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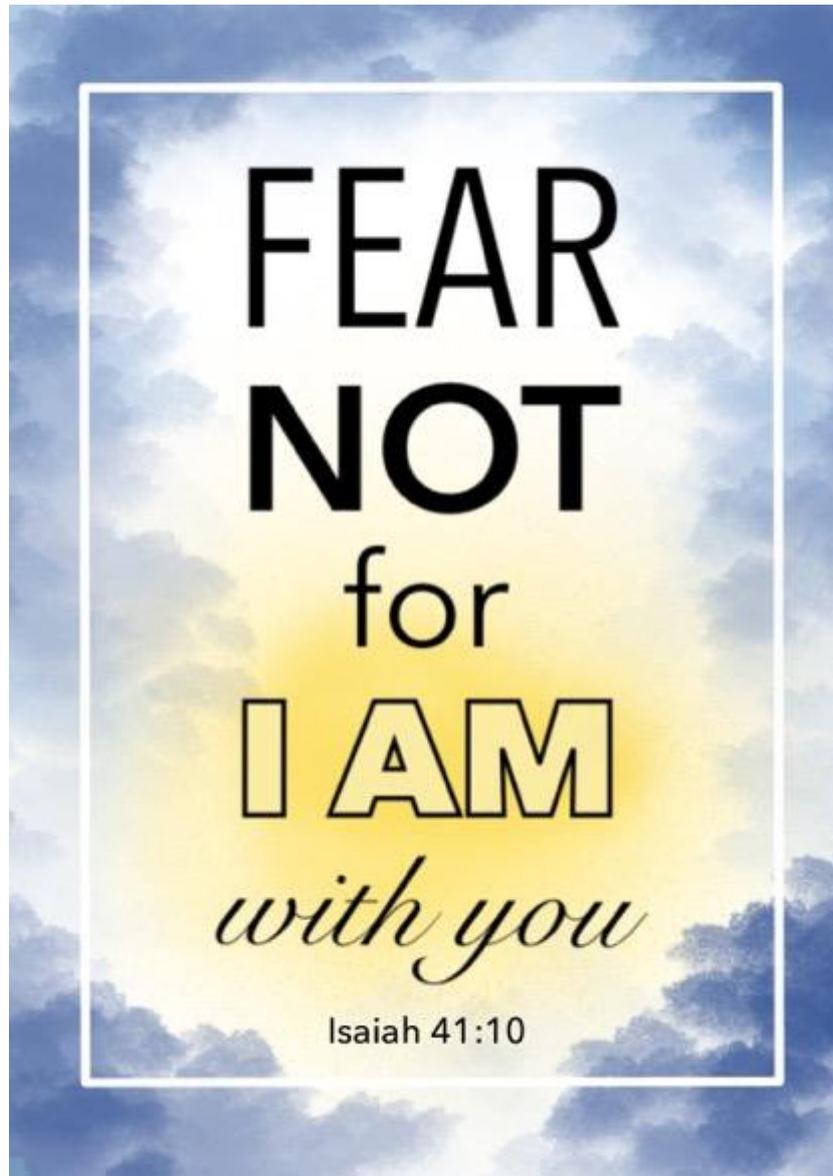


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THE HERALD



Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, all Church Services continue to be suspended until further notice.

Letter from the new Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick

These are strange times. I'm the new Bishop of Dudley, and should be living in that area, but I'm writing this letter from under 'lockdown' in our old house in Oxford, unable to move.

It feels as though everything is disrupted and where nothing can be taken for granted. Our church buildings have been closed, and just when we want to gather together and encourage one another, we cannot.

We live in a world filled with fear, attacked by a virus we cannot cure. We can fear death and disease, poverty and unemployment; we can fear for loved ones isolated and far away. We can feel powerless and alone.

When Jesus was taken to be crucified most of his friends ran away, fearing for their lives, afraid that they would be next. But others stayed, mostly women like Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome. And then at the foot of the cross, James, the disciple whom Jesus loved, and Mary, Jesus' own mother. They must have been filled with grief and fear, but their love for Jesus was stronger still. They just had to be present with him.

I thank God for shopworkers, health workers, cleaners, carers, foodbank drivers and everyone else who set out to be present for others during this crisis. All those whose love for humanity proves stronger than their fear.

This is the Easter season when we celebrate Jesus risen from the dead. The fear and isolation of Holy Week is past and a new age has begun. In these days between Easter and Pentecost, we stand confidently in the warm sunlight of the resurrection, knowing that suffering and death will never have the last word; that God's love is real and unshakeable and in the end will prevail. The bible says, 'Underneath are the Everlasting Arms' and that is true for us as Christians, both in this life and, I believe, when we die.

As we move towards Pentecost we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to bless and inspire us for the road ahead. We pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' not with big gatherings and events this year, but online, in prayer, alone or in family groups. We pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it already is in heaven. A kingdom of love, compassion, justice and freedom. Where the people we all depend on in these days: health and care workers, shop staff, drivers and crop pickers, cleaners and refuse collectors and all the rest will no longer be seen as menial or unskilled, but celebrated members of our society on whom we all depend. We need to find a new way of living in tune with the earth and creation, where global riches can be shared and where all can be fed.

+Martin

Prayer for those affected by the Coronavirus

Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.

Amen.



Sedgeberrow Church News

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, there are no Church Services or Coffee Mornings until further notice.

Stay safe everyone

Hampton Community



If you are self-isolating and need help, please ring this number to contact a team of volunteers who are willing to help

VE Day

The 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day falls on 8 May this year.

Millions of people took to the streets and pubs to celebrate peace, mourn their loved-ones and to hope for the future, while not forgetting those still in conflict until 15 August when Japan surrendered, ending World War 2 (WW2).

The following weekend, this important time will be commemorated in homes across the world. It is hoped that #VEDay75, an international, public celebration, will take place in August to coincide with Victory over Japan (VJ) day, if lockdown restrictions have been lifted. Both weekends will be opportunities for us all to remember the enormous sacrifices that were made at home and abroad during WW2 and to joyously celebrate the arrival of peace and freedom following six years of war.

In light of the current situation, to mark the occasion lone pipers will play the traditional *Battle's O'er*; town criers will share a Cry for Peace Around the World from safe and suitable locations, and WW2 veterans will undertake the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2.



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Being at School during the Corona virus pandemic

Although it's technically the first week of the Easter holidays, many children across the Diocese will remain in school both this week and next as schools have committed to remaining open for the children of key workers as well as vulnerable children.

Bishop Perowne CE College in Worcester has seen between 12 and 18 children attending each day, depending on parents' shifts. Headteacher, Mark Pollard, said: "We've got the children of a range of different key workers; for example, NHS staff, police and probation officers as well as some of our most vulnerable children and they're a mix of ages. In a straw poll of secondary schools across Worcestershire the other day, we had the most young people in."



Teachers have been setting work for all their students online, so staff in school have been supervising the children completing that as well as taking part in a range of more light-hearted activities. "It's important to ensure we keep to social distances, but we've been having a go at badminton with gloves on, a bit of art and cooking in different rooms. In the afternoon

there's a chance for the young people to have a bit of free time, listen to music or to work on individual projects."

The catering team at the school is providing hot meals for everyone on site at lunchtime as well as for those who are at St Barnabas CE Primary next door. There are around 4 – 5 members of staff on duty each day on a rota system, including a first aider and a senior leader each day. "We asked staff whether they were prepared to come in and were bowled over by the number who volunteered," continued Mark. "We have been careful not to include anyone who is vulnerable themselves or who lives with someone who might be. Alongside supervising the young people, we've also made sure there is always someone answering the phone. We've had a range of queries and have become a bit of a hub to support the community."

"Staff morale is pretty good, anyone not in school is working from home and is answering queries by email and holding the occasional video conferencing lesson. We are using social media to communicate regularly with parents and have a list of children that we are contacting regularly to make sure they are OK. It is the year 11 students who are finding it most difficult. They left devastated and it was too short notice for us to really organise any kind of farewell for them. They are worried about how they will be awarded their grades – something they now have no control over. However, we are working hard to do our best in this area and are meeting regularly and studying spreadsheets to help our young people receive the grades they deserve."

EVESHAM MEN IN SHEDS APPEAL - UPDATE

Men's Sheds can be similar to garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of course cups of tea and laughter.

GREAT NEWS – most of last year we were looking for a place to start up – we have now acquired portacabins in Evesham as our base but they do need some work to bring them up to scratch. For obvious reasons the planned inaugural meeting has been postponed, but we still aim to open as soon as we can, and when the current situation abates we would like help fitting them out (electrical, carpentry and decorating skills).

We are also looking to the general public and local businesses for monetary donations, also old hand tools, even workshop machines - anything that will help get us up and running will be gratefully received.

If you can help in any way or would like to join Evesham Men in Shed's, or know someone who might benefit, please contact;

evesham.mis@btinternet.com

Ring/text Alan on 07771 533399

Visit & leave a message on our Facebook page.

For more information about *Men's Sheds* please visit; menssheds.org.uk

From the Registers – March 2020

Funerals		
2 March	Marian Uncles	Hampton
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Prayers ... for those who are housebound, sick or elderly

Mary Andrews; Den Attwood; Sarah Clements; Shirley Davis; Roseanna Denning; Joyce Dodds; Lisa James; Terry Jenkins; Sue Jones; Joyce Lampitt; Lewis Langstone; Clifford Lewis; Valerie Little; Jenny Perkins; Iris Pinkstone; Janice Sinclair; Ed Spiers; Freda Swords; Dan Thomas; Brian Westwood and Michael Wood, as well as others known to us personally.

St Andrew's Tots

Margaret and the Tots Team would like to say how proud they are of the children who usually attend the Tots group, for staying at home and staying safe. They understand how much they miss their friends. If they look on the Hampton St Andrews Facebook page, they will see Margaret telling some stories.

We all miss them and look forward to seeing them again when we are allowed to start Tots again.

Margaret has written this poem, expressing her thanks to all the people that are helping in the current situation.

*Thank you to the NHS
For caring for the sick
Thanks you to the delivery boys
For being Oh so quick
Thank you to the children
For working at their sums
Thank you to the home educators
All the dads and mums
Thank you to the grandparents
For staying safe at home*

*Thank you to the call centre at the other end of the phone
Thank you to the politicians for making all the rules
And thank you to the teachers for opening the schools
Thank you to the farmers for working on the land
Thank you to the carers
For holding someone's hand
Thank you to technology
So I can see my loved one's face
But thank you most of all Lord
For showing us your grace!*

Margaret Thomson

Prayers ... for those who have died

Beatrice Ballard, Susan Newman, Beryl Porter, Walter Fairbrother, Sylvie Roud,
Jennifer Pekins, George Cowley

Help needed

"Hello ! My name is Michelle and I am a dressmaker based in Pershore Road, Hampton and I am looking for your help.

I am currently making drawstring bags from pillowcases to donate to NHS personnel, who use these to launder their dirty scrubs in, as they need to change several times during a shift due to the Covid 19 pandemic. I would therefore be grateful if you are able to donate any cotton or polycotton pillowcases for me to use, (they need to withstand washing at 60⁰, and not have any buttons, sequins, pin tucks or other embellishments on them).

They can be left on my doorstep (167 Pershore Road), or if you are self-isolating, I am more than happy to collect from your doorstep, just contact me by telephone or text (01386 423188 or 07976 792541)

***Thank you for taking the time to read this
Stay safe***

Michelle"



Food Bank – Caring Hands

During the current crisis, the Food Bank run by Caring Hands in the Vale is carrying on, and will run as long as they have resources and volunteers. The Diner on Mondays and Wednesdays will continue if possible on a takeaway basis. Again they may run short of cooks, volunteers and food as the situation continues.

If you are able to help with resources or time, please do contact Diane Bennett at Caring Hands. The link is <http://www.chands.org.uk/>.



They are also trying to make sure that food and other provisions are available for those in need.

While St Andrew's Church is closed, **Gabrielle Falkiner** is happy to accept any donations for the food bank at her home, Avon House, at the rear of Parklands, off School Rd.

The Food Bank is particularly needing tinned meat products, and general toiletries please.



From Michelle Young (Hinton and Sedgeberrow ALM)

We truly do live in curious times. I am sick of hearing the word 'unprecedented' now. In fact, I don't watch the news anymore. I want to hear tales of joy and fluffy animals. I want to revel in happy stories – Like Major Tom or Banksy. I find myself shouting at the news far too much and it's not healthy.

I miss my friends as all of us do. I miss the sense of community that is created when we gather together on a Sunday morning. Now, more than ever, I'm grateful for the Facebook pages of both Sedgeberrow and Hinton to help me feel like I'm not alone.

I've tried to stay out of the fridge but that's a tricky task in itself. My garden looks like an entry to Chelsea and my veg patch and greenhouse are full to bursting already. Distraction is good but I'd quite like a hug from a friend, a laugh with strangers, a loud and tuneless sing along with you all.

I've been listening a lot to Matt Redman. I very much recommend a song called '10,000 Reasons'. It's brilliant and restorative and just what I need to hear on a daily basis. I will play it for you all when I'm allowed out again. Here is a snippet of the beautiful words:

*The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes*

*And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore.*

Michelle (Hinton and Sedgeberrow ALM)

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Hampton WI – April 2020

Due to the Coronavirus, there was no meeting in April, and it is unlikely that we will be able to resume our meetings before the summer.



Our programme for the rest of the year is shown below:

- ❖ July 9th - ORPHANS IN THE WILD – MARION GOUGH
- ❖ September 10th - HISTORY OF THE EVERYMAN THEATRE – CARO DAY
- ❖ October 8th - BEETLE DRIVE / FISH & CHIP SUPPER
- ❖ November 12th - CUBA – THE ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE – BOB BEACH
- ❖ December 10th - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

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, Joyce Davey on 01386 443755.

Updated guidance for Christian Aid Week (10 – 16 May)



Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, the CEO of Christian Aid, has written to all of those involved in helping with Christian Aid Week this month:

“Many of you will have been planning house-to-house collections and events. Under the current circumstances,

sadly, house-to-house collections and delivery-only collections should not go ahead. In particular, along with many churches, events such as Big Brekkies or Lent lunches, where food is shared, cannot go ahead.

“We are working on alternative plans that will allow people to take part in Christian Aid Week in different, creative ways – by post, by text and online that strengthen our communities during this challenging time. Christian Aid Week is our single-most important fundraiser, so we would welcome your ideas on how we can creatively show love for our neighbours at home and abroad, as a community.”

As for the work of Christian Aid around the world, “Christian Aid and our partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and we will build on this experience. People in poorer countries are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps. They also do not have good healthcare infrastructures. We will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19.

More at: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>

St Andrew's Fellowship – April 2020

Although the Fellowship is not meeting at the moment, as leaders we are thinking of and praying for you all. We sincerely hope that you are all keeping well and free from infection. If any of you get bored to bits and need a friendly voice on the other end of a telephone, please do not hesitate to give us a call on 553392. We are more than likely to be at home!!! - even if we go into the garden (where we are spending a lot of time 'exercising!') we can use the 'phone out there.

The way things are going, it looks as though we may have to cancel beyond the end of June, but we will review the situation at the end of May, and we will be in touch with all of you, either by telephone or by letter - depending how long my stock of stamps lasts! Because I cannot get out to get anymore!. Ah well!

We hope and pray that you will all stay well and healthy.

Shirley and John Lynch.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us at 2pm at the Hampton Club, usually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

St Andrew's Fellowship Programme for 2020/2021

No meetings in May and June

July 14 th	Punch and Judy	Philip Collins
Aug 11 th	Heartlands Tai Chi	Alan Sanson
Sept 8 th	Confessions of a Wine Taster	David Barrie
Oct 13 th	Severn Waste Services	Michelle James
Nov 10 th	Pottery Talk and Demo	Annette & John Christopher
Dec 8 th	Christmas Tea Party	

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Jan 12 th	Post-Christmas Lunch
Feb 9 th	Tales of a Registrar: Hatch, Match, Dispatch
March 9 th	AGM and Quiz

New members are always welcome. Why not give us a try!

If anyone would like any further information about the group, or for a copy of the programme, please contact John or Shirley Lynch on 01386 553392, or see them at Church.

Prayer Events for 2020



National Day of Prayer

Every 12th day for twelve months at midnight on-line prayer event . For more details <https://m.facebook.com/sarahjanebiggart10>



Prayer 2020

Pray in 2020 on the 20th of each month, at 20:20 for 20 mins

HOPE Together https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/327007/Prayer_2020.aspx for details and prayers

Events Update – May 2020

All the usual Church and Community Events usually featured here, are cancelled during the Coronavirus outbreak

St Andrew's CE First School

Successful learners Success for life



As we find ourselves in unprecedented times, a lot of the events we had planned to cover in this edition have been either postponed or cancelled. Therefore, this edition is a little shorter than normal. We hope to be able to cover them, either later in the year, or this time next year.

I hope that you are all as safe and well as possible – and looking after yourselves and each other. Learning of how the whole school and wider community is supporting each other remains both humbling and inspiring, and thank you so much for the continued messages of care and support. We take great positivity from all of the work that is being undertaken at home; we cannot thank you enough parents and carers. Please log on to our Twitter account to see what our pupils have been learning at home. I really am extremely proud.

www.twitter.com/StAndrewsWorcs

Whilst we have no timescale for how long school closures are likely to last, we are constantly reflecting on our practice to ensure that schoolwork is accessible, manageable and interesting for everyone. Simultaneously, we continue to plan for the future, ensuring that, as a school community, we emerge strongly from this, and are ready for the future with the passion, enthusiasm and sense of community which characterises St Andrew's.

We know there will be an end to this, and from conversations with pupils, parents, governors, staff,- and the wider school and church community, we will look back at our collective actions with pride and will have a steadfast determination to embrace every opportunity that education affords.

Finally, please continue to follow NHS guideline: we urge you to stay inside as much as you can to help slow the spread of the virus and then we can get back to normal very soon. Stay safe everyone.

Andrea Bailey - Headteacher

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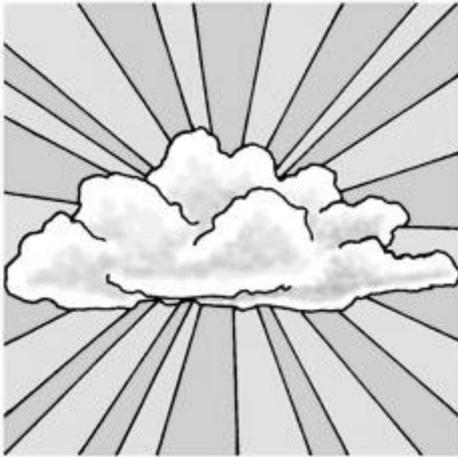
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PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

21 May - Ascension Day: 40 Days with the Risen Christ



40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (*Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.*)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: 'When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands - and blessed them.'

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection!

Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

Something to keep children entertained

Easy Home-made Play Dough

Now the children are at home, and you need something fun to keep them occupied, this colourful home-made play dough is always a hit. This recipe uses ingredients that you might have in your cupboards already. It's also much cheaper than anything you can buy online!

Kit your children out with aprons first, to keep their clothes clean

This 'recipe' comes together really quickly, you just need some measuring cups, a big mixing bowl, a jug and a wooden spoon. Children will love helping to measure and mix the dry ingredients, **but they'll need a grown-up to be in charge of mixing in the boiling water.**

What you need

- 2 cups plain flour
- ½ cup salt
- 2 tbsp cream of tartar
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 to 1½ cups boiling water
- A little food colouring

What you do

1. Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a big mixing bowl.
2. Carefully measure the boiling water into a jug and stir in some food colouring, a little at a time – how much you use depends on the shade you're going for. The more you add, the more vibrant the colour will be.
3. Pour the water into the mixing bowl and stir until everything's combined (it will still be sticky at this point), then leave until it's cool enough to handle.
4. Place the dough onto a clean surface and knead it for a few minutes, keeping at it until it feels 'just right' and is no longer sticky – you can add a little more flour if you need to.

And now for the really fun part! Give the kids a mat or board to work on, and some cookie cutters, and they will be entertained for hours. Pop it in an airtight container and it'll stay perfectly playable – for weeks and weeks.

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Children's Page - Bible Bites

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Samuel 8:1-10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel but he was now old. The leaders of the twelve tribes came to talk to him...



Children's Page - Wordsearch

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crops	animals	sons
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countries	cheered	hiding
leader	servant	found
luggage	daughters	land
palace	Samuel	Saul
rejecting	home	other

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