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Prayers ... for the Worldwide Church

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

There is much to commemorate during April. On Palm Sunday (9th) we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem; join this journey in your prayers. Good Friday (14th) marks the self-sacrifice of Jesus to bring about the redemption of us all. Easter Day (14th) brings the triumph of Jesus over death; give thanks for this victory and for all that it means to us. Pray for our country, England, on Saint George's Day (23rd) and on Saint Mark's day (25th) give thanks for his Gospel. At this time of great joy bring to God all who lead us in the music of our worship. Give thanks for the service of our Eucharistic Ministers and pray for the congregations of our two churches dedicated to Saint Peter at Hinton and Bengeworth.

Prayers ... for the World

Ask God to bless schools throughout the world and especially those in underprivileged countries, the pupils, students and the teachers who lack the facilities of our developed world. Pray for medical missionaries who cheerfully choose to serve in the most difficult circumstances. Include in your prayers the people of China, especially for those who do not enjoy the good things in life. Pray for the refugees who are driven from their homes to depend on the kindness of those of us who have sufficiency and more. Ask God to be with the United Nations Organisation in its work to bring aid to so many areas of the world.

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Letter from Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester

I recently attended one of the so-called Way Stations of the Reformation. This is a roving exhibition commemorating the Reformation, surprisingly on a bus, which is being sent from Germany around over sixty different significant cities in Europe, returning there for the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther in October later this year. The theme of the Way Station was Reformation: Then and Now.

The question being asked was what needed reforming back then in the sixteenth century, and was that, in a sense, 'job done' for ever. If not, what needs reforming today if the Church is to be *semper reformanda*, always reforming. In others words, did enough change already happen back then, or is it something we live with constantly. Thinking back to the recent General Synod it is clear that this debate is still alive and well.

Martin Luther was a German monk. When he decided to challenge what he saw as shortcomings, even betrayals, of the gospel in the church, he never intended to create a new church. He wanted to heal it and take it back to its roots. With the sale of indulgences he saw the danger of clergy become merchants of grace, grace itself becoming some sort of commodity which could be acquired. So his conclusion was that it's all about grace, God's free gift, because that is what God is like.

He soon discovered all sorts of unintended consequences in his Reformation. It is easier to set off events, rather than stop or control them. His Reformation reminded the church of the primacy of God's grace revealed in Scripture, but it marked years of division and even war, and the raising of destructive human passions where Christians could not even see each other as belonging to the same Church.

It is easy to divide, but it is harder to reconcile. So we may, like Luther, get the basic message right, but we need to return constantly to what that message means as it works out in practice. You could say that it has taken the churches 500 years to get back to the position of recognising that they belong in the same church. This is why the archbishop of Canterbury keeps going on about learning the art of good disagreement – church history contains too many examples of the bad.

We are firmly placed in this world but are fired by a vision of another world. We live on earth, but seek the kingdom of heaven. This other-worldliness must not lead us astray into ways of behaviour, which actually deny the nature of Christ we are called to imitate. In that sense we are always in need of reform, *semper reformanda*, the good news being that our God is always the same: He loves us anyway.

Asum Group Bulletin – March 2017

Asum Group Prayer Directory

Have you picked up your copy yet? For each day of the month, there is one of our many church projects and initiatives to focus on for prayer. And the Directory gives us all a taste of just how much is going on in Jesus' name in and on behalf of our churches.



Prayers ... for the people around us

This month sees the next public holiday of the year; pray for the visitors who will come to our area at this time that they may enjoy a memorable welcome; pray for those of us who will travel to their own holidays that they may be able to relax and return refreshed. Bring to God the shops of our area that they may flourish in their work with us. Ask God to bless the work of the Air Ambulance Service, a great benefit to us all. Pray for those among us who are lonely and give thanks for the help our Christian Centre offers them.

They shall see the glory of the Lord

Events Update – April 2017

SoulFood	Sun	2 Apr 6pm	All Saints
Evesham Lent Series	Mon	3 Apr 7pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	4 Apr 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Café Church	Tues	4 Apr 7.30pm	The Red Horse, Vine Street
Church Open Morning	Sat	8 Apr 10am - Noon	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	9 Apr 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	11 Apr 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	11 Apr 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton WI	Thurs	13 Apr 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Family Fun Day	Sun	16 Apr 3.30 – 6.30pm	Fairfield
SoulFood	Sun	16 Apr 6pm	All Saints
Standing Committee	Wed	19 Apr 7.30pm	Hampton
Quiz/Fish & Chip Supper	Sat	22 April 7pm	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	23 Apr 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	25 Apr 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	27 April 10am – 12 noon	Sedgeberrow
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	30 Apr 3pm – 5pm	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	30 Apr 6pm	All Saints

St Andrew's Fund Raising Committee

Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper

Saturday 22 April 2017

Hampton Scout and Guide Hall

6.30pm for 7pm start

£10 to include Fish and Chips

Tickets available from Margaret, Carolyn or the Office

Strawberry Tea and Parish Fete

This year there will be a Parish Strawberry Tea and Garden Fete on the vicarage lawn at 2pm on the 8 July.

There will be an exhibition of arts and crafts in the church and entertainment on the lawn, so we are looking for local talent.

Strawberry teas will be served in the marquee on the lawn, and there will be some lovely stalls including crafts, tombola and raffles for you to enjoy.

If you can help in any way please contact Elaine at the church office

Soft Toys

If anyone has any soft toys (in reasonably good condition), which they don't want anymore, could you let **Shirley Lynch** have them for the Soft Toy Stall at the Fete?

Please contact her on 01386 553392, or see her in Church, and she will arrange to collect them, or alternatively leave them in Church or at the Church Office during Office Hours (Monday/Tuesday 9.15am - 2.15pm, Wednesday/Friday 9.15am - 1.15pm) *Thank you*

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

Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

Services and Events for Lent and Easter

Palm Sunday – 9 April

Choral Evensong and Holy Week Reflections - 6pm – St Peter's Church, Bengeworth

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (10, 11, 12 April)

Vespers

5pm – All Saints Church

'Jesus my Boy'

A play exploring who Jesus is from Joseph's perspective

Tuesday 11 April - 7.30pm in Methodist Church

(A meal will be served in All Saints after Vespers for those going to see the play)

Maundy Thursday - 13 April

Asum Supper, Eucharist and Washing of Feet - 7pm – St Andrew's Church, Hampton

Booking essential on 01386 446381

Good Friday - 14 April

9.30 am – All Saints Church (followed by coffee and hot cross buns)

10am and 2pm – St Andrew's Church, Hampton

2pm – St Peter's Church, Bengeworth

2pm – St Mary the Virgin Church, Sedgeberrow

Good Friday – Walk of Witnesses

11am – Starting from the bottom of Bridge Street

A Churches Together event

Easter Eve – 15 April

Children's Service - 4pm – St Peter's Church, Bengeworth

Easter Day – 16 April

5.30am by the Bell Tower in Abbey Park

A Group Service for Easter Dawn with the lighting of the Easter Fire

Followed by bacon sandwiches

8am and 10am – Easter Communion - All Saints Church

8am and 10am – Easter Communion – St Andrew's Church, Hampton

8am and 10am – Easter Communion – St Peter's Church, Bengeworth

9am – Easter Communion – St Mary the Virgin Church, Sedgeberrow

11.15am – Easter Family Service – St Peter's Church, Hinton

10am – Easter Service – St Egwin's Church, Norton

Fairfield Church

All services start with breakfast.

1st Sunday - Communion

2nd to 4th Sundays - Community Worship

5th Sundays 'Bring and Share' Breakfast

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

Family Fun Day

Sunday 16 April 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Open House drop-in – All Welcome

Alpha at the Fairfield Inn

Tuesday 25 April and all subsequent Tuesdays

Contact Sarah Hewitte on 01386 429122 for details

Fairfield Tuesdays

1st - CaféChurch, The Olde Red Horse, Evesham 7.30pm onwards - **Note change of venue**

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. 1 April

Contact: Fred Beaumont 07833 475309

Book Club

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. Call Noelle Beaumont for information on where and when and what... 07745 113006

First Friday Meals with friends

7 April 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 - Mandy (446309) or Noelle (45310)

Friday's fortnightly, 10am to 12 pm followed by soup and a roll.

Bring your own project or come and learn. We would also like to donate some small quilts to the Linus Project who pass them on to vulnerable children.



Sedgeberrow News

The Bingo session in January made £93.50 for Church funds.

We have held the first coffee morning of the year at Roger and Judith Horton's House. This made £140, again for Church Funds. The next coffee mornings are on Thursday 27 April and 25 May at 10am in the Church.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

THE TWO C'S 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 - **30 April 2017**

Hampton Guide & Scout Hall from **3- 5pm (note change of time)**

For further information contact Elaine Major

01386 446381 or 01386 40722

From the Registers – February 2017

Baptisms

12 February	Lola Bella Leao and Lucas Douglas Leao	Hampton
	Casey Charlie Rich	Hampton

Funerals

3 February	Peter Lampitt	Hinton
8 February	Eric Williams	Hampton
13 February	Leslie Byron	Hampton
14 February	Lewis Valentine	Hampton
21 February	Peter Ramsden	Hampton

Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

On Saturday 25th February a group of villagers got together to pollard the avenue of lime trees at the front of St Peters Church. It has almost been cancelled because of the windy weather, but what started out as a little tidying ended up with us pollarding all the lime trees. Thanks to everyone who turned out, especially, David and Rosemary Cross for the loan of their chipper. Thanks to Lynda Attwood and Denys for the refreshments and to everyone else who brought food.

The following people were all superstars, they deserve a mention: Paul and Mandy French, Neil and Nicola, Clare Davies, Ann Trow, Lisa James, Mark White, Don Westmacott, Melissa and Mark Vondrak, Holly Grinnell and Angela and Andrew Simpson. These people all did a grand job. Thank You!



EIGHTIES NIGHT

The 80s Night that Team Hinton put on, on 11 March in Sedgeberrow Village Hall, was a fantastic evening and it was clear to see everyone had a blast. The Pleasuredome played an array of tunes through the night and half way through we all had a break with a huge spread of food and lots more drink. The night raised £775 to go towards St Peters in Hinton and the next stage of works that is planned to turn the church into a multi-functional building.

Well done Hinton PCC on a great event and all the hard work everyone put in to making it successful. Bring on 2018, be sure not to miss the next one.

CARDIFF VICTORIAN MARKET

On 20 May, there is a coach trip to Cardiff Victorian market and shopping centre. Tickets are £12.50 and first pick up is Merstow Green at 8.30. If you are interested or want more details call or text Lisa on 07866654923.

HINTON PCC AGM

Wednesday 5th April at 7.15pm – St Peters Church

This is your opportunity to get involved in your community. We will be welcoming new members at the AGM. In order to be a member of Hinton PCC (Parochial Church Council) you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll.

AFTERNOON TEA & PRIZE BINGO

Saturday 6th May 2017

2pm – 4pm at St Peters Church. - Eyes Down



9 April - Palm Sunday

Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.



As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

St Andrew's Fellowship – March 2017

Our meeting on 14 March, we ladies (minus the menfolk, who wouldn't be interested) enjoyed a demonstration from Pam Cox, who runs her Nail business from Honeybourne and Pershore, in addition to home visits on request.

Pam started with a basic manicure, then went on to paint the nails with two coats of shellac varnish, which should always last at least two weeks, but usually three or four. The advantage of this type of varnish is that you don't have to wait for it to dry.

At our next meeting of 11 April, we will have Liz Riley telling us about a book which she has written about Back Pain. Later in April, on the 27th, we will be visiting St Peter's Garden Centre, near Worcester.

At the meeting we presented a cheque for £400 to Evesham Community Palliative Care Unit. This had been raised through various fund raising events last year. Our chosen charity for the coming year will be 'Jean the Bean' Children's Cancer Charity, which has been set up in memory of Jean Lewis, who sadly passed away last year.

The Fellowship meets every second Tuesday of the month, at Hampton Guide & Scout Hall next to St Andrew's Church, 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

Hampton WI – March 2017

After welcoming everyone, Ann Evans, our President, reminded us of the various activities, which would be taking place during the coming month. Final arrangements were made for the visit to the Archive and Archaeology Department at the Hive, in Worcester, and our bi-monthly lunch at the Dolphin Inn, Bishampton.

Members were invited to put their names down to provide items for our 'Strictly Home-Made' Stall at the Hampton Flower Show at the end of September.

It was agreed to send a donation to ACWW, who were raising money for the New Hope Gardening Project in Zimbabwe.

Members were asked their opinion on whether they would like to receive the County Newsletter digitally or be able to read it on Facebook, as opposed to a printed copy, which is the current method. The large majority of members opted for the current arrangement.

Our speaker for the evening was Helen Hurdman, who told us about the charity 'Working World' which she set up in 2008. Helen previously worked at Evesham College with young people who had learning difficulties, but found that some services were being withdrawn, so decided to set up the training centre for young adults, which is based at the Adventure Playground, Woodlands, Evesham. This has grown over the years and now has seven staff, and supports over thirty young adult clients.

The staff work with the clients in small groups on a variety of work activities. Some of clients go on to work for other local employers, some combine a part time job with coming to Working World, some just attend Working World. The activities include running the café on the site, household and gardening tasks, running a small mobile shop that is taken to supported housing schemes, packing and selling sweets, envelope stuffing and leaflet delivery. Opportunities for the young people to socialise away from the centre are also arranged.

Helen was accompanied by one of her clients, who gave a brief description of her time there, and had brought along some packs of sweets for us to buy.

Next month we will be welcoming Catherine Clark, who will tell us about 'My Life in Hats.'

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.

Waste of time (and still no space to park the car)



You always knew this: that hunting for somewhere to park your car is a big waste of time. In fact, it is an astonishing waste of time: British drivers are wasting an average of nearly four days every year, simply looking for parking spaces.

In London, drivers spend almost eight minutes searching for a space after each journey. That compares with five minutes in the East of England and East Midlands, according to research by the British Parking Association.



According to the BPA's research, the average time a motorist spends looking for a space is 5.9 minutes, adding up to 90.5 hours –

or four days – over a year, based on the national average of 921 car journeys a year.

It all takes its toll. Drivers report growing stress and anxiety as they miss appointments, or are late for work and activities, simply because they cannot get out of the car. They loath other drivers who carelessly park across two spaces, and vilify car parks that are difficult to navigate.

Prayers ... for those who are unwell

Janet Bailey, Maureen Cauldwell, Sarah Clements, Liz Davies, Andrew Dyke, Grace Dolphin, Margaret Goodman, Terry Grinnell, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, Jenny Perkins, Tim Russell, Janice Sinclair, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, and Michael Wood as well as others known to us personally.

Saturday 29th April at 7.30 pm
An Evening of Sacred Music
The Avon Singers
St Peter's, Bengeworth

Children's Page - Bible Bite

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-38, Jn 12:12-19

Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast each year. This year Jesus and his friends went too.

Two miles outside Jerusalem Jesus said to two of his friends



Go into that village and bring back the donkey you find there.

If anyone asks, say 'The Lord needs it.'



So off they went...

and they found it as Jesus had said.



Why are you taking our donkey?

The Lord needs it.



That's alright then

They brought it back to Jesus, and made a saddle from a cloak.



They spread more cloaks on the road to make it a way fit for a king.



Others cut palm branches and waved them.

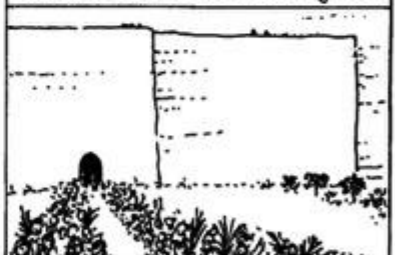


They shouted the traditional welcome to the Passover feast

God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!



As they got closer to Jerusalem the crowd grew!



Everyone shouted to welcome Jesus as king



The teachers of the laws were angry



Teacher, you should stop them calling you 'king'!

But Jesus replied



What they say is so true that even if I made them stop, the stones would shout!

Children's Page - Wordsearch

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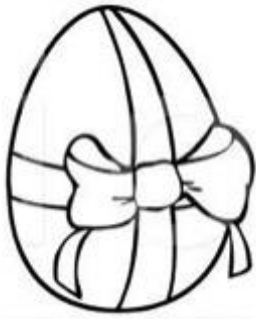
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Chocolate



One of the more earthly pleasures of celebrating Easter is the sheer amount of chocolate around. But chocolate was part of other religions long before Christianity.

According to ancient Mayan legend, some 3,000 years ago, cacao, or the cocoa tree, which grows in the tropical rainforests of South America, was a bridge between heaven and earth. The Mayan used the beans for a drink called xocolatl, which means 'bitter juice' which means it wasn't hot chocolate as we know it. Even so, by 400 BC they had exported the beans to Costa Rica.

The Aztecs in Central America agreed that cacao must have had a divine origin. They believed that their god Quetzalcoatl had come down from heaven on the beam of the morning star, bearing a cacao tree as a gift for human beings, and that whoever drank the hot foaming drink was given divine wisdom.

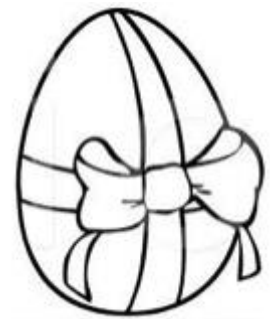
Christopher Columbus arrived in the New World in the 15th century, to find that a slave could be bought for 100 beans. But Columbus never really 'got it' about cacao beans, and when he returned to Portugal, he threw them away as useless. Chocolate was considered good for various ailments. The Spanish explorer Hernan Cortes called it 'a drink that builds up resistance and fights fatigue'. Finally, the Spanish began to pay attention. Spanish monks brewed up a drink from the beans that was far more acceptable to European taste, sweetening it with sugar, and adding cinnamon and nutmeg.

By the 18th century chocolate was so popular in Europe that the Swedish naturalist Linnaeus renamed the cocoa plant Theobroma – food of the gods.

Although chocolate was originally only for the wealthy, devout Quakers such as Joseph Fry, Joseph Terry, Isaac Rowntree and John Cadbury had a dream that chocolate could replace gin as a drink for the working classes. Their determination to make this possible was driven by their Christian zeal, and they in part succeeded.

Then in the middle of the 19th century it was discovered that chocolate could be made into solid bars! With this discovery, Easter eggs were on the way. Both Fry's and Cadbury's launched them in the 1870s, and the rest is history.

These days, Fair Trade chocolate is the thing to look out for – it guarantees a fair price to the cocoa farmers who make it possible for us to go on enjoying this heavenly stuff.



St Andrew's CE First School

Successful learners Success for life



Once again, this half-term is flying by and the school has been a hive of activity. All the children have been working extremely hard, which was relayed to parents and carers at our recent parents' evenings.

Our Reception classes recently visited Tesco in Evesham and participated in the store's Healthy Eating Trail, which built on their prior learning of the importance of eating a healthy balanced diet. The pupils had the opportunity to look around the fruit and vegetable section and were challenged to find certain products. A lot of the children were amazed by the different variations in shape, size and colour of their favourite fruits and vegetables. They had a wonderful time and came back from the visit knowing much more about the food that they eat.

On Friday 31st March at 6pm, our Parent Teacher Association (SASSA) are holding a 'Chocolate Bingo' evening. Entry is £1 and bingo books are 50p. Please come along and support the event because all profits made on this, and every SASSA event goes towards purchasing equipment, subsidising trips and providing social events for the children.

To celebrate the end of the term, we will be attending Church for our annual Easter Service, during which the Easter Story will be performed by the children and the Open the Book team.

We continue to strive to be an outstanding school providing the very best experiences for our children, believing that successful learning provides success for life. If you want to find out more about the school please visit our website at www.st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Andrea Bailey – Headteacher

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Tel: 01386 41351

Prayers ... for those who have died

For those who have died and all who mourn at this time:

Val Gisbourne, Helen Keeley, Mavis Tarver, Douglas Grosvenor, Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Smith, Dennis Bradley, Peter Lampitt, Doug Court, Doris Spiers, Eric Williams, Robert Taylor, Leslie Byron, Lewis Valentine, Peter Ramsden and Pat Smith

The powers of the earth belong to God.

SEDGEBERROW CE FIRST SCHOOL

“Reach for the Stars”



We are already half way through the academic year and are hoping the weather will warm up a touch so that the children can begin to enjoy some more outdoor activities. Visits to Sandfield Farm have recommenced and we are incredibly impressed with the fantastic new classroom facility that Emma Harrison has had built.

World Book Day was celebrated in school. The children came dressed as their favourite book character and a competition was held to find the most inventive and creative costume. The winners are in the photo below and they all received a book voucher to spend at our Scholastic Book Fair. In class, the teachers had prepared lessons and activities based around books and stories which everyone enjoyed immensely.



Sadly, due to low numbers, our after-school club Shine made the decision to close at our site. However we are still offering parents the facility of after school care with “Little Big Learners” - a company that runs after school care 3.15-6pm during the term time and also holiday clubs from the cricket pavilion in Ashton-Under-Hill. The company offer a healthy snack and drink on arrival and homework/reading support if required. The sessions are run and led by a Qualified Teacher. They collect children from Sedgeberrow School every week day during term time and transport them personally to the club. For more information please see their website www.littlebiglearners.co.uk.

During April, we will find out who we are welcoming into our Reception class next year and arranging induction visits for them to begin to get used to the school environment. They will meet Miss Murray, who will be teaching Reception class during the Summer term and also from September, whilst Mrs Williams goes on maternity leave expecting her first baby in April.

There are still plenty of events coming up before the Easter break. Our PTA have organised a Bingo fundraiser for the parents. We also have an assembly led by Joe Cook (Managing Director of local firm D A Cook (Builders) Ltd and current South West Chairman of the National Federation of Builders) to teach the children about building site safety. At the end of March, Year 2 will be visiting the Almonry Museum in Evesham to learn all about our local history.

Phil Croke - Headteacher

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Services for April 2017

2 April – Fifth Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Family Service	Hampton
	10am	Communion Service	Fairfield
	3pm	Baptism	Hampton
Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45			
Wednesday 5	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9 April – Palm Sunday			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	11am	Family Worship	Sedgeberrow
	6pm	Asum Evensong	Bengeworth
Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11			
Wednesday 12	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
13 April – Maundy Thursday			
	7pm	Benefice Eucharist of the Last Supper	Hampton
14 April – Good Friday			
	10am	Stations of the Cross	Hampton
	11am	Procession of Witnesses	Evesham Town
	2pm	Good Friday Service	Hampton
	2pm	Good Friday Service	Sedgeberrow
16 April – Easter Day			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Parish Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Easter Worship	Fairfield
	11.15am	Easter Worship	Hinton
Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6, Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10			
Wednesday 19	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
23 April – Second Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Asum Group Eucharist	Bengeworth
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
Acts 2:14a. 22-32 or Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21, 1 Peter 1:3-9 or Acts 2:14a. 22-32, John 20:19-31			
Wednesday 26	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

Services for April 2017 (cont:)

30 April – Third Sunday of Easter			
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton	
10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield	
11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow	
3pm	Baptism	Sedgeberrow	
Acts 2:14a. 36-41 or Zephaniah 3:14-end, 1 Peter 1:17-23 or Acts 2:14a. 36-41, Luke 24:13-35			

Services for May 2017

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
7 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter			
8am		Holy Communion	Hampton
9am		Parish Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am		Family Service	Hampton
10am		Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
3pm		Baptism	Hampton
Acts 2:42-47 or Genesis 7, 1 Peter 2:19-25 or Acts 2:42-47, John 10:1-10			
Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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