ... for the Church

*I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me.*

Greet the New Year by giving thanks for the fellowship of Christians throughout the world and ask for a blessing of those in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands who will be the first to see the first of the New Year. On 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Epiphany, when the Magi did homage to the Child Jesus; join them in praise and thanks and pray for the people who will meet Jesus for the first time in their lives. Pray for the work of our leaders locally, the Clergy, Readers and everyone who takes on important tasks of organisation. On 25<sup>th</sup>, the Festival of the Conversion of Saint Paul, give thanks for his work and sacrifice. Bring to God the mission of the Asum group of parishes that we may work happily together to spread the Good News.

## Prayers ... for the World

As we enter a new year, we pray that the hopes that it brings to the world will become a reality. We include in our prayers the victims of violence throughout the world, oppressed by powerful countries or threatened at home and locally; may they find relief and the peace that is God's will for us all. Ask for his blessing on the people who continue to suffer from the effects of the earthquakes of last year and on the children of the world who are denied the security and opportunities that are their right. Pray for the work of the relief workers who seek to bring aid wherever it is needed.

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## **A Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley**

It is the time for new year's resolutions again. I wonder if you have made any, and whether if so, they have been broken already! Last year I resolved to lose weight, regain my fitness, and train to run a 10k, which I hadn't done for a few years. I'm proud to say I did it! As the pounds fell off, I completed the Worcester City 10k in September, and knocked seven whole minutes off my personal best. An enjoyable achievement, but one for which I had to work very, very hard.

Resolutions about health and exercise are good to make and keep, but even more important is maintaining our spiritual health, our journey of discipleship. In the letter to the Hebrews we read,

"... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Just as we can only run a physical 10k if we train for it, we can only run the race set before us spiritually if we exercise spiritual discipline. The new year is a good time for a spiritual health check, and an opportunity to resolve to build some good training patterns. To strengthen our discipleship muscles, we may wish to commit to reading a Bible passage each day, and meditating on it, using notes, a commentary, or one of the wide range of apps now available. We might try a new pattern of prayer – perhaps lighting a candle for an allocated time each day in a regular place, creating space to encounter God, or booking in a quiet day or retreat at Mucknell Abbey or Glasshampton Monastery. It might even be a good time to find a 'training partner' with whom you can pray, or join a group in your church seeking to grow together.

In this season of new beginnings, let's commit to run our race with perseverance, knowing we have Jesus as our coach and Personal Trainer.

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## **Plough Sunday – Service at St Peter's Church, Hinton** **Sunday 8 January at 11.15am**

This service traditionally took place on the First Sunday of Epiphany and goes back to Victorian times, but behind it there is a much older observance, associated with the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas ('Plough Monday'). In medieval times some ploughs were kept in the parish church, and some churches kept a 'plough-light'. In days when work was scarce in winter, the observance looked forward to the time of sowing with the promise of a harvest to come. Some Christian communities have reintroduced it as a focus for asking a blessing on human labour near the start of the calendar year.

In some rural areas, it is common for local farmers to attend the service with their [tractors](#) - both new and old.

# From Hibernation to Revival!

After a few dormant years, **Asum Group Council** is back. Representatives from our six churches are committed to take regular counsel together again. But why? Isn't this 'just another meeting' that we don't really need??

Well, our starting point must be that God has called us together in a Group Ministry – on purpose. We know that our six churches and their communities each have very different resources and opportunities – and each church has to work out how to serve God and the people he loves in its own context. But we also recognise that there are some things we can do better together than we can do on our own. And sometimes, the Holy Spirit speaks to us best when we are 'all together in one place'. We remember how the disciples were all praying as one on the Day of Pentecost when the Spirit came to direct and enthuse them for their new mission and ministry in Jesus' name (see Acts chapter 2).

So the Group Council is an important opportunity for us to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches, and then supporting each other as we try to respond. And with our Group Missioner, Sarah Hewitt, in the Asum mix (and chairing the Council), we are keen to be able to imagine ideas and possibilities that might not otherwise get aired.

## Getting Started

At our first meeting, back in September, it became clear that, not only did we not know one another's names, but we also had little idea of all the things our churches



are doing. So, it was decided to provide all members of our churches with a 'Prayer Directory' – which lists many of the initiatives we are taking between us for growth, nurture and mission. There is one for each day of the month, and we hope very much you will take a copy from your church and use it in your prayers.

'Try Praying'? see [www.trypraying.co.uk](http://www.trypraying.co.uk)

And, as it happens, the first shared 'idea' that is taking root in the Council is to do with prayer. 'Try Praying' is a national outreach initiative, which aims to help people who don't go to church to do just that – to try praying. We thought that we might earmark a month in 2017 in which to focus on this.



In addition, under this same headline, we began to think of all sorts of ways that our different churches might like to grow in the gift of prayer themselves. So we are asking each PCC to think about what initiatives might be helpful for their particular communities – perhaps to try praying in new ways. So watch this space...!

*Nick Wright* (Council Secretary)



# Fairfield Church

## All services start with breakfast.

1st Sunday - Communion

2nd to 4th Sundays - Community Worship

5th Sundays 'Bring and Share' Breakfast

(Jan 29, Apr 30, Jul 30, Dec 31, 2017)

### ***Fairfield Tuesdays***

**1st** - CaféChurch, The Bear, Port Street 7.30pm onwards

**2nd** - Home Group 7.45pm until 9pm (Fred and Noelle Beaumont)

**3rd** - Prayer & Planning 7.45pm until 9pm (Sarah and Neil Hewitt)

**4th** - Home Group 7.45pm until 9pm (Andy and Mandy Palmer)

Contact: Sarah Hewitt 07456 549969

**Cinema Trip** - Monthly trip to the cinema

Contact: Noelle Beaumont 07745 113006

### ***Saturday Sizzle and Share Men's Breakfast.***

Saturday Sizzle and Share is on the first Saturday of every month. Breakfast will start sizzling at 8.00am but if you are not an early riser feel free to come any time before 9.30 am. 7 January, 4 February, 4 March.

Contact: Fred Beaumont 07833 475309

### ***Book Club***

The next book club is on Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. We're reading Virginia Bailey's 'Early One Morning'. Book Club is an opportunity to get to know other women in the area, read a book and share refreshments, in the form of cake and wine. Contact: Noelle Beaumont 07745 113006

### ***First Friday Meals with friends***

Starts 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Sign up for Starter/Host/Desert

Someone hosts and cooks dinner; someone brings a starter or drinks; someone brings dessert. Contact: Sarah Hewitt 07456 549969

### ***Sewing Bee***

Friday 13 January 2017 10am to 12 pm followed by soup and a roll. Bring your own project or if you have never quilted before, come and learn. We would also like to donate some small quilts to the Linus Project who pass them on to vulnerable children.

**Mandy (446309) or Noelle (45310)**

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# 'Reconciliation'

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

### 18 to 25 January 2017



**Wednesday 18 noon**

**Methodist Church (including communion)**

**Thursday 19 10am**

**All Saints**

**Friday 20 1pm**

**Salvation Army**

**Saturday 22**

**No United Meeting, but churches are encouraged to spend time in prayer for Unity**

**Monday 23 Time 1pm**

**St Andrew's Hampton**

**Tuesday 24 1pm**

**Baptist Church**

**Wednesday 25 7.30pm**

**Vale of Evesham Christian Centre**

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## A Church Near You

Nearly 34,000 services and events have been added to this new website from the Church of England. 60% of our churches in the diocese have added their services.

Users can find out what is happening at their local church by typing in their postcode.

*Find a service near you!*

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com>



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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.**

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## Epiphany - 6 January

### Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.



Certainly in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

### What about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because he was King of the Jews, with frankincense because he was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because he would also become a sacrifice and die for his people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, his divinity or his sacrificial death. They worshipped him through faith in God's promises about him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!

The most bittersweet of the gifts, myrrh had been imported to Egypt in droves for embalming rituals, and the practice filtered out through the surrounding areas. Even without the mummification process, myrrh was connected with death and burial. This is perhaps a disheartening gift for a new mother to hold, yet beautiful in light of her understanding of his purpose.

But was that all the myrrh was for?

While the Middle Eastern regions used myrrh ceremonially, the Far East was using it for healing purposes. Ayurvedic medicine, which dates back thousands of years, used myrrh for wound healing, digestive health, and to balance women's issues. China used myrrh for similar purposes – wound healing and to slow bleeding.

It's worth noting that frankincense and myrrh together – both used in temple rituals – comprise a synergistic antimicrobial combination. While both the temple and Jesus' makeshift cradle were filled with aromatic substances, they were also fighting disease and protecting the inhabitants. What joy there is in seeing the beauty of God's design underscored with practical protective measures!

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

As the schools and colleges of our locality assemble for a new term, pray that their work will be enjoyable and progressive for the children, students, lecturers and parents. Bring to God the leaders and employees of our businesses, that they may be successful in their work. Pray for our homeless people that they may find accommodation and comfort. Mention the Fire and Rescue Services of our community in their important and sometimes dangerous work. Remember the new arrivals in our area, that they may find a welcome and settle happily into their new homes.

*I know that my redeemer liveth.*

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## Sedgeberrow News

We have had a very successful year with our coffee mornings. The one in November made £220 and in December £240 was raised.

The next coffee morning is at the home of Roger and Judith Horton in Main Street on 23 February at 10am.

The Bingo in December made £168. The next session will be on 11 February 2017.

The Church is looking very festive, with the Christmas trees and all decorations. Our thanks go to all who contributed.

The Tree of Light was dedicated on 4 December in memory of loved ones.

The Dean of Worcester came to Sedgeberrow on 16 December to launch the Community Room Project. A large number of interested people attended..

The Herald is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month prior to the publication date.

Items for inclusion should be received by 5th of the month prior to the publication date or by special agreement.

Articles are submitted on the understanding that they may be edited to fit the available space.

**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.

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## A calendar to colour in

Reach for your pencil case! Bible Society has launched a calendar of hand lettered Bible verses for you to colour in each month during 2017.

The calendar was designed by illustrator Emma Skerratt, who started hand lettering Bible verses to help her commit them to memory. She found that the actual act of lettering helped her reflect on the verse and ultimately, to remember it.

Perhaps colouring the verses will have the same effect for you – and give you something beautiful to enjoy. For details of how to get one, go to:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/christmas2016-col...>

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## St Andrew's Tots

The new term starts on Tuesday 10 January in the Scout and Guide Hall.

Tots group meets 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

# St Andrew's Fellowship – December 2016

St Andrew's Fellowship December 2016

As there was no Christmas Tree in the Hall this year, we tried to make it a little festive, with lights on the food table.

All members brought a plate of food to share, as well as a gift for the bran tub, (bearing in mind that if they didn't put one in, they couldn't take one out!).

The entertainment for the afternoon was a group of Scottish Dancers from Pershore, which was most enjoyable, and they joined us for Tea afterwards.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on 10 January, when subs will remain at £15. We will also discuss which organisation will benefit as our charity for 2017.

Also at the Christmas Party, the programme for the year ahead was given out to members.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year, and perhaps even a few new members. 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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## Peaceful New Year?

Probably not many of us have included 'peace and quiet' into our resolutions for 2017. Yet the World Health Organisation warns us that 40 per cent of Europeans are exposed to noise levels in excess of 55 decibels throughout each day. That is the level of a loud conversation, and 30 per cent of us have to put up with that same volume at night. Such a level will disturb sleep, raise blood pressure, and even increase the risk of heart disease.

Continual noise can make you ill. Even continually expecting noise or interference can make you ill. Living on the alert keeps you flooded with cortisol, which makes you feel twitchy, unable to focus, hyper-vigilant, and unable to carry out complicated tasks.

Modern life is a cacophony of attempts to distract you with all types of demands on your time. So why not include some regular times of 'peace and quiet' in your year ahead?



# Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

## *THANK YOU*

Hinton Parochial Church Council would like to make the following thanks for 2016:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events this year, you have all helped to see the completion of our Church Roof Repairs.

Thank you to our local companies for their continued support: Holdsworth Foods, Chris Tallis and HPC

Thank you to Hampton PCC, for helping us out in our hour of need, by loaning Hinton £5000 to help pay for our Roof Repairs. I am pleased to report, that this has now been paid back in full

Thank you to Rosemary and David Cross for their continued support and for all the hard work they put in to keeping our Churchyard looking so beautiful.

Thank you to all the Churchyard Mowers for keeping the grass looking fabulous.

Thank you to Childswickham PCC and Villagers for their continued support, especially Eric Watts for always advertising our events in the Village News Magazine.

And to end, thanks to Mark, John and Elaine for always adapting to our service requests and supporting us in all our decisions.



**St Peters trip to the Bath Christmas Market** was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We're looking at making this an annual event.

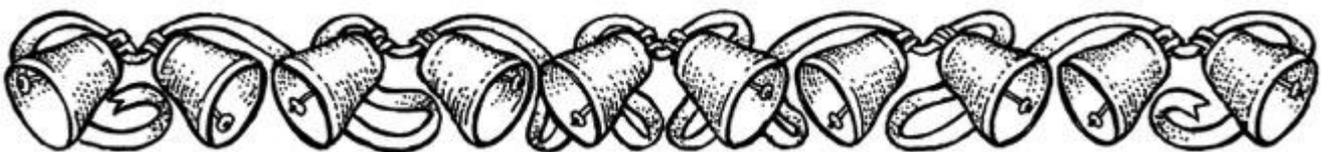
### **What's Next?**

Our fundraising starts again for stage 2 of our long term plan. We are now looking to turn our church into a multi-purpose building by putting in a much-needed toilet and kitchenette.

### **Can you help?**

During the last weekend of February we will be pollarding the avenue of Lime Trees at the front of the Church and also some light gardening. We last did this in 2012 and it was great fun, albeit hard work. We need as many hands as possible to get this completed in one weekend. So if you can help please keep that weekend free and speak with any member of Hinton PCC to offer you help.

## *HAPPY NEW YEAR*



## Burns Night – 25 January

### Why not try making Haggis and Whisky Rolls?

Line a baking sheet with baking parchment

#### Ingredients

1 pack of ready-made puff pastry

30ml/2 tablespoons whisky

500g haggis, or 2 Macsween game haggis

1 egg, beaten with a pinch of salt

Preheat the oven to 425F/220C/Gas 7.

#### Method

Remove the haggis from the casing and lightly mash it to loosen the texture. Roll the pastry on a floured worktop to make one large square, 30cm x 30cm (12in x 12in) and ½ cm thickness. Cut the pastry square in half to make 2 rectangles.

Spoon half of the haggis down the length of each rectangle, positioned along the edge. Snip the edge of the opposite edge of pastry. Brush the still exposed pastry with egg wash and roll up the pastry so the haggis is snug inside it. Brush the whole roll with egg wash and repeat with the other side.

Place each roll on the baking sheet. Bake for 15-25 minutes or until golden. Remove from the oven, slice and serve warm.



*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 – December 2016

Find us on 

Already it's December! Last week, when we met for our Christmas Social, the President, Ann Evans, ensured that business was kept to a minimum.

Our charity collection this year was for the local Adventure Playground, and to this was added the £35 raised from the book table sales during the year. The bi-monthly lunches are well supported and on 20 January the venue will be the Evesham Hotel. There was also information and sign-up sheets for other outings in the Gold Book. Members were asked to read the section in last month's WI Life magazine, concerning the selection of a Resolution to be voted on at next year's Annual Meeting, so that this could be discussed next month. Finally, programmes for 2017 were issued, from which we saw that there are many interesting evenings to look forward to.

Then it was time to relax and this year we returned to our popular 'Bring and Share' buffet. The table was full and there was a variety of choice, catering for all tastes, both savoury and sweet. In particular our members always manage to produce some delicious puddings. Ann Evans had made some seasonal table arrangements, which added to the festive feel and these were later presented in lieu of Birthday Posies, to several members. The evening concluded with the distribution of the presents from the Bran Tub.

On 12 January we will open the year with a social evening, and Alison Hewitt will join us to talk briefly about fundraising for the Breast Unit in Worcester.

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 – November 2016

#### Baptisms

20 Nov	Libby Jane Ballingall	Hampton
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#### Funerals

1 Nov	Edward 'Ted' Phillips	Hampton
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8 Nov	Steven Hawker	Hampton
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## Events Update – January 2017

SoulFood	Sun	1 Jan 6pm	All Saints
Café Church	Tues	3 Jan 7pm	The Bear, Port St
SoulFood	Sun	8 Jan 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	10 Jan 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	10 Jan 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton WI	Thurs	12 Jan 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	14 Jan 10am - Noon	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	15 Jan 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	17 Jan 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Standing Committee	Wed	18 Jan 7.30pm	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	22 Jan 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	24 Jan 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	26 Jan 10am – 12 noon	Sedgeberrow
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	29 Jan 2pm – 4pm	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	29 Jan 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	31 Jan 9am	Scout & Guide Hall

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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  
Genesis 12:1-9, 17:1-22, 18:1-15, 21:1-7

About 6000 years ago, God told Abram and his wife Sarai to leave their home and go to a new land that He would give them

This land will belong to your family, but not yet



But Sarai and I cannot have children

and I am changing your names to Abraham and Sarah



'Abraham' means 'Father of many'  
'Sarah' means 'Princess'

You and Sarah will have a son, Isaac



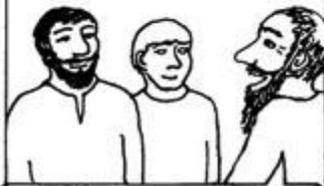
We are too old to have children. Ha ha ha!

It was noon, and everyone was resting from the heat...



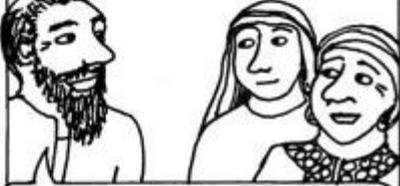
When Abraham saw three men coming to his tents.

He recognised the Lord



Please stay and have something to eat.

He ran to tell everyone



Quick, we need a feast cooked for special guests

Sarah was in the tent, listening

By this time next year, you will have a son



At our age?  
Ha ha ha!

Why did Sarah laugh?



I didn't laugh



Yes, you did.

Soon afterwards...



I'm pregnant!

Sarah and Abraham's baby boy was born



I'm so happy, I can't stop laughing

They called him 'Isaac' which means 'laughter'



Ha ha ha! Ha ha ha!

## Children's Page - Wordsearch

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# St Andrew's CE First School

*Successful learners. Success for life.*



A Happy New Year to everyone and we do hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

Wow, December was extremely busy at St Andrew's. We were delighted that, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, our new Key Stage 2 building was officially opened by the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Revd Dr John Inge. It was a truly wonderful and momentous occasion.



Our School Supporters' Association (SASSA) organised a wonderful Christmas Fete last term, which raised a magnificent sum of £1,028.50. The fete was opened by the 'very in demand' St Andrewettes, who performed four beautiful songs. All money raised goes towards funding events and resources for the children of St Andrew's. They also put on a wonderful whole school party lunch for us to end the term with.

Our end-of-term events were extremely well attended. We had over 200 attendees at our Reception performance of 'It's a Baby' and over 320 parents and carers at our Key Stage 1 performances of 'A Little Nativity' during December, and we packed out St Andrew's Church for a wonderful Key Stage 2 Carol Service on 15th December.

We are now looking forward to an exciting new term and the New Year is always a special time in a school. At St Andrew's we celebrate the period of Epiphany by looking forward to new beginnings and the exciting times that lie ahead. We enter January offering several lunchtime and after school clubs to our pupils, including Karate, Tennis, Knitting Club, Singing Club and Learn Italian Club.

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.

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# SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

## *“Reach for the Stars”*



The children of Sedgeberrow School have once again amazed me with their captivating performances from the young Reception children with confidence way above their years, to the Year 1 and 2 with boundless energy and enthusiasm, and finally to our Key Stage 2 children who filled St Peter’s church with such joyful singing. At this time of year especially, I feel very privileged to work with children and to be able to enjoy the excitement of Christmas alongside them.



As we start the New Year, our school value changes from Peace to Love, and the school recognises the importance of this in our families, our school and church communities, the wider community and the world. Sedgeberrow School is really looking forward to taking part in iSing POP for the second time in February. iSing POP is Innervation Trust’s primary school singing and recording project. The children will have the opportunity to learn a specially written set of uplifting pop songs based on Christian values, record their very own album and perform a concert in St Peter’s Church, Bengeworth. All of the songs are written from a Christian perspective and cover important topics such as: Love, Thankfulness, Prayer, Friendship, Respect, Role Models, Caring for others, Social Justice and Forgiveness. It is a wonderful opportunity to bring all aspects of our community together through music.

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**Peggy Toney Horton**

## Services for January 2017

<b>1 January – The Baptism of Jesus</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Joint Asum Eucharist	All Saints
Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21			
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>8 January - Epiphany</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	11.15am	Plough Sunday Service	Hinton
Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12			
Wednesday 11	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>15 January – Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Communion	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	11am	Morning Worship	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42			
Wednesday 18	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>22 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23			
Wednesday 25	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>29 January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Bengeworth
1 Kings 17:8-16, 1 Corinthians 13:18-end, John 2:1-11			
Wednesday 28	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

## Services for February 2017

<b>5 February – Fourth Sunday before Lent</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Family Service	Hampton
	10am	Communion Service	Fairfield