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## Letter from the Archdeacon of Worcester

We live in tumultuous political times, so much so that many people are literally switching off from TV and radio news. It does indeed seem that megaphone diplomacy, which, of course, is no diplomacy at all, is playing a bigger part in our public discourse. We must not have a false sense that history automatically gets better as we learn to live better, when it is clear that human sinfulness can mess things up just as effectively today as it ever did.

So as Christians we must not be naïve about progress, but nor must we despair or give up hope either. We have a Gospel to proclaim and it is Good News. Our calling as Church in every generation is to be a community of hope, and if you look at the world in which Jesus lived, it was clearly as chaotic and seemingly hopeless as ours today. We must be realistic and yet bearers of hope.

What concerns me about today's politics is the poverty of our political discourse and conversation. Whatever else populism might or might not be, the language it uses is designed for newspaper headlines or media news feeds. It tries to give simple answers to complex questions. It feeds people's sense of unfairness. It requires an enemy and puts people down. It does not have any nuances, allow for compromise or considered thought. Twentieth-century history shows us where it can lead.

This is simply not good enough as a way of doing politics, or building a stable world order and country, nor indeed of running a church. Whenever we are tempted to caricature someone else's belief and way of living out the faith, we need to check ourselves and remember wise words from the letter of James in the New Testament: 'you must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.'

Being 'quick to listen' – what might that look like in our public life?

**Archdeacon Robert Jones**



## Prayer for the New Year

As New year arrives, Lord, our thoughts turn to new beginnings....

As many think of turning over a new leaf, we think of the new life that you offer to all of us...you said in John's gospel that you have come to offer us "life in all its fullness". Thank you for the abundance of your miracles...at the end of the party season we think of the abundance of the miracle at the wedding at Cana...as we look forward to the picnic season, we think of the feeding of the 5000, actually more likely the 20000...in both miracles the abundance came from Jesus's blessing of what was already available.

In the second example the abundance came out of your sadness and grief at the loss of your cousin, John the Baptist. As we think of the saddest moments in our lives, we thank you that through our loss we often have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with you as we turn to you and others for comfort.

Enable us to see the blessings that come out of the hardships we face and to continue to enjoy your abundance throughout 2019. **Amen**

Happy New Year!

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## From the Registers – November 2018

<b>Baptisms</b>		
4 Nov	Megan Lloyd	Hampton
	Isabelle Drinkwater	Hampton
<b>Funerals</b>		
2 Nov	Peter James Hoddinott	Hampton
24 Nov	Elizabeth Ann Stafford	Sedgeberrow
28 Nov	Derrick Michael Haines	Hampton

### **Prayers ... for those who are housebound, sick or elderly**

Janet Bailey; Sarah Clements; Shirley Davis; Liz Davies; Roseanna Denning; Grace Dolphin; Andrew Dyke; Margaret Goodman; Olivia Hancock; Margaret Harris; Chrissie Jewell; Sue Jones; Betty Keane; Joyce Lampitt; Lewis Langstone; Clifford Lewis; Steve Osbourne; Lucy Paine; Jenny Perkins; Janice Sinclair; Freda Swords; Charles Webb; Jessie Webb; Brian Westwood; Ivan Withers; Joan Wood and Michael Wood, as well as others known to us personally.

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

Rene Abbot, Alexander (Lee) Pointon, Ann Stafford, Derrick Haines, Edna Brown and Lionel Young

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 to 25 January 2019**

### **Service at St Andrew's, Hampton on Monday 21 January, at 12 noon**

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2019 focuses on Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 'Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue...', in relation to Indonesia, a nation with ethnic and religious diversity in much need of unity.

The Christians of Indonesia found these words incredibly poignant in light of their situation. Issues of economic injustice and the challenges associated with religious pluralism are highlighted within the materials for 2019.

Of Indonesia's population, only 10% are Christian. Nevertheless, many Indonesians live by the principle gotong royong, meaning to live in 'solidarity and by collaboration' with their neighbours. Unfortunately, this is not always true of contemporary Indonesian approaches to economics, which can be open to corruption by businesses and the government, and often negatively impact on the environment. Many of Indonesia's inhabitants face poverty, as a result of this lack of justice and the failure of the strong to protect the weak.

Find out more at <https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer>.

## **BIBLE STUDY? I'M NOT SURE IT'S FOR ME.**

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the **Bible Study Group** every Monday morning at the Vicarage? Perhaps you think it isn't the kind of thing that would 'do anything' for you? Maybe you haven't even given it a thought.

Well, those of us who go to it each week thought it might be useful if we were to share with you what does go on there, and warmly invite you to think about joining us. **Why?** Because we very much enjoy sharing, not just an opportunity to learn more about what the Bible says, but an hour of Christian fellowship in a free and easy atmosphere – and we think you might enjoy it too.

So, how does it work? We first decide which book we want to study. We are presently looking at St Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, and we base our sessions on Study Guides in the 'Book by Book' series by Paul Blackham. Each session usually begins with a prayer, then a short video presentation which takes us through the passage chosen for that day and in which Paul (Blackham – not the Apostle!) discusses with two colleagues any points of interest and inspiration which they see there, or which might need further explanation. The Study Guide has a series of questions which we then consider together as a group. At some point, we have a cup of refreshing tea or coffee to help inspire us with our answers to these questions! And if we find some of the questions tricky – which we often do! – Paul has provided some suggested answers at the back of the Study Guide to help us to understand it all better.

It doesn't sound too frightening, does it? And you absolutely do not need an academic qualification in Religious Education. You don't even need to join in the discussion if you don't want to. It's all about getting to know the Bible a little bit better and through that, strengthening our faith, and all this in comfortable surroundings and among good friends. You might find that it **IS** your kind of thing after all. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call (01386 424640) or have a chat to Charley Binnie (01386 424235). **David Daniels**

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## Fairfield Church - Mayfield, Evesham. WR11 1JJ

### All services start with breakfast

1st Sunday – Communion

2nd to 5th Sundays - Community Worship



### First Tuesday of the Month

PubChat, The Olde Red Horse, Vine Street 7.30pm onwards

### Wednesdays

Bible Study at Fairfield Church

### 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. **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 for information on where and when and what.*

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## Sedgeberrow Church News

The November coffee morning raised £195. The December coffee morning raised £312, both for Church Funds.

At the December coffee morning the children who have been coming to our coffee mornings for the last few months sang carols which everyone enjoyed. The children all belong to the J A M club (Jesus and Me).

The Church looked resplendent with Christmas Trees decorated by various people and organisations in the village.

We also have a Christmas Tree with names to remember loved ones, which was dedicated on 16 December.



## Events Update – January 2019

<b>Plough Sunday Service</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>6 Jan 11.15am</b>	<b>Hinton</b>
SoulFood	Sun	6 Jan 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	8 Jan 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
PubChat	Tues	8 Jan 7.30pm	The Red Horse
Hampton WI	Thurs	10 Jan 7.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	12 Jan 10am - Noon	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	13 Jan 6pm	All Saints
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	15 Jan 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Hampton PCC	Wed	16 Jan 11am	Hampton
SoulFood	Sun	20 Jan 6pm	All Saints
<b>Service - Christian Unity</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>21 Jan Noon</b>	<b>Hampton</b>
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	22 Jan 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
SoulFood	Sun	27 Jan 6pm	All Saints
<b>St Andrew's Fellowship</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>12 Feb 2pm</b>	<b>Hampton Club</b>

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### **Smileline**

A priest and his curate were standing outside of the church, by the side of the road, holding up a sign which read, "Beware, the end of the road is near! Turn around now before it is too late.!" A young driver stopped his car, wound down the window and shouted, "You are both nuts!" and sped off around the corner. Suddenly they heard screeching brakes and a big splash. The curate turned to the priest and said, "Don't you think our sign should have said, "Beware, the bridge has collapsed."

## St Andrew's Fellowship – 11 December 2018

With Hampton club dressed in its Christmas festive decorations, and with the tea table groaning with various types of goodies brought along by the members, this was always going to be a good afternoon for our Christmas Party.

But better was to come, as we were entertained to an afternoon of carols old and new by the Lygonian singers from Broadway, who sang an eclectic variety of carols, in with which members were able to join, to blow any pre-Christmas blues away!

The well-stocked raffle raised funds for our chosen charity for this year – the Motability scheme in Evesham – a really deserving charity which is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Members of the choir then joined us in partaking of the glorious tea laid out by the ladies of the club.

Members had the benefit of an early Christmas present with a gift for all members present from our own 'secret Santa'.

Our programme for the first three months of next year, includes a post-Christmas lunch at the Bell Inn at Crothorne on 22 January, and then back to our normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 2.00 pm at Hampton club (mostly) for 12 February, with a talk from Dr Beverley Adams-Groom on 'Pollens: hidden in plain sight'; and then March 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold our club AGM with a little quiz to relieve the boredom of an AGM!

### **NB: there is no meeting on 8 Jan**

We send our greetings to any members who were unable to attend the meeting, and we send our very best wishes for a merry Christmas and for a happy and healthy New Year to all readers of this august magazine, 'the Herald'.

Anyone of either gender is welcome to attend our meetings, any faith or none, and the hall is now supremely disabled-friendly - and so are we! For information or more details, contact John or Shirley Lynch, 01386 553392.

## New Year Gala Concert

### Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra

### Pershore Abbey

**Saturday, 5 January 2.30pm**

Programme includes:    Suppe            Poet and Peasant Overture  
                                  Tchaikovsky    Nutcracker Act 1  
                                  Strauss          Emperor Waltz  
                                  Selection of Viennese Favourites

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## Hampton WI – December 2018

We met on 13 Dec for our usual Christmas Social. Our president, Jan Scutt opened the meeting by introducing the Harvington Ukulele Group, who had come to bring us some festive cheer. They gave us song sheets, plus various musical 'instruments' and whilst they played, we sang along to lots of 'oldies', including songs from the Beatles, Tom Jones and Cliff Richard, finishing up with some Christmas Carols. It was all very enjoyable.

Whilst the musicians were having a well-earned half time break, Jan went through a few business items. There had been a thank-you from Caring Hands for the food items sent last month. There would be more to send, as members had brought more along. There would also be a collection of items in January, but for the All Saints Food Bank. A representative, Alan Whitehouse, would be coming along to talk to us about it. A collection was taken during the evening, which would be passed on to them.

The WFWI Spring Group Meeting would be held on 25 March at the Artrix Theatre in Bromsgrove.

Members were reminded of the Lunch at The Bell, Cropthorne on 19 December. Names were taken for the New Year Lunch at Broadway Golf Club on 6 February.

The book stall organised by Betty Grove had raised £25 during the year.

Members were reminded to check the full details of the proposed Resolutions for 2019 in the latest WI Life magazine. Slips would be available for voting during the January meeting.

Ivy Pullin won the prize for the highest number of points gained in the monthly competition during the year and was presented with a voucher. Anne Evans was second and Jan Scutt third.

We then enjoyed the second round of songs and 'corny' jokes. The entertainers then departed, and members tucked in to the very varied savoury buffet, followed by Christmas Pudding and custard. Presents from the Bran Tub were distributed, and the raffle drawn, before the evening drew to a close.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 10 January at 7.30pm

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

For further information, please contact our Secretary, Joyce Davey on 01386 443755.



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## Hinton on the Green - St Peter's Church

The coach trip to Cardiff on the 8th December was a huge success despite the rain. Cardiff really does have it all.

The trip raised £269.50 towards church's fund and I've been told that people will be looking out for next year's trip.

I've done Bath, Weston and Oxford, and Cardiff twice. I would be glad of some inspiration for somewhere new for next time. *Lisa James*

### *Cardiff Castle Lights and a Christmas Display*



## Plough Sunday Service at Hinton – 6 January at 11.15am

Traditionally, Plough Sunday has been observed on the First Sunday of Epiphany since the Victorian age, however, it has a much older association with the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas, hence the phrase 'Plough Monday' used in some places.

Although the nature of farming has changed over the centuries, today Plough Sunday is still seen as a way of celebrating farming and human labour more generally near the start of the calendar year. It is an opportunity to cherish the land and to remind us all of our dependence upon it and upon God.

in Hinton we shall be having our usual biennial Plough Sunday Service in St Peter's on 6 January at 11.15am. This is a centuries old service which asks for God's blessing on the sowing and reaping in the year ahead. Turning towards the Plough which has to be laboriously lifted into the Church beforehand the whole congregation calls 'Speed the Plough, Speed the Plough, Speed the Plough'. Our ancient Plough was only recovered from weeds and brambles a few years ago. It is the original one which has been used in St Peter's over many years. All are welcome to attend, and, as usual, there will be refreshments afterwards.



## **St Andrew's CE First School**

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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. Once again, we participated in the T4U Shoebox Appeal and many staff, parents and carers kindly donated a 'Christmas Shoebox' containing a selection of gifts for children in need in Romania. We had a total of 81 boxes returned!

For the first time in many years, the whole school went to see the spectacular performance of Maid Marian and the Merry Men at The Swan Theatre in Worcester. A great time was had by all the children and staff!

Our end-of-term events were extremely well attended. The children have once again amazed everyone with their captivating performances, from the Reception children to Years 1 and 2, whose singing and acting was second to none in their production of 'Baubles', and finally to our Key Stage 2 children who filled St Andrew's School Hall with such joyful singing at their annual Carol Concert. On the final day of term, everyone enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers, singing wonderful Christmas carols and eating a scrumptious Christmas party buffet.

We are now looking forward to an exciting new term. 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.

Mrs Andrea Bailey – Headteacher

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## **St Andrew's Church Giving Envelopes Scheme**

A big 'thank you' to all of you, who give on a regular (or irregular) basis. This helps our Treasurer budget for the coming year.

We have lost a few people over the year and some of you who Gift Aid may not be paying enough Income Tax *giftaid it* to cover any Gift Aid we claim. Please would you let the office know if your circumstances have changed, or if you no longer require envelopes. On the other hand, if you would like to join the scheme, please let them know.

# Children's Page – Bible Bite

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

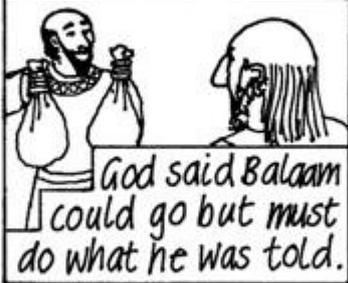
It can be read in the Bible in Numbers 22: 2 to 24:25

The Israelites camped across the river Jordan from the kingdom of Moab. King Balak was sure they were going to invade.

Balak told Balaam he would pay him to curse the Israelites, but...



Balak asked him again.



On the way, Balaam's donkey saw an angel and wouldn't move.



The donkey was stopped by the angel again, and then a third time.



God let the donkey speak.



Then Balaam saw the angel...



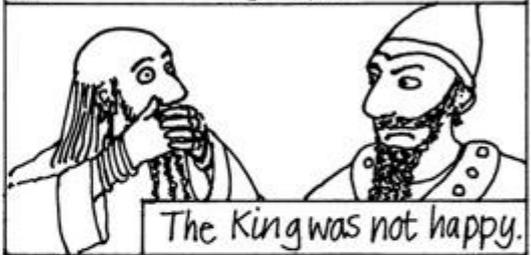
King Balak was ready to pay Balaam.



Look, there they are. Now curse them.



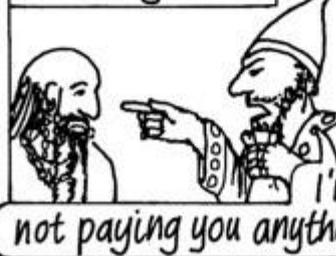
Balaam tried to curse the Israelites but he could only say a blessing.



Again, Balaam could only bless, not curse.



A third time, Balaam could only bless.



I told you I had to say what God wanted me to say.



## A Cake for Epiphany

The Galette des Rois (Kings) is much loved in France, when it is traditionally eaten on 6 January to mark the feast of the Epiphany, when the three Kings visited the Baby Jesus to present him with gifts. The tradition of eating the cake dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

### *It isn't just a cake!*

The Galette des Rois is not just about having a cup of tea and something sweet. There's an age-old protocol that needs to be followed and it's all to do with the little charm that bakers hide inside the cake.

First of all, the youngest child has to hide under the table and tell whoever is cutting the cake who should get which piece.

Whoever finds the charm, known as a "féve", in their slice (as long as they don't swallow it) gets to wear the crown that comes with the tart and then names their king or their queen.

And then everyone just sits down and enjoys it. Possibly with a glass of champagne.

## To make the Cake

### INGREDIENTS

2 sheets ready rolled puff pastry

140g ground almond

75g soft butter

80g sugar

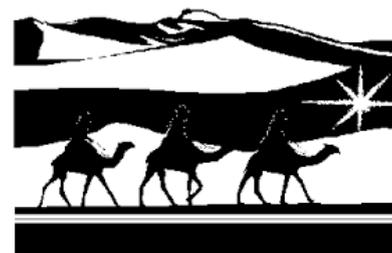
3 egg whites

1 yolk

Mix the butter and the sugar until the mix whitens, then add the beaten eggs and the ground almonds. Mix well.

In the middle of the first sheet of puff pastry, pour the mix. Lay the second sheet on top, then roll the sides of the sheets together towards the inside to seal the Galette.

With a knife, draw diagonal lines in both direction (so that they cross each other) to create the pattern.



Then with a brush, spread the yolk on the whole cake to give it a golden colour.

Put in an oven for 30 minutes at 200 degrees.

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## Services for January 2019

Wednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>6 January – The Epiphany</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Communion Service	Fairfield
	11.15am	Plough Sunday Service	Hinton
	3pm	Baptisms	Hampton
Isaiah 60. 1-6, Ephesians 3. 1-12, Matthew 2. 1-12			
Wednesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>13 January – Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	11am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Isaiah 43: 1-7, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22			
Wednesday 16	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>20 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	3pm	Baptisms	Hampton
Isaiah 62: 1-5, 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11, John 2. 1-11			
Monday 21	Noon	Prayer for Christian Unity Service	Hampton
Wednesday 23	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>27 January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Fresh Expression Worship	Fairfield
	11am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4: 14-21			
Wednesday 30	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

## Services for February 2019

<b>3 February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Communion Service	Fairfield
	3pm	Baptisms	Hampton
Luke 1:69-73, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Mark 4:35-end			
Wednesday 6	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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