



Sedgeberrow



Hampton – Fairfield – Thistledown
Eastwick Park – Charity Crescent



Hinton on the Green

THE HERALD

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 revenge patience derision
 abuse generosity greed
 scorn goodwill peace
 thoughtful love care hope
 avarice joy forgiveness grudge
 malice consideration enmity
 hatred goodness loathing
 disdain sympathy sneering
 contempt kindness animosity
 hostility politeness resentment
 arrogance self-control prejudice
 support

Shine as a light to the world Mt 5:16

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

Letter from the Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones

The month of June sees the Church emerging from the long seasons of Lent and Easter into the even longer Trinity season, which stretches through the summer into the autumn. Some churches call this period Ordinary time, which I rather like. Without ordinary, we would not appreciate the extraordinary. It seems to me that most of us are yearning for a touch of the ordinary right now. We have done our best to make the most of difficult times under lockdown, but are looking forward to 'normal' human contact and, as some people put it, getting our lives back. In truth our lives have carried on, albeit within boundaries. And we have had time to reflect. A little while back in the midst of all this, I read something which stuck with me and got me thinking: *'God does not send us plagues to teach us things, though we can learn from them.'*

When bad things happen, people ask why. The God revealed in Jesus does not visit plagues on people, nor wish natural disasters on anyone. Rather, the Gospel shows us a God who chooses to walk with us, meets us in the storms of life, and experiences the highs and lows of what it means to be human alongside us.

So what are we learning? After years of bruising debate about our relationships within Europe, we are learning the art of listening and talking

kindly with one another again. Community spirit is flourishing and in the midst of isolation we have become more connected: not only through social media, but also through the humble telephone. We have learned what it is to miss our social contact with one another: love of neighbour has re-emerged in a new and stronger way. We are learning that we are connected across the whole world. 'Me first' does not work when facing a common challenge to our well-being - whoever thought we could all be first anyway? What happens thousands of miles away affects us and we are learning that we are all responsible for each other, challenged to work for the common good because that includes our own good.

George Herbert, the seventeenth-century priest-poet, wrote a poem called *Prayer*, in which he used the delightful phrase 'heaven in ordinary'. As we enter these weeks of Ordinary time, we could try to see what we have learned. You might like to look up the poem, which ends like this:
*Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,
Church-bells beyond the stars heard,
the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something
understood.*

George Herbert (1593-1633)



Prayer for Trinity Sunday

Shield me

O may God shield me, and may God fill,
O may God watch me, and may God hold;
O may God bring me where peace is still,
To the King's land, eternity's fold.

Praise to the Father, praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, the Three in One.

Amen.

From The Creed Prayer, poems of the Western Highlanders



Church of England has launched a new programme to make prayer a household habit once again. [#FaithAtHome](#) will feature weekly video content to help families to talk about faith and pray together.

The videos will be led by children, young people, staff and school leaders from across the country. Over the next three months, #FaithAtHome will explore themes including courage, patience, generosity, resilience, love and hope.

Bishop Martin has supported the launch of these new resources saying:

"I'm delighted to support the national Church of England initiative for families and children called #faithathome. Many of our ancestors in Britain would have gathered in their homes for family prayers, and in the current lockdown many people have been re-discovering the strength and comfort that comes from doing this. #faithathome helps families who stay together to pray together. I commend it to you."

'Hope' is the topic for the first assembly at the Oak National Academy today, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, which aired at 10am this morning. The Oak National Academy was set up to provide video lessons and curriculum resources to assist teachers as they support pupils through the current COVID-19 restrictions. The assembly will be followed by weekly collective worship, provided in partnership by the Church of England and Oak National Academy, with content drawn from #FaithAtHome.

The #FaithAtHome programme will run for an initial 11 weeks and can be accessed at [churchofengland.org/faithathome](https://www.churchofengland.org/faithathome)

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

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Memories of VE Day by Clova Jarvis



Some of you may have seen Clova's brief appearance on The One Show on VE Day, recalling her memories of the day. This is an account that she has written for The Herald.

"The BBC was preparing programmes to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The British Legion was asking for volunteers to recall their experiences, and my son suggested that I offered to help. Shortly afterwards a lady from the British Legion rang me to discuss my wartime experiences, especially VE Day 1945. She arranged for someone from BBC4 to interview me, and asked if I would do a Skype interview for BBC TV's The One Show as well.

I was 18 years old on May 8th 1945, working in a restricted occupation which involved war work. I was operating a calculating machine in a plastics factory in Gidea Park Essex, very close to Warley Barracks in Brentwood. That day Churchill had spoken on the radio at 3pm to tell us we were at peace.

It was a very normal working day and as usual on a Tuesday, I had taken my dancing shoes and dress to change into for the evening. I always went to my friend's home to dress for the dance and to have a meal, we then went by bus to the barracks. On this special evening, soldiers were hanging strings of lights on the trees and building an enormous bonfire. Excitement was in the air!

The dance started, and as the sun went down we were led in a dance around the bonfire. Shells were fired and in the great excitement, the soldiers had lowered their range far too much, and the blast had shattered the windows of the gym!

Later, my friend and I walked to the rail station, and when the steam engine arrived we asked the engine driver to stop at Forest Gate for us to get to my home for bed.

This was only the beginning of the celebrations, as there was a procession with the King, Queen and Winston Churchill, with appearances on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. There was a service at St Paul's Cathedral, followed by a marchpast by the armed forces.

Of course, the street parties played a very important part in the celebrations of the East End of London, and I managed to wear out the soles of a pair of shoes dancing at one of them.



Clova Jarvis

Calling All Crafters

During these difficult times have you taken up your old crafts or perhaps started new ones?

With no money going into Church Funds at the moment would you be willing to make one, two or maybe three items to donate to a 'Church Craft Day', that we will be having as soon as it is allowed. Or maybe, you would like to have a table to sell your wares, for a donation of 10% to Church Funds?

If so, please contact Elaine Major 01386 40722 or Margaret Thomson 01386 47541 to show your interest.

In the meantime please keep safe and well.

Hampton WI – May 2020

Due to the Coronavirus, there was no meeting in June, and it is still unclear when we will be able to resume.



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.

Events Update – June 2020

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

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

Prayers ... for those who have died

Walter Fairbrother, Sylvie Roud, Jennifer Perkins, George Cowley, James Porter, Patrick Burton, Gloria Temple-Fry, Magdalena Scott-Tucker, David Clinch, Ronald Williams, Susan Gannaway, David Liddell, John Spiers, Christine Edwards, Michael Morton, Iris Pinkstone

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

Margaret has written these two poems, one dealing with how children might be feeling, and another looking ahead to when the churches open again.

What I Want

I want to see my granny
And my grandad too,
But mummy say we may get sick
If that is what we do.

I want go to school
And play with all my mates
I want to go to the park
But they have shut the gates.

I hear my daddy sighing
I hear my mummy cry
What has happened to this world?
I sit and wonder, WHY?

Mummy says there is a virus
That is making people sick
We do not have cure
We must find one-Quick!

But for now we must stay at home
So please don't make a fuss
Because it will help the NHS
Who take good care of us.

Remember

Ring out the bells!
The children can play
Ring out the bells!
We can go to church- and pray
Ring out the bells!
We can meet again.
Ring out the bells!
Dance in the sun and the rain.

Toll the bells!
For the ones we lost
Toll the bells!
For the ones who paid the cost.
Don't forget the worry and pain
Don't let these people die in vain.

Remember how we smiled at
strangers,
Clapped our hands with all our
neighbours,
Thought to make a simple gesture
Of kindness to give us
A moment to remember.

Margaret Thomson

Help needed

Michelle Brotherton is looking for help, as she is making drawstring bags 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.

She would therefore be grateful if you are able to donate any cotton or polycotton pillowcases for her to use, (they need to withstand washing at 60°, and not have any buttons, sequins, pin tucks or other embellishments).



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

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



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.



Evesham Bat Care

Evesham Bat Care are still collecting oral care Terracycle items, but **NOT** Pringles tubes anymore. Please save toothbrushes and brush heads which are finished with; empty toothpaste tubes and their packaging; empty dental floss containers and their packaging. We do not collect interdental brushes or the remains of electric toothbrushes.

From Michelle Young (Hinton and Sedgeberrow ALM)

16 May was 'Do Something Good For Your Neighbour Day', and in these weird and wonderful times it seemed even more poignant to recognise it. When I got thinking though, it felt like most days in these last nine weeks have been 'Do Something Good For Your Neighbour Day.' My little row set up a Facebook group so we could ask for stuff or offer something, or unfortunately, report a theft. It's not a particularly busy social media group but it meant that one person was able to borrow some sandpaper and that another was able to get some bean canes after theirs were stolen.

Before Covid-19, we would all wave at each other, or nod in recognition if we passed cars etc but I certainly didn't know everyone's names or the fact that the lady at the other end from me is an AMAZING baker. I always considered us to be a friendly and welcoming bunch of houses, but it was only when this virus appeared that we really started conversing.

'Do Something Good For Your Neighbour Day' is probably something we should all consider more often. Maybe we should all try and do something a bit more frequently – above and beyond the feeding of the cat or pulling wheelie bins back? This current situation is super hard. I feel quite isolated and lonely at times, I miss my friends, I miss the community feeling from being at church. I miss the giggles and sparkly shoes and bags of Terracycle of a Sunday morning. Whilst the BBC services are good, it's not the same just yet.

'Do Something Good For Your Neighbour Day' is undeniably the core of who we are and how we live our lives. 'Love your Neighbour', we are taught; be the Good Samaritan. Not just now with Covid-19 but on a wet day in October and next April and beyond. Remember to say thank you for something specific when you are writing your piles of Christmas cards. Make someone smile and feel special. To them, giving you some spare bean plants might have been nothing; but to you, it filled that corner of the veg patch and provided you with some delicious meals. Remind them of the good things, spread love, spread happiness and gratitude.

'Do Something Good For Your Neighbour Day' – not just May 16th.

Michelle (Hinton and Sedgeberrow ALM)

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St Andrew's Fellowship – May 2020

Welcome to another month of inactivity! The weeks roll by, punctuated by breakfast, lunch, and tea - gardening, (lots!) and jigsaw puzzles! The garden looks better than it has done for years, and we cannot invite people in to admire it!

In view of the recent pronouncements from the Prime Minister, I have cancelled our June and July meetings, and we will review the situation in the light of any lessening of restrictions as and when we can. What Jenny has done, is to rebook the speakers we have cancelled for next year, so it is to be hoped that we will not miss out on any part of the excellent programme she had prepared for us. They will just come along a year later!

Shirley and I sincerely hope that all of our members are keeping well and out of trouble. We will be in touch with you all by telephone sometime next month, especially as I know that not all of you do actually see this august magazine!

In the meantime, if members would like a chat, or have any problems we may be able to help with, please do not hesitate to call us. (553392)

We send you all our prayers and best wishes for co

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 June and July

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| 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.

St Andrew's CE First School

Successful learners Success for life



There is no report from St Andrew's First School this month, as the staff are busy preparing for the proposed re-opening of schools on 1 June.

In the meantime, please continue to follow NHS guidelines: 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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 Tel: 01386 41351

Dandelions!

Many of us actually like dandelions. Their amazingly cheerful colour always brings a smile to our faces. The not-so-neat-and-tidy gardeners among us can simply enjoy flowers where they grow.

The name 'dandelion' apparently derives from 'dent de lion' – lions' teeth, owing to the tooth-like shape of its leaves. There are many different varieties of dandelion, but they all have the toothed leaves arranged in a rosette around the single flowers, each one made up of up to *two hundred* [yes, really!] tiny florets on a smooth stem, that when picked, releases a milky substance known as latex.

The golden heads, which close up at night, in wet weather, or if picked to go in a vase, give way to the seed-heads we all know as clocks. Who cannot remember proclaiming the time as a child, having blown the seeds away, counting each breath as an hour? And who, if this happened in the garden, remembers the reaction of a parent, or grandparent, to the efficient dispersal of the seeds all over the vegetable patch or flower bed!

Sudoku Solutions

| Easy Sudoku | Medium Sudoku | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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7 June - Trinity Sunday

Celebrating our God who is Three Persons

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, which gives us life and illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are *of* the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.



The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

Isaiah 45:22: 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.'

Genesis 1:1-2: 'In the beginning God created... and the Spirit of God was hovering...'

Judges 14:6: 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...'

John 1:1-3: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we turn to its brilliant light, we find that the warmth and life there as well.

Prayer

2020

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

Online Services

Sarah Hewett of the Fairfield Fresh Expressions Team is offering online services on Facebook at fairfieldchurch@familyfairfield



Monday to Saturday

8:00 - Morning Prayer

21:00 - Compline

Sundays

11:00 - Community Worship

Easter 2020 - (A Bit Late)!

The Rev'd Nick Wright has found this poem, which is about the meaning of Easter in this particular year, when things have not been at all normal. I realise it's a bit late, but, after all, every Sunday is an Easter Day!

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?

Not lost in our locked churches, anymore

Than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.

The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,

And he is up and risen, long before,

Alive, at large, and making his strong way

Into the world he gave his life to save,

No need to seek him in his empty grave.

He might have been a wafer in the hands

Of priests this day, or music from the lips

Of red-robed choristers, instead he slips

Away from church, shakes off our linen bands

To don his apron with a nurse: he grips

And lifts a stretcher, soothes with gentle hands

The frail flesh of the dying, gives them hope,

Breathes with the breathless, lends them strength to cope.

On Thursday we applauded, for he came

And served us in a thousand names and faces

Mopping our sickroom floors and catching traces

Of that corona which was death to him:

Good Friday happened in a thousand places

Where Jesus held the helpless, died with them

That they might share his Easter in their need,

Now they are risen with him, risen indeed.

Malcolm Guite

21 June - Fathers' Day, a time to celebrate male role models

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, how about a Zoom meeting?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19th, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

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>

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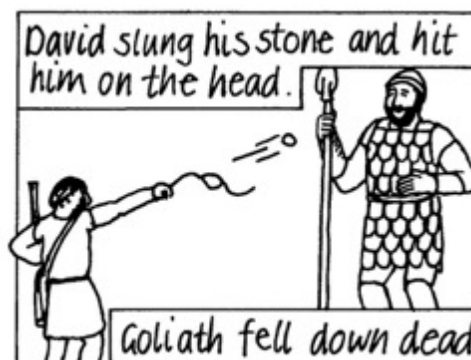
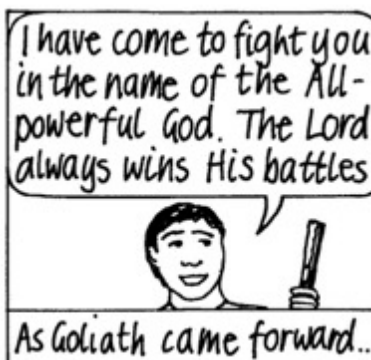
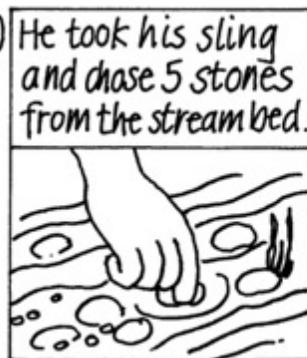
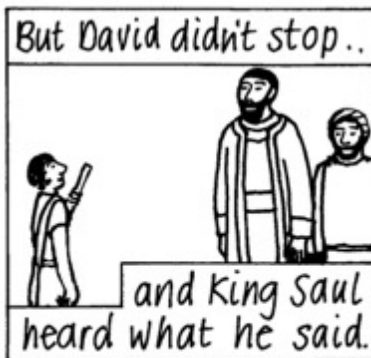
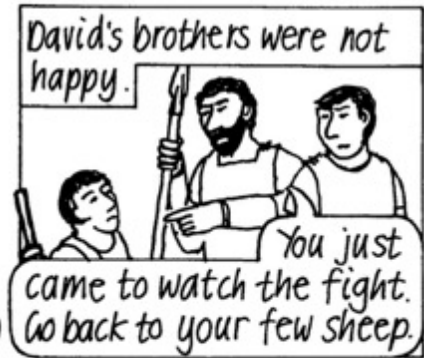
Children's Page - Bible Bites

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..



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