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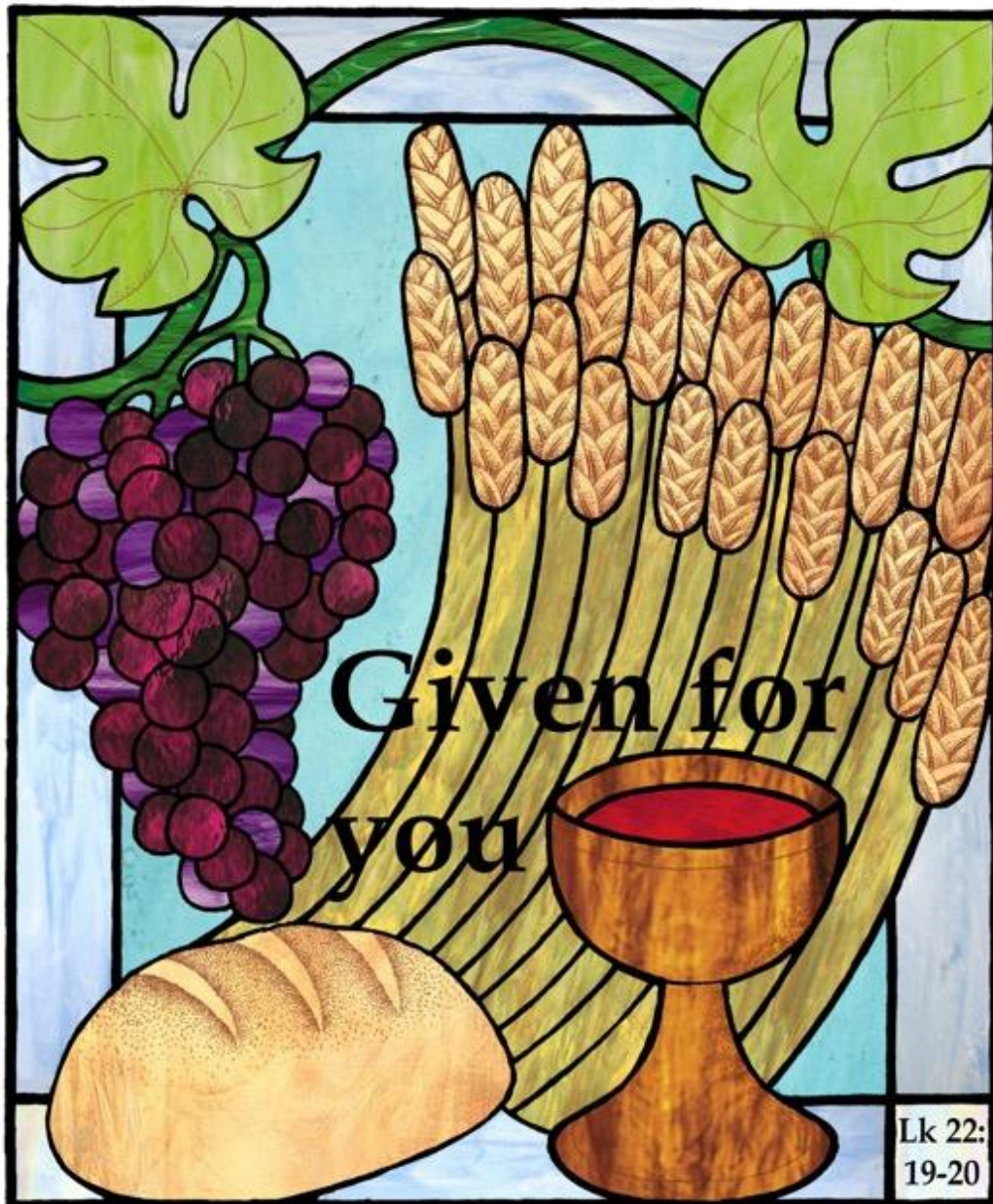


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The magazine of the Churches of
Hampton, with Sedgeberrow
and Hinton on the Green

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Update on the Re-opening of Churches

The government will continue to consider how to allow places of worship to reopen for additional uses in Step 3 of its [Roadmap](#), which is expected to be no earlier than 4 July, subject to further scientific advice.

Through its Places of Worship Taskforce, the government is continuing to work with faith leaders and representatives to develop a plan to enable the phased and safe reopening of places of worship.

This guidance for places of worship will be updated as and when further changes come into effect.

No place of worship will be able to reopen before a final decision by the government and the accompanying change to the legal position in the published regulations. Places of worship will be able to reopen at a slower pace if they wish.

At Hampton we are preparing to re-start Worship on the 5th July if the government gives the go ahead. This will be a new normal rather than what we have been used to before March. A risk assessment has been prepared to enable us to open safely. With social distancing at 2 metres Hampton Church can seat 30 people. If this changes to 1 metre then up to 60 people can be seated. Family members and couples can sit together, but single people will need to keep the required distance. Queue management will be arranged in and out the building, with hygiene cleaning at the point of entry. You may use face coverings if you wish for additional protection.

We have prepared a Worship rota for the next three months. August will not be the usual Summer Trail. Services will follow the normal monthly pattern in each Church. There will be no singing until we are told this can resume. No refreshments will be available after the Service for the time being. Communion will be received in one kind as before the lockdown.

For the latest information about what is happening you will need to go on our Church Website at Hampton Church Evesham. The Benefice Office is re-opening part-time on the 1st July.

Events Update – September 2020

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

Letter from the Bishop of Worcester, John Inge

At the start of the year we held the first round of our 'Open Conversations'. A fantastic 95% of parishes were represented at them and I'm hugely grateful to all those who took part. We are planning a further set of conversations in September and I hope they will be just as well attended.

Since those first conversations, the pandemic has changed the world in ways that would have been inconceivable six months ago. That makes these new conversations all the more important as we seek together to discern God's will for the future in challenging times.

Conversation is an essential part of the Christian life. It's no accident that the word 'conversion' is related to the word 'conversation'. To converse is to be connected. The conversation continues as we continually turn towards the person with whom we're speaking. The word conversion literally means 'to keep turning' to God in conversation.

God comes to us individually and corporately. As we turn to one another in conversation to share our insights, we turn to God for conversion. Only together can we discern his will for us.

Jesus came to proclaim the Kingdom of God and in this diocese we are clear that we are called to be Kingdom People of love, compassion, justice

and freedom. And to grow as Kingdom People, we need to have churches across the Diocese which are healthy and sustainable.



These conversations will enable us to explore what a healthy and sustainable church might look like in our own context – regardless of the size of our congregation or whether our church is urban, rural or something in between. This is a chance to reflect on what our future might hold as we seek to worship God, make new disciples, share hope and transform our communities.

The meetings will be held online using Zoom, but will follow a similar format to the previous open conversations, with opportunities for people to contribute in small groups. There will also be other opportunities to engage for those unable to use Zoom – you can find out more at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations.

Please do take part if you can. May we converse well and, as we do so, be continually converted!

Bishop John

Prayer for Return to School

Dear Lord, we pray for the students and teachers going back to schools for this next school year.

We pray for their health and safety as classrooms and schools have been modified to allow for proper social distancing and hygiene.

We pray for the support staff and office staff who are essential employees at schools as they open; we pray that you would keep them safe and protected from any re-occurrence of the virus. Please protect the families of the children and teachers as they return home each day; please curtail the spread of the virus so that it would not infect these families.

Lord, we also pray for energy and rest for the children and teachers so that they would be able to plan their lessons and effectively teach, also that the children would be able to learn and keep up with their lessons. We also pray for their spiritual growth

In Your name

For Jesus' sake.

Amen.



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.



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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Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers)	John Lynch (01386) 553392 Elaine Major (01386) 40722
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Church Wardens	
St Andrew's, Hampton	Carolyn Jenkins (01386) 442124 Margaret Thomson (01386) 47541
St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow	Ann Banks (01386) 881623 Roger Horton (01386) 881307
St Peter's, Hinton-on-the-Green	Lisa James 07866654923 Nicola Joscelyne (01386) 424630 & 07779 159346

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 – September 2020

Due to the Coronavirus, we have had no meetings since February. Many members are reluctant to meet up, due to the number of infections being on the rise again. We were hoping to have an informal meeting in September, but it doesn't look as if this will now happen.

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

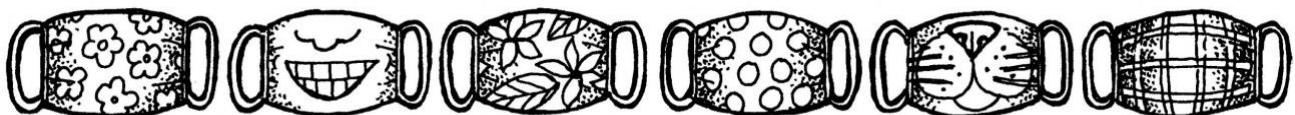
- ❖ **October 8th - BEETLE DRIVE / FISH & CHIP SUPPER**
- ❖ **November 12th - CUBA – THE ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE – BOB BEACH**
- ❖ **December 10th - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

When we resume again, 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.

Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall



The Hall has been out of use since mid-March, due to the Coronavirus. The Hall Committee are looking to start limited opening from September. However, initially this will be restricted to some of the organised groups who previously had bookings. Scout and Guide groups will have to await the go-ahead from their respective associations before indoor meetings can be resumed. There can be no party bookings for the time being. Due to Social Distancing, numbers within the groups using the Hall will necessarily have to be reduced, and each group organiser will be required to carry out their own risk assessment. There will be strict requirements regarding cleaning after groups and also regarding Track and Trace. If you belong to a group which previously used the Hall, please contact your group leader for updates.



OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Following the open conversations held around the Diocese at the start of the year, we are now planning a series of further opportunities to engage with the process as we look at how we can effectively resource a healthy and sustainable Church into the future.

It will be a chance to hear more about the strategy for mission and ministry across the Diocese and think about how it might impact on your own church. Only by working together can we ensure that God's Kingdom continues to grow in Worcestershire and Dudley.

These meetings will be held online using **Zoom**, but will follow a similar format to the previous open conversations, with opportunities for people to contribute in small groups. To sign up for one of the conversations, please contact the training team with your preferred date on training@cofe-worcester.org.uk or [01905 732812](tel:01905732812), You will be sent the Zoom details ahead of the conversation.

Conversations will take place on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 8 September:** 3 to 5pm **and** from 6 to 8pm
- **Friday 18 September:** 10am to 12 noon
- **Monday 21 September:** 6 to 8pm
- **Tuesday 22 September:** 6 to 8pm
- **Thursday 24 September:** 6 pm to 8pm
- **Monday 28 September:** 2 to 4pm **and** 6 to 8pm:

Recognising that not everyone will be able to join a video call, we are providing two alternative ways to take part in the Open Conversation process:

1. We are asking those attending to partner up with someone in their church without zoom access and share their experience, if possible, showing some of the video clips which will be available on this web page on their own tablet or phone, and giving a summary of the table time discussions in which they participated. So please do ask around in your congregation and find someone who is willing to do this with you.
2. Join one of **two telephone conference calls**, where a shortened version of the input will be communicated. These will be free to dial into, and accessible to anyone with a phone. **More information will follow shortly on these.**

More information: www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations.



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There is no report from St Andrew's First School this month, as the school is on holiday, but staff will have been busy preparing for the school to open fully in September.

In the meantime, please continue to follow NHS guidelines: we urge you to do 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
email: office@st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk

www.st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk
Tel: 01386 41351

VJ Day

75 years ago on 15 August 1945, the surrender of Japan ended the Second World War, which had, until then, continued in the Far East.

The Fourteenth Army who fought in the Asia-Pacific at this time, was formed of British and Commonwealth men and women. Often, they were and continue to be referred to as the 'Forgotten Army', having been at war in such remote, jungle locations, with very little opportunity to correspond with loved ones at home.

Great losses were felt on all sides of the conflict, and by the civilians of countries in the Asia-Pacific region. During the notorious Battle of Kohima (1944), the local people of Nagaland actively supported Allied troops in many ways, leading to their victory.

Kohima, a town set high among jungle-covered hills in Nagaland in North East India near the border with Myanmar (Burma), was the site of an epic battle in the war against Japan. In fact it was one of the crucial battles of World War II. In April 1944 the town was besieged by a Japanese division spearheading what they hoped would be the invasion of India. The defenders, 1500 men of the Royal West Kents, the Assam Regiment and the Assam Rifles, held out for two weeks until relieved by their comrades of the 2nd British Division. The ensuing battle, fought at close quarters for two months, was the first defeat of the Japanese by the British army, and a turning point in the war in Asia.

The town of Kohima was completely destroyed, but this did not prevent the local inhabitants from supporting the British and Indian troops as guides, porters and combatants. Without the help of the Naga people, it is doubtful if the battle could have been won.

For sixty years after the battle the veterans, along with their families and members of the contemporary 2nd Division, met annually in York to remember their fallen comrades who lie buried in the war cemetery on the Kohima Ridge, the scene of the most bitter fighting.

In order to sustain the memory of this comradeship and to support the education of future generations of the Naga people, veterans founded the Kohima Educational Trust in 2004.

'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today'.

Kohima Epitaph, by John Maxwell Edmonds

St Andrew's Fellowship – July/August 2020

Quiet isn't it? We will be ringing round again soon to see how you all are, but in the meantime we have cancelled the September meeting, and keeping the rest of the year under review. But I have to say that there does not seem to be a great deal of appetite for us all to meet up again just yet. However, we will get your up to date views, soon, and then the committee will make a decision about meetings for the rest of the year - and maybe about Christmas too!

We sincerely hope you are all keeping well and safe. Please don't take any risks. We have now completed our shielding, but we are still being very cautious.

Don't forget, we are on the end of a phone line – 01386 553392.

With our best wishes to you all, and stay safe!

Shirley and John Lynch.

St Andrew's Fellowship Programme for 2020/2021

No meeting in September

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.

From the Registers – July/August 2020

Wedding		
1 August	Stephen Shakespeare and Karen Rayfield	Sedgeberrow
Funerals		
1 July	Iris Pinkstone	The Vale
17 July	Pamela White	Hinton
27 July	Shirley Slater	The Vale

A Recipe for Ginger Lovers!

Ginger Shortbread

Shortbread Ingredients:

- 120g butter
- 60g caster sugar
- 150g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder (5ml)
- 1-2 teaspoons ground ginger, according to taste (5-10ml)

For the ginger icing:

- 60 g butter
- 75g icing sugar
- 35g golden syrup
- 1-2 teaspoons ground ginger, according to taste (5-10ml)



Method

For the shortbread base:

- Preheat the oven to 180°C/ 160°C fan/ gas mark 4
- Line the base of a sandwich tin with a baking parchment circle and/or lightly grease the tin.
- Beat all the shortbread ingredients with a mixer or in a food processor until they are well combined
- Press the mixture into the prepared tin and use the back of a spoon to smooth the surface
- Cook for 30 minutes or until golden. Allow to cool in the tin.

For the ginger icing:

- Melt all the ingredients together gently
- Stir to combine
- Pour over the shortbread and allow to cool.
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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.

Your face mask and your dog

Face masks have been a big adjustment for all of us, but dogs especially may be struggling, warns the animal charity, Dogs Trust.

Dogs use our facial expressions to tell how we are feeling, so if they suddenly encounter people whose faces are covered, they could become confused, stressed, and even feel threatened. Their confusion may lead to a loss of obedience and cooperation with you.

Here is how to get your dog used to you wearing a face mask:

- Hold your hand over your face for a moment, speak reassuringly to your dog, and then reward him.
- Introduce your dog to your face mask, let him sniff it and let him see you put it up to your face, and then down again. Reward him.
- Put it on for a moment. Reassure and reward him.
- Put it on and move about the room, while reassuring him. Reward him.
- Gradually build up the length of time that you wear the face mask around him. Keep reassuring him. Reward him.

Expect that he may not be so quick to understand and obey you when you are wearing the mask – be patient.

Don't take him into public places where many people are wearing masks, unless you absolutely have to do so. It could be very stressful for him.

Sudoku Solutions

Easy Sudoku

2	5	1	6	8	9	7	4	3
8	4	7	2	1	3	6	9	5
6	9	3	4	7	5	2	1	8
7	3	8	9	2	6	4	5	1
1	2	9	5	4	8	3	6	7
5	6	4	1	3	7	8	2	9
3	1	6	7	5	2	9	8	4
4	7	2	8	9	1	5	3	6
9	8	5	3	6	4	1	7	2

Medium Sudoku

8	5	3	6	2	4	7	9	1
7	6	9	5	3	1	4	8	2
1	2	4	7	9	8	6	5	3
3	8	5	9	1	6	2	4	7
2	4	1	8	7	3	5	6	9
6	9	7	4	5	2	1	3	8
5	3	8	1	6	7	9	2	4
4	1	6	2	8	9	3	7	5
9	7	2	3	4	5	8	1	6

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50 Sycamore Avenue
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(A stamped addressed envelope must be provided)

Closing date 23 October 2020

Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances

St Andrew's Tots

There are no plans to start Tots Sessions in the near future, but watch this space for any changes.

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.

Has lockdown damaged your eyesight?

Are you suffering from ‘**coronavis**ion’? It is perfectly possible! Lockdown led to many of us staring at our television or computer screens for long periods of time. And that could have strained our eyes, warns the College of Optometrists.

By this summer one in five adults in Britain had reported a deterioration in their eyesight. Symptoms include blurred vision, difficulty in focussing, and red or painful eyes.

As one optometrist explained: “Working from home, video calls with friends and family, watching more TV, time spent looking at your phone – all that screen time adds up. The good news is that this is unlikely to cause any permanent harm to your vision.”

Nevertheless, the College urges people to get their eyes checked if they feel on-going discomfort. They also advise that when you are looking at a screen, you rest your eyes every 20 minutes, blink regularly, use eye drops, position your screen below eye level and increase the size of the text.

Psalm 23 – A Psalm for the Pandemic

There are few psalms as personal and real as Psalm 23. It records David’s experience of God as his Shepherd going through dark times. In the midst of the effects of a global pandemic, this psalm speaks to the fears that can overwhelm us.

He Knows Me: ‘The Lord is my shepherd...’ Just as a good shepherd knows every sheep in his flock, so God know each one of us intimately.

He Provides for Me: ‘He makes me lie down in green pastures...’ Just as the shepherd knows the needs of his sheep, so God will provide what we need in our lives and circumstances.

He Guides Me: ‘He guides me along the right paths...’ Just as the shepherd leads the sheep to the best pastures, so God provides the best for us, as we listen and follow Him.

He Protects Me: ‘Even though I walk through the darkest valley...’ Just as the sheep have no need to fear danger when following the shepherd, so we live knowing God’s presence and protection.

He Comforts Me: ‘your rod and your staff, they comfort me.’ As the shepherd’s rod defends the sheep, and the staff enables him to control the sheep, so God comforts us through His Word and discipline.

The final verses of the psalm (v5-6) offer the security of knowing that our lives are in His hands, even through death, as He leads us to the home we’ve been looking for all our lives.

Sudoku - Easy

2		1		8		7		
8	4	7	2			6		
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			5		8			
	6	4	1	3			2	9
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		5		6		1		2

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Sudoku - Medium

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7		9	5			4	8	
	2		7				5	
				1	6			
2								9
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	3				7		2	
	1	6			9	3		5
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Children's Page - Bible Bites

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

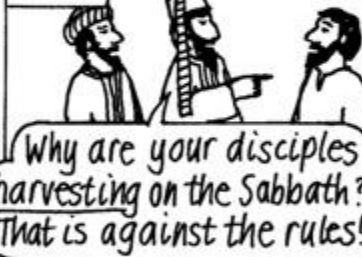
It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the laws being broken.

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



The Pharisees said to Jesus



But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests*



And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath*



Don't you understand when God says 'Keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?*



If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.



The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place



The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.



If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



Hold out your hand.



The Pharisees left and made plans.



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Services for September 2020

Wednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
6 September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10.00am	Family Communion	Fairfield
Ezekiel 33: 7-11; Romans 13: 8-end; Matthew 18: 15-20			
Wednesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
13 September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10.00am	Community Worship	Fairfield
	10.30am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11am	Morning Praise	Hinton
Genesis 50: 15-21; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35			
Wednesday 16	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
20 September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Community Worship	Fairfield
Jonah 3: 10 to 4: end; Philemon 1: 21-end; Matthew 20: 1-16			
Wednesday 23	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
27 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Community Worship	Fairfield
	10.30am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end; Philemon 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32			
Wednesday 30	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

Services for October 2020

4 October – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10.00am	Family Communion	Fairfield
Wednesday 7	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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