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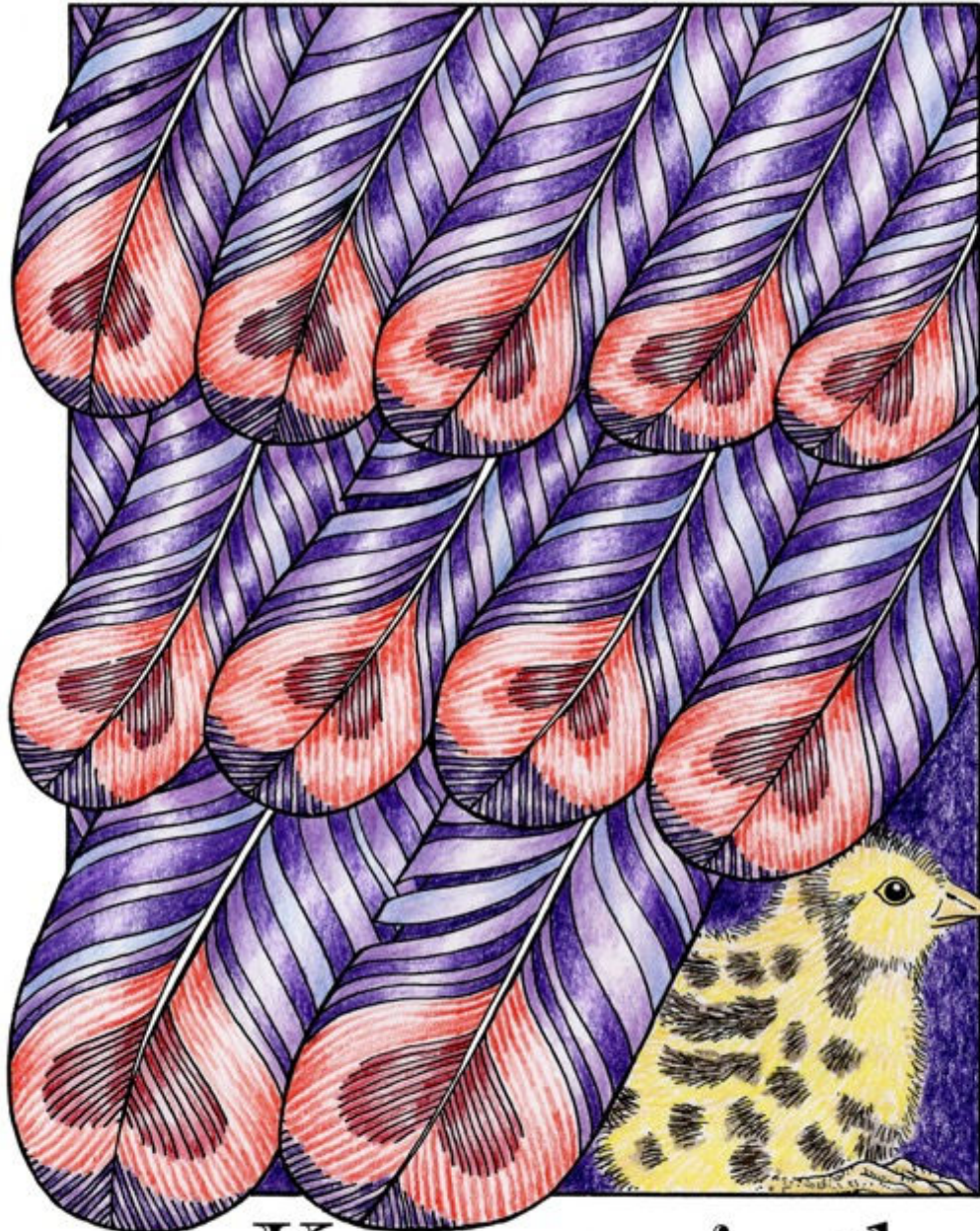


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shelter of your wings Ps 17:8

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CHURCH SERVICES DURING LOCKDOWN

We have taken the decision to close St. Andrew's, Hampton for Worship until further notice. The rising number of infections in the area cannot be ignored in relation to the risk it presents to anyone attending. We would rather the congregation stayed safe and participated in the Zoom Worship available on the Church of England website and by using the Worship materials available from the Parish Office. We will keep the Office open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Please phone 01386 446381 and we will post the Worship materials to you as needed. If there is anything else you need help with then please let us know. The Church will remain open for Funeral and Wedding Services only. These are subject to limitations, 30 for Funerals and 6 for Weddings. The Church is not open for prayer during the week. For your information Bengeworth, Sedgeberrow and Hinton, are also closed for Worship.

At the moment the daily COVID UK death rate has reached is still rising, and this should focus our minds on doing all we can to keep the vulnerable safe from this awful virus. Our hope is in the vaccination programme, that it will provide a way out of lockdown to allow a return to normal life. We know this is going to take time. For the moment be supported by your faith in the God who brings light into the darkness.

Mark Binney

On-line Services

Sarah Hewitt is continuing to broadcast 8am Morning Prayer and 9pm Compline each Monday to Friday.



The Fairfield team will be preparing an 11am Community Worship service on Sundays which can be accessed by Zoom. Please contact Sarah on 07456 549969 to sign up for daily codes.

Worship Pack

If you would like to receive a Worship Pack during this lockdown, please contact The Benefice Office and we will get one sent out to you.

The Office is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.15am and 1.15pm. You can telephone and leave a message or email at

asumsouth.office@hamptonchurch.org.uk

Safeguarding

A new scam has been reported in which a person receives a text saying they need to book a vaccination appointment via a link, which takes them to a fake NHS form asking for bank details to prove their identity. Please be aware that bank information would never be requested. Vaccinations are free.

Letter from the Bishop of Worcester, John Inge

It might feel as though we have been in the season of Lent for a very long time. Because of the pandemic we weren't able to celebrate Easter properly last year and the remainder of the year had a distinctly penitential feel to it, as has the first part of 2021.

There has been so much sadness, grief and loss during these past few months and we shall be living with the consequences of COVID-19 for years to come. My hope and my prayer, though, is that not all of those consequences will be bad.

Lent is the time for us to turn our faces towards Jerusalem and prepare to follow our Lord on the way of the cross. We do that knowing that out of crucifixion, God brought resurrection. That is the Christian pattern of things – God's redemption involves bringing good out of bad, joy out of pain, new life out of death.

After the resurrection Peter wanted to go back to fishing. It was what was familiar to him and he felt he could find comfort in that. But God was calling him to something much more exciting.

It would be a sadness for us to try to go back to the way things were before the pandemic, just as it would have been for Peter simply to resume his life as a fisherman. Like Peter, I believe God is calling us to something much more exciting.

This year, at the end of what feels like a very long Lent, it would be good for us to reflect upon and pray about what the 'new normal' might look like. I hope it will involve more care, more community, more goodness and more Godliness – but God will work things out much more wonderfully than I could ever plan.



Sarah Hewitt

Our Deanery Missioner, Sarah, has been appointed as Community Missioner for Christ Church, Matchborough (Redditch), and will be leaving Evesham in mid-April. We wish her and Neil every blessing as they move onto pastures new.

A Prayer for the pandemic

Dear Father God,

You promise to hear us when we come to you in prayer, thank you! We so need Your listening ear at this time – and your help, Lord.

Winter always brings challenges, but this winter is exceptional as the effects of the

pandemic continue. When we are afraid, or lonely, or grieving, or in despair, help us to trust You and to know that You are with us in the middle of it all, sustaining us. You are not social-distancing, You are very, very close, full of love and compassion.

We pray for our National Health Service and ask for Your special strength and protection for all staff. Thank you for the skills You have given to scientists all over the world. Thank you for the hope which the vaccines bring. Most of all thank You for the hope which Jesus brings. This earthly life is a whisper in the light of eternity and Jesus is the key to that eternal life. Thank You, Father, for meeting all our needs in Jesus. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



For all those who are sick, in special need or house-bound:

Mark Bartlett; Heather Attwood; Sylvia Emson; Pat Bullman

For those who have died, and all who mourn them:

Dennis Coles, Freda Swords, Dennis Smith, Maria Kesterton, Clive Wells, Lil Hobbs, Jonathan Williams, Mavis Brotherton, Anthony Smith, Ann Woodcock, Margaret Monaghan, Sylvia Brotherton, Terry Jenkins and Barbara Wragg

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.

New Deaneries

At the end of July 2020, the Bishop of Worcester opened a consultation into proposed changes to the Deanery structure, reducing the number of deaneries from 13 to 6. This would be brought about by a “Bishop’s Pastoral Order”.

The consultation ran until 4 December, and we were grateful to receive more than 80 responses – from individuals and on behalf of the PCCs, Deanery Standing Committees or Deanery Synods.

Bishop John said:

“I am delighted that so many people contributed to the consultation on the changes to our deaneries, resulting in a number of amendments to the Pastoral Order. This new structure is an important step in ensuring our diocese is fit for purpose going forward, allowing us more flexibility in deploying ministry and organising mission. Over the next few months, as teams are formed and chapters, deanery synods and other groups are able to meet, I pray that it will result in new partnerships and ideas for taking the love of Jesus out into our communities.”

A new deanery structure which will move us to six deaneries will now come into effect on 1 February and Bishop John will shortly be in touch with all licensed clergy about the appointment of new Area Deans.

The six deaneries are: Greater Dudley; Redditch and Bromsgrove; Kidderminster and Stourport; Worcester; Malvern and Upton and Pershore and Evesham.

National Nest-box Week

Our birds are short of nesting holes, and no wonder: gardens, parks and woodland are much neater than they used to be, and modern homes offer few crannies for nest building.

National Nest-box Week, which is celebrated from 14th February each year, aims to encourage us to put up more nest-boxes, and to consider planting shrubs or trees with fruit that birds eat. These can make all the difference to birds struggling to survive, especially blue tits, great tits, house sparrows, robins and starlings.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) offers a variety of ideas for building and placing nest-boxes. Go to: <https://www.nestboxweek.com>



Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Worcestershire will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

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The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

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

Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

Evesham Relief in Need

This charity (Charity Number 205074) was first registered in May 1962 and the objective is 'relieving either generally or individually persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress'.

The charity covers those who live with the Parish boundaries of Evesham, Hampton, Bengeworth and Norton. Applications will be considered outside the area of Evesham on an individual basis.

The charity awards one-off grants, typically no more than £500. Grants have been awarded for school uniform, white goods, household items such as carpets, household bills (not Council Tax), and computer equipment. Small denomination food vouchers are also made available from local churches. Grants are also made to organisations where the charitable aims are met.

The income comes mainly from the Edward Rudge Estate and investments. The total amount of grants each year is normally between £3,000 and £6,000.

Applications can be made in writing to the Clerk (preferably by email) by a sponsoring organisation such as Social Services, housing associations, local authority, church or other charitable organisations for example John Martin. There is no application form but the following information is required: details of the organisation proposing the individual/family, name and address of the applicant, amount required, what the purpose of the grant is and some details of why the applicant is unable to finance this for themselves. Evidence of expenditure is to be provided to the Clerk. There is no deadline for applications as they are awarded throughout the year but the applicant cannot be eligible for support from other sources. Contact the Clerk (Caryl Mills) at asumsouth.office@hamptonchurch.org.uk or at the Parish Office

Stopping the Spread of Covid

Here is an easy resolution for the New Year: open your windows at home for 'short sharp bursts' of 10 to 15 minutes at a time, several times a day.

The government's public information campaign says that regular fresh air can cut the risk of Covid transmission by more than 70 per cent.

So, either leave a window open a small amount continuously, or open it fully on a regular basis throughout the day, especially if anyone has come to visit you in your home. Coronavirus is spread through the air by droplets and smaller particles known as aerosols. They can hang in the air for hours and they build up over time.



Candlemas

Bringing the 'Light of the World' into the dark days of winter



The Christian festival of Candlemas, which is celebrated annually on 2nd February, marks the 'Presentation of Christ in the Temple' (*Luke 2:22-40*), which is the official name for this feast day. Candlemas is celebrated by Christians throughout the world. Ten years ago, when in Madeira, I witnessed an amazing celebration when hundreds of local people, carrying lighted candles, took to the streets and processed into a cathedral. There were so many people that most of them had to stand outside and listen to the service on loudspeakers.

The name, 'Candlemas' evolved from a tradition that churches, while celebrating the time that the child Jesus was presented in the temple, used the occasion to bless the candles they had bought for the coming year. Candles, of course, were the usual source of light in dark church buildings before the electric light became available in the early 1900's. In my parish church, St Andrew's Sonning, a single electric light bulb was installed in October 1934 to supplement the candles that had always been used. It was first light bulb in the village. The vicar, writing in our parish magazine, said: 'At Evensong, when the congregation was even larger than usual, the church looked extraordinarily beautiful ... and the combination of the electric light and the candles throughout the church being markedly effective.' Candles, of course, were not only the main source of light – oil lamps being another source – in churches but also in people's homes and workplaces. Most villages, and certainly most towns and cities, had their candlestick maker, hence the nursery rhyme, '*Rub a dub dub, three men in a tub, the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker*'. Candles, or rather the light they provided, were an essential commodity. It is estimated that in the UK we spend £1.9 billion on candles every year!

Despite a modern day LED lighting system that welcomes visitors to my church today, candles are still used for all services. Before Covid, our Sacristan bought over 650 candles every year to replenish over 100+ candlesticks and chandeliers. The oldest chandelier still in use dates from 1675.

Like some other churches, Candlemas has also become the time to celebrate Christingle. The weeks immediately before and after Christmas are extremely busy with carol services for three local schools, and all the other Christmas celebrations so that holding Christingle at Candlemas on the first Sunday of February has become a very popular family occasion amidst the winter gloom. There can be no doubt that the humble candle is the perfect symbol for Jesus as the light that shines into the darkest parts of our world. *Bob Peters*

Hinton – from Rosemary Cross

In the Gospel of John we read the words at Chapter 7:

“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgement”

Some years ago I had been visiting my parents in the London suburbs. There was a tube strike at the time and I had to get to my mainline train station on the bus. When this finally appeared I got on with a sigh of relief. Then I saw the sign - ‘correct money only’ - without the right change I couldn’t travel. My heart sank as I knew I had used all my change the previous day to make up a tip for our waiter when we went out for dinner. I only had a £10 note and I couldn’t give that for a £1 fare. The driver told me I would have to get off the bus but just at that moment a man stepped forward and paid my fare for me. He was a very ordinary looking ‘bloke’ in a woolly hat and tatty jeans and the gesture was not one I would have expected from looking at him. In that moment I learned the lesson of St John’s words.

Hinton on the Green PCC would like to thank Neil Joscelyne for winding the church clock for us. He does this every week, rain or shine – so ‘thank you Neil’.

St Peter’s Churchyard here in Hinton is just a delight in the Spring, so do visit for a stroll around the Churchyard and into the village and then follow the footpath through to Sedgeberrow if you are able. It makes the daily exercise interesting and pleasurable (travel restrictions permitting).

St Peter’s is also a lovely venue for a Wedding and the large grassy Churchyard lends itself to photos. If you’re planning to get married here, get more information from one of our Churchwardens. We hope that eventually things will get back to ‘normal’ again and we shall be able to have services, community events and weddings again.

Keep smiling. A job application read:- “Instrumental in ruining the entire operation for a well-known chain-store”!!

THOUGH THERE ARE MANY BRANCHES THERE IS ONLY ONE VINE

A few years ago a Hinton resident asked me if I could host the French teachers due to visit with their pupils on an exchange visit with Prince Henry’s. I don’t have a connection with Prince Henry’s, but I was sorry that no-one could host the teachers. The trip looked as though it was doomed to failure. I returned home and said to my husband ‘How about we have two French teachers to stay? So we did!

After that, except for one year we have hosted ‘our’ French teachers for a week each year over the course of many years. In 2020 we really missed our charming visitors from Millau (yes, that’s the place where the Norman Foster Bridge is). One teacher has visited every year and leaves her walking boots here ready for her next visit! We have had visits from three other teachers. All of them settled in quickly and enjoyed country walks, outings, pub meals and convivial chats over food and wine here at The Old Rectory. We really feel that they are our good friends. They have also

brought some of their pupils to St Peter's Church for a Harvest Festival Service and they all learned the song 'Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green' in class after singing it in church.

Friendship between nations is important and starts small with friendship between people. I pray that we shall be able to host our French friends again in 2021.

Hinton - Witterings from the villages ALM

I for one, was very excited to read of the plans for a 'Church Craft Day' as suggested by Elaine and Margaret in the January Herald. I will certainly be booking a table to try and share some of my lockdown activities! There are only so many felt puffins one can justify in the house, that's for sure!

In light of the announcement made by the PM on Monday 4 January, the PCC of Hinton made the tricky decision to temporarily stop having services. We are quite a vulnerable group in terms of compromised immune systems and slightly greying hair and so we felt that the best way we can keep our village and congregation safe is to stop meeting for the short term. It looks as though this is a decision that is being pushed forward in parliament too, which is a great shame. Thankfully, social media has been very useful for both Hinton and Sedgeberrow in terms of asking for help or 'can anyone just?' or 'I've got this, can anyone make use?' Of course it's not the same as worshipping together but that community spirit is alive and well and thriving.

Celebrating Christmas was odd without carol singing and I personally was very restored to be able to join the 'choirs' of both churches for different services. There is something quite special about singing and it's possibly the main thing I miss most right now. And hugs of course. Music has always helped me deeply. Teenage heartache, grown up struggles, hormonal stropiness and the rest can all be cushioned with a good lung filling singing and dancing moment. Alas, my favourite 'stage' – my polytunnel greenhouse – is currently filled with my chickens who are in lockdown too by DEFRA because of the Avian flu risk. The chickens are not so keen on my vocal efforts quite as much as seeds and veg plants seemed to be last spring.

So I'm focusing my efforts on more happy post. Indeed, 7 February is 'Send a card to a friend day' and I'm working on that. We all miss hugs; we all miss a good catch up around a table with tea and cake. We miss that post-service chat about family and gardens. We miss our friends. So dig out your nice paper you've been saving and spend 70p on a stamp and tell someone you like them and you can't wait to see them again. Words are powerful and we all need a hug in an envelope right now.

Michelle Young

ALM for Hinton and Sedgeberrow

The Bible Garden Part 5 – Flowers

In the previous parts we have looked at planning a Bible garden, the seven essential Bible foods, trees and growing vegetables. This time we consider some of the plants that bring the beauty of God's creation into our Bible garden – flowers. There are plenty to choose from that can be grown in our climate, and for example: Anemone – or the 'Lily of the field' (*Matthew 6:28-30*)

Daisy (*James 1: 9-10*)

Hyacinth (*Revelation 9:17*)

Lavender (*Song of Songs 4:14*)

Lily (*Hosea 14:5*)

Mandrake (*Song of Songs 7:13*)

Poppy (*1 Peter: 24-25*)

Rose (*Song of Songs 2:1*)

Tulip (*Song of Songs 2:12*)

Water Lily (*2 Chronicles 4:5*)

Add to this list flowering shrubs and herbs such as Mallow, Broom, Hyssop and Rue, and you will be able to create a splendid display of flowers that blooms from early spring to autumn.

To keep your Bible garden authentic, it is worth trying to find varieties and colours that are usually found in the Middle East. As a general rule, white and red are often the best choice, for example, white rose, lily, daisy and broom, and red poppy and tulip.

If you are thinking about growing some Bible garden flowers, then now is an excellent time to do some research into their authenticity. Most of them will do well in pots. You will find lots of different views about the plant names, colours and species. You need to decide which of the experts you feel more comfortable with – and which will grow best in your garden. If it all gets too confusing you can always fill in some empty ground with a packet of mixed wild meadow flowers to remind us of what Jesus said (*Luke 12:27-28*) about flowers: *Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!*



Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3 and March 9. In 2021 Shrove Tuesday will fall on 16 February.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. The pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of tossing or flipping them is almost as old: “And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.” (Pasquil’s Palin, 1619).

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year:

Eggs ~ Creation

Flour ~ The staff of life

Salt ~ Wholesomeness

Milk ~ Purity

In the UK, pancake races form an important part of the Shrove Tuesday celebrations – an opportunity for large numbers of people, often in fancy dress, to race down streets tossing pancakes. The object of the race is to get to the finishing line first, carrying a frying pan with a cooked pancake in it and flipping the pancake as you run.

The most famous pancake race takes place at Olney in [Buckinghamshire](#). According to tradition, in 1445 a woman of Olney heard the shriving bell while she was making pancakes and ran to the church in her apron, still clutching her frying pan.

St Andrew’s CE First School

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As the schools have closed for the time being, there is no report from St Andrew’s School. They hope to be back after Easter.

Andrea Bailey - Headteacher

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Spinach and Ricotta Pancakes

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil, plus a drizzle
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 200g bag baby spinach
- 250g tub ricotta
- grating of nutmeg
- 4 large pancakes or crêpes
- 225g ball mozzarella, drained and torn into small pieces
- 50g Parmesan or vegetarian alternative, grated



Method

STEP 1

Heat the oil in a pan, add 2 garlic cloves and sizzle for a few seconds, then tip in the tomatoes. Season, and bubble for 10-15 mins until reduced to a thick sauce.

Microwave the spinach for 2 mins to wilt, or by tipping into a colander and pouring over a kettle full of hot water. When cool enough to handle, squeeze out as much liquid as you can, then roughly chop.

STEP 2

Heat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Mix together the ricotta, spinach, a generous grating of nutmeg, the remaining crushed garlic and some salt and pepper. Spread the tomato sauce over the base of a shallow baking dish about 20cm x 30cm. Divide the spinach mixture between the pancakes, spreading it over half the surface. Fold each pancake in half, then in half again to make a triangle. Lay the pancakes on top of the sauce, scatter with the mozzarella and parmesan. Drizzle with a little more oil and bake for 15-20 mins until bubbling.

Sudoku Solutions (from p18)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

St Andrew's Fellowship – January 2021

Hello to all members of the St Andrew's Fellowship

We wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

Having said that, it has not started very well has it? But at least we have the slowly accumulating effects of the vaccines to look forward to! We certainly look forward to the relative degree of freedom to mix that they will (or should) give us.

It is too early yet to begin to make plans for a 'release' date, but fear not, we can get back into action quickly once we get the green light. But I do think we can see the amber light a little way ahead of us!

We do hope that you are all keeping yourselves shielded and safe - and well.

It was a strange Christmas, wasn't it? We do hope, again, that you were able to celebrate in some way, and that you were able to be in touch with, if not actually visited by, your families, and others who are important to you.

We saw our families at some point in the season- but always outside. From our local Pershore Abbey Park, to a wildlife reserve north of Worcester, to Worcester racecourse, to the park in Redditch next door to the needle museum to our front doorstep - and we were lucky with the weather each time! (Mind you, it was snowing quite heavily in Redditch by the time we got back to the car!)

We hope all is well with you in your homes at the moment - you know where we are if there is anything we can do to help - bearing in mind that we are shielding so really can only talk over the 'phone; (553392) but we are more than happy to do that.

As I said at the top; we really do wish you all a Covid-free, happy, healthy and contented New Year 2021.

And if you are in touch, or live near to, other members of the group, please do pass on this message.

So, all of you, STAY SAFE!

Shirley and John Lynch (01386 553392)

From the Registers – December 2020

Funerals		
2 December	Susan Crump	The Vale
10 December	Dennis Coles	The Vale
18 December	Dennis Smith (Burial of Ashes)	Hinton

Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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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 Josh 13:8-20:48
1 Sam 31:1-5, 2 Sam 2:4-24, 3:12, 17-27, 4, 5:1-5

When the Jews reached the place that God had promised them, each tribe was given land to live in. But they were surrounded by enemies..



King Saul and two of his sons died fighting the Philistines.



David was made king of the southern tribe of Judah.



But Saul's army commander, Abner, took Saul's last son, Ishbosheth, north and made him king of the rest of Israel.



Joab was David's commander. The two armies fought and Abner killed Joab's brother.



Ishbosheth was a poor king and Abner decided to join David.



Abner persuaded all of the northern tribes to have David as king.



Abner came for a secret meeting with David.



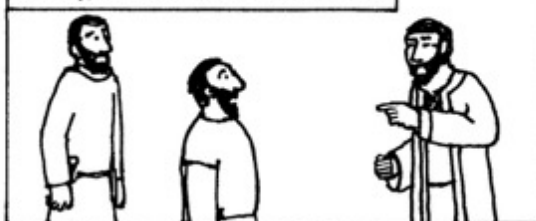
So Joab tricked Abner into another meeting and killed him.



Then two men sneaked into Ishbosheth's house and killed him as he had a nap.



They expected a reward from David but he was very angry because they had murdered Ishbosheth.



So David became king over all of Israel.



Hampton WI – December 2020



Due to the Coronavirus, we have had no meetings since February 2020. Hopefully we will be able to meet again sometime in 2021.

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.

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Gabrielle Falkiner has been collecting goods for donations to the Christian Centre. She takes delivery of these items at her home and takes them to the Centre for distribution to those who need support.



At the time of printing, Services for February 2021 have been cancelled. For up to date information, please see the church website hamptonchurch.org.uk

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
7 February – The Second Sunday before Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	11.00am	Community Service	Zoom *
Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31; Colossians 1: 15-20; John 1: 1-14			
Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
14 February – Sunday next before Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10.30am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11.00am	Community Service	Zoom*
	11.00am	Morning Praise	Hinton
2 Kings 2: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9			
Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
21 February – First Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.00am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11.00am	Community Service	Zoom*
Genesis 9: 8-17; Peter 3: 18-end; Mark 1: 9-15			
Wednesday 24	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
28 February – Second Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10.30am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11.00am	Community Service	Zoom*
Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Romans 4: 13-end; Mark 8: 31-end			

Services for March 2021

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
7 March – Third Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	11.00am	Community Service	Zoom *
Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22			

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