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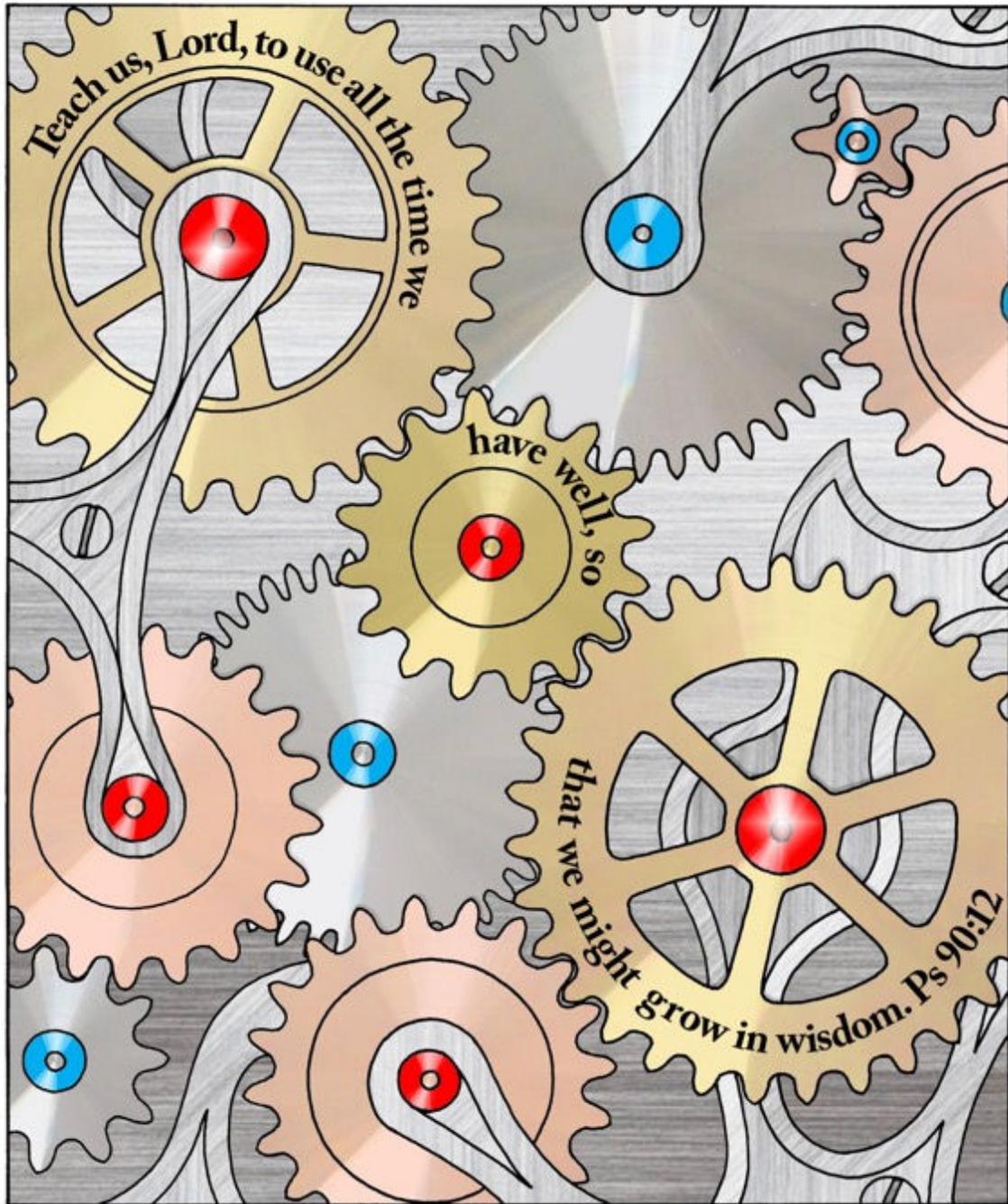


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Hinton on the Green

THE HERALD



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Hampton, with Sedgeberrow
and Hinton on the Green

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CHURCH WORSHIP

Now that the majority of legal restrictions have been lifted, we now have to move forward and manage to risk to ourselves and others as best we can. That means that we are responsible for one another. So it seems sensible as a Church to continue with the best hygiene measures that we can and to wear masks as appropriate. That being said it is a recommendation rather than an obligation.

We are now singing hymns, so if you feel vulnerable sit towards the back of the Church. We hope to restart refreshments very soon and will encourage you to bring your own cup or accept the use of disposable plastic cups. These are all small steps towards finding a new normality as we seek to reshape the life of our Church.

If you feel unable to return to Church at the present time then please contact the Benefice Office for Communion Wafers. Caryl is there on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

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OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed week commencing 30th August 2021 for annual leave.

Letter from the Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick

A Pilgrimage of Prayer and Hope - an article for September editions of parish magazines from Bishop Martin.

"The font in my church has been dry for over a year."

One of our faithful parish clergy was sharing on Zoom about how things were during the pandemic. It was such a powerful image of a dry and empty font, no water, no baptisms, no people in Covid affected churches. As a new bishop in this diocese I had been in lockdown like everyone else. I had really missed the opportunity to visit churches and to celebrate the sacraments, of eucharist, baptism and confirmation. Hoping that visiting will still be possible this Autumn I have set aside 12 days to spend two days in each deanery on a *Pilgrimage of Prayer and Hope*, visiting as many churches and meeting as many people as I can. Area Deans and Lay Chairs are working with me to finalise arrangements.

Most church visits will be very low key, and I will walk or drive between locations depending on distance.

There will be at least three fixed points in each day when people are welcome join me for a simple Morning, Midday and Evening prayer. I hope that one evening in each deanery will include a larger gathering, perhaps with a eucharist and renewal of baptism vows, or a shorter service of the word with time for discussion or Q&A together.



I am very much looking forward to being in many of our churches and being with God's Kingdom People in the urban and rural parts of our diocese. If I get the chance, I will certainly bless each baptismal font that I find. Let the living waters flow!

Bishop Martin

Change of Sunday Service Times

With effect from 26th September

Hampton - the main service time will change from 9.30 am to 10 am

Sedgeberrow - the service time will change to 10 am every Sunday

In our Thoughts and Prayers

O God, grant us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what can be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference.



Reinhold Niebuhr

At the beginning of a new academic year we pray for all schools, colleges and universities. We pray especially for all children and young people starting a new stage of their education and that they may adapt easily to their new environment. We pray for teachers that they may show patience and understanding towards their pupils. After the turmoil of the past year we ask that all concerned with educational policy may show wisdom in deciding on the best way forward for helping children from all backgrounds to develop their full potential.

This is the time of year when we give particular thanks to God for the fruits of the earth and sea that we have received. We pray for all those who do not have enough food and water and for all efforts to improve their lot.

In recent months we have seen the dramatic effects of climate change resulting in severe heat waves, flooding and fires in many parts of the world. We pray for all efforts being made to tackle the many challenges that this creates and for an awareness of how we can contribute. Above all we pray that governments may not merely engage in talks but take effective action to reduce the impact of further temperature rise.

Amen



The Railway Travellers Handy Book 1862' with Tony Conder

Friday 17th Sept, 2.30 pm

HAMPTON COMMUNITY HALL

Tickets: £6, includes tea/coffee and cake

ZOOM events available - details on Festival of Words website
<https://eveshamfestivalofwords.org/>

From the Registers – June/July 2021

Baptisms		
6 June	Holly and Oliver Damms	Hampton
Wedding		
24 July	Tom Challenger and Jamie-Lee Vale	Hampton
Funerals		
17 June	David Burtenshaw	Hampton
26 June	Andy Woolley – Burial of Ashes	Hampton
12 July	Nicola Lamb	The Vale
19 July	Richard Collins	The Vale
29 July	Beryl Sadler	Hampton

Bellringing returned to St. Andrew's on Sunday 22 August

This was the first time that we were able to ring since the start of the pandemic, in March 2020. We are grateful for the support of ringers from Evesham Bell Tower and Badsey.

John Smith, Ringing Master

Sudoku Solutions (from p15)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

RETURNING GROUPS

ST ANDREW'S TOTS

We will be starting back on Tuesday 14 September at 9.30am. Our group welcomes pre-school children with their carers, be it mothers, fathers, grandparents or childminders.

This service is offered by St Andrew's Church and no charge is made.

While the children play with the floor toys or sit at the activity table their carers can relax a little to chat. After a time to socialise, about 10am, we clear the table to serve refreshments. Then there is an opportunity to all sit on the mats for story time and then finish with a sing-song.

We meet in Hampton Scout & Guide Community Hall next to our church every Tuesday morning in term time. Doors open at 9am and we start to pack away at 10:30am.

We always need help with the toys and refreshments as well as story-times and singing, so please volunteer if you would like to come on a rota.

Please come along and join us.

For further details contact: Margaret Thomson on 01386 47541.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH **THE TWO C'S MONTHLY TEAS** **Conversation & Company**

For those who are lonely or bereaved.

Please come & join us for - **Traditional Afternoon Tea**

Last Sunday month - next one - 25 Sept **from 2.00 - 4.00**

For Further information:

Elaine Major 01386 446381 or 01386 40722



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Friendly Lunch and Talk

Friday, 6 September 12.30 - 3pm

The speaker will be Rev Alma Organ –

'The Spirit of Iona and Community'

Come by yourself or with a friend for a friendly two course lunch, served at 1pm, followed by coffee and a talk.



Quiet Garden Day

Thursdays – 16 September 10am - 4pm

Join the Friends of Holland House for a Quiet Day in the gardens at Holland House. All welcome

A short reflection will be followed by most of the day free for private reflection and enjoying the garden.

A Communion service is offered before a sandwich lunch, and a plenary session at the end before tea.

Further details on the Holland House website

<https://www.hollandhouse.org/programme/list-of-events/>

To sign up please visit the website and book online.

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

Ron Allen; Mark Bartlett; Victoria Brabin; Brenda Clarke; Sylvia Emson; Pamela Eustace; Mervyn Kearsley, Scott Pash, Karen Thorn and Nicola Whitehouse.

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

Rev Geoffrey Knee, Richard Daniels, David Burtenshaw, Ty Gittus, Andrew Whatcott, Iris Jones, Norma Read, Kevin Cooper, Baby Gary Smith, Nicola Lamb, Richard Collins, Beryl Sadler, Barbara Wright, Lucy Rodwell, John Woods, Mar n Grinnell; Vladislav Tashkov and Sylvia Morris

The World Wildlife Fund

(now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded 60 years ago in Switzerland, on 11 September 1961. It is now believed to be the world's largest conservation group, working in wilderness preservation, and reducing human impact on the environment.



A group of distinguished scientists, conservationists and businessmen, including Sir Peter Scott and Sir Julian Huxley, put the organisation together and chose its original name and the famous panda logo. It changed its name to the World Wide Fund for Nature in the UK and several other countries in 1989, but it still uses the initials WWF all over the world in advertising campaigns.

The late Prince Philip has been President of both the UK and international branches, and he was concerned particularly with encouraging faith communities to involve themselves in the environment. This led to a major conference in Italy in 1986, resulting in huge global publicity and tens of thousands of faith-led environmental initiatives around the world.

Although there has been criticism centring on the placing of environmental issues above human rights in some areas, the WWF now has more than five million supporters worldwide, working in more than 100 countries and supporting around 3,000 projects.

Children and Tea Drinking

Put the kettle on. Children should begin to drink tea from the age of four, in order to combat later stress, obesity and heart disease.

So says the results of a recent study which appeared in the Nutrition and Food Technology journal. It says that green tea and the more traditional black tea contain compounds which can aid concentration and cognitive function.

As one doctor said, "Including three cups of black tea daily as a part of a healthy lifestyle could help to preserve physical and mental health in childhood... and into old age."

Parents could offer tea as a substitute for sweet and sugary drinks for children.

This takes me back to my childhood, when my granny would give us some of her milky tea in saucer as 'a treat'. We also used to take a bottle of cold tea on picnics down to the beach. In those days there wasn't the range of children's drinks that we have today. I only remember milk, tea, water or NHS orange juice! Editor

Seeds to Sow and Grow

This year's Seed Gathering Campaign organised by the Tree Council begins on 22 September and runs until 23 October. Everyone is invited to gather seed, fruit and nuts that can be nurtured and grown into trees for the future. There is a lot of information and advice



at <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/seed-gathering-season/>

Now more than ever the true value of trees is being recognised in helping to tackle climate change and restore habitats. At a time when trees are also facing the threat of newly imported pests and diseases, one important factor for the survival of some species is diversity of stock. Growing seeds from healthy UK trees on home soil is the way forward. We must plant and protect more trees, ensuring that they thrive.

Growing trees from local seed can have great benefits in restocking areas with trees of local provenance. The concept of local provenance suggests that trees that are adapted to the local circumstances are more likely to flourish and so help restore, conserve and beautify local urban and rural spaces. Collecting seeds and growing trees is also a great way to get children involved and start growing the next generation of tree enthusiasts.

Many local organisations and groups will be taking part so ask around your patch to add some local interest. As well as being able to download some useful information sheets on common UK trees - English Oak, Field Maple, Hazel, Hornbeam, Beech, Common Lime, Holly, Hawthorn, Rowan, Scots Pine, Common Alder and Silver Birch - you will also find helpful health and safety advice and tips relating to the ownership of the fruit and seed you gather, where to collect them, places to avoid, and advice about which fruit, nuts and seed are edible.



Rainbows

We saw so many rainbows this time last year didn't we! Remember all the children stuck at home who put rainbows in their windows or left painted stones in our parks? We needed to hope for better things.

A whole year on and we are still needing rainbows

Rainbows appear as perfect arcs, often during a rainstorm when the sun shines on to water droplets, shattering its white light into an array of brilliant colours. They are a relatively common meteorological phenomenon, seen since the dawn of time. Rainbows feature in so many stories, myths and legends worldwide. In Genesis we read God's promise to Noah - 'Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth'.

Who hasn't thought, as a child, about the pot of gold left by leprechauns at the end of the rainbow? Sadly of course we now know, as adults, that it is unattainable - yet another childish dream shattered! Dorothy sang 'Somewhere over the rainbow, dreams come true and troubles melt like lemon drops'. But this magical place cannot be found.

Some cultures see the rainbow as a bridge. For the Ancient Greeks it is Iris, a beautiful young maiden who is a link between the heavens and earth. Some Indonesian societies believe that a rainbow is a celestial river used by souls as they journey to the spiritual realm.

In one Japanese myth, the creators of the world descend on a rainbow - known as the Bridge of Heaven - to create land from the ocean of chaos.

The rainbow-serpent is a very important and powerful spirit throughout Aboriginal Dreamtime culture; thought to be the oldest continuous religious belief in the world, and depicted in rock art dating back at least 10,000 years. The Aboriginal people of North Queensland, Australia believe that the rainbow is put in the sky by enemies, so causing the precious rain to stop falling.

Buddhists believe that you can become a spiritual rainbow body – the highest state that can be reached before Nirvana. Hindu legend has the rainbow as an archer's bow used by Indra, the god of thunder and war. For some Chinese, it was a crack in the sky, made by five coloured stones cast by the mother goddess, Nüwa.

While some cultures marvel at and worship rainbows, others fear them. Some Meso-American societies believe they are bad omens and hide their children away when they see them. The Karens of Burma believe a rainbow is a dangerous demon that eats children; whereas Bulgarian legend has it that walking under a rainbow causes someone to change gender. Watch out!

Some Thoughts from Hinton on the Green

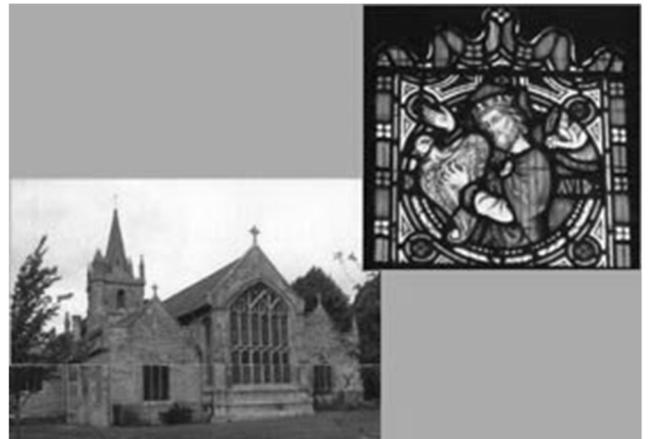
A conversation took place after our August service about the Preedy Trail.

This 'Talented Victorian Architect' – Frederick Preedy - was actually born in Offenham and he has made significant contributions to the churches in our area. Not just in terms of stonework or statues but actually in many of the beautiful stained glass windows.

His windows can be found in over 100 churches and 4 cathedrals and in the Evesham area alone, there are almost 60 Preedy windows to be viewed.

We discussed how we could do a 'tour' of the immediate few – Evesham, Church Lench, Cleeve Prior, Fladbury, Harvington, Offenham, Rous Lench, Badsey, Bretforton and us at Hinton on the Green! Of course, we won't do all in one day but maybe a couple per month? Do let me know if you'd like to join us on our historical trip around to appreciate this local Victorian celebrity!

As the weather starts to turn and we all start new adventures; be that new school or college or jobs, we all look towards the upcoming festivals and seasons where so many of these beautiful windows will be decorated and enhanced. More information about the buildings and examples of Preedy's work can be found within a leaflet titled 'Churches on the Evesham Preedy Trail'



Michelle Young

ALM for Hinton and Sedgeberrow

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Articles are submitted on the understanding that they may be edited to fit the available space.

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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.

St Andrew's Fellowship – July/August 2021

Greetings to you all - I hope by the time you read this, to have done another ring-around to make sure that you are all alive and kicking (!) and to get some idea of how you are all feeling about the possibility of resuming our meetings. I have to say, that particularly as Shirley has only recently had a very mild brush with a positive test, we are still being very cautious. We are going out and about, but trying to avoid crowded or busy places. But I am sure that we can space out well enough if we do decide to go ahead with a meeting or two. We do have a committee meeting arranged in late September, so we cannot do anything before then, and by then we should be in a better position to assess any further progress of the current Delta variation, as well as giving any other variants waiting in the wings, the opportunity to show themselves - or not! Also, by then, with any luck we should be getting our booster shots.

So watch this space: by next time, I really hope to have some better news - I feel that we are coming out of a very long tunnel and blinking in the light!

Do, all of you, keep safe and well, and, if you can and would like to, please give us a ring (553392) and tell us how you feel about meeting again. But I will be ringing round anyway, so that I have everyone covered.

Shirley and I send you all our very best wishes.

Take care and stay safe

Shirley and John Lynch.

Walk and Talk, Lost and Found (Bereavement Group)

We are re- launching the bereavement group which had to close at the onset of Covid.19. There will be a change to the way we meet, which hopefully will be more user friendly - so instead of meeting inside we will go for a short walk and chat along the way.

For those who are unable to walk or during wet weather, there is the opportunity to meet in the parish church hall.

It may be that over the last 18 months many people have experienced the sadness and pain of losing and struggled to cope. Having someone to listen alongside us may help in moving through to the part of our ongoing life.

If you would like to come to the re-launch, we meet in All Saints Church on Tuesday 7th. September at 2.00pm.

See you there.

The Team

WHAT'S ON IN EVESHAM

Come Follow the Band!

An exciting evening of live music from Avonbank Brass Band,
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Stour Concert Brass and Blitz Time Sally.

Supporting The Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust

The Henrician (traditionally known as Evesham Arts Centre).

17 Sep 2021 - 7:30 pm

Tickets are available directly from The Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust, (5 Library Arcade, 62 High Street, Evesham, Worcestershire) or Online at [henrician.org](https://www.henrician.org)! <https://www.henrician.org/events/come-follow-the-band/>



St Andrew's CE First School



Message from Mrs Bailey from July Newsletter

At the start of this academic year, I do not think any of us thought that Covid-19 restrictions would be in place for the whole academic year. We have certainly developed and learnt skills that we never thought we would need, and dug deep into reserves of resilience and resolve, to keep moving forwards.

I would like to say a number of thankyou's - Firstly, to all parents and carers for your continued support, to Governors for helping to steer the school forwards, to Staff who have worked incredibly hard throughout the school year and last, but not least, every single pupil. The children embraced all the restrictions in place around the school and have been a real inspiration to everyone.

As summer approaches, we look forward with optimism to a more 'normal' 2021/22 academic year and wish all of our school community a wonderful summer break.

All the very best to our Year 5 pupils who are moving on to pastures new. Good luck at middle school. Also, a big goodbye and good luck to other pupils who are moving on to new schools.

Have a wonderful summer break and we will see you on Monday 6th September, when school re-opens for pupils.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Plum, Almond and Ginger cake

INGREDIENTS

- 125g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
- 125g dark, soft sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 100g self-raising flour, sifted

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- 3 tsp ground ginger
- 1 orange, zested and juiced
- 50g ground almonds
- 5-6 medium-size plums, halved and stoned
- 1 tbsp honey

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4.
2. Grease and line the base of a deep 20cm sandwich tin.
3. Beat together the butter and sugar until light and creamy. Add one egg and beat well, then add a spoonful of flour as you beat in the second egg.
4. Using a metal spoon, gently fold in the rest of the flour, ground ginger, orange zest and ground almonds. If the mixture is too stiff, add the juice of the orange to make a dropping consistency.
5. Pour the mixture into the cake tin and level with the back of a spoon. Push the plums into the mixture, skin side down. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.
6. To glaze the cake, melt the honey in a pan and brush on top of the cake. Garnish with split almonds if you wish.



Malvern Autumn Show Friday 24 September to Sunday 26 September 9:00am - 6:00pm

Malvern Autumn Show returns for a

fantastic harvest festival brimming with special guests, giant vegetables, stunning floral displays and family entertainment.

Extended to 3 days, this year's show takes place from 24-26 September at Three Counties Showground, Malvern.

Adult tickets are £18, under 16s go free!

Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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Bible Bites

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Kings 1:5-53

King David was now very old, but he had still not said which son would be king. Adonijah decided to make himself king.

Adonijah had a big party at Rogel Spring for all his friends, including Joab and Abiathar, to tell them he was the king. His brother Solomon and Nathan and Zadok were not invited.

Nathan told Solomon's mother

You must tell King David. If Adonijah is king, he will kill you and your son.



You promised our son Solomon would be king, but Adonijah says he is now king.



Nathan told David

He's having a big party to celebrate right now!



I will keep my promise! Solomon will be the next king. Zadok and Nathan, take him to Gihon Spring, anoint him and tell everyone!



So they went to Gihon with Solomon riding King David's own mule.



He was anointed king and a trumpet was blown.



Long live King Solomon!

At Adonijah's party they heard the noise.



What's going on?

David has just announced that your brother Solomon is now king.



Solomon was anointed and everyone is cheering.



Everyone ran away. Adonijah was so scared he ran to the sacred tent for sanctuary.



King Solomon sent for Adonijah.

If you don't cause me any trouble, I will not hurt you.



Hampton WI – August 2021



It is with much sadness I inform the community of the closure of Hampton WI.

For some time we have been struggling to find a new President, and without one we cannot function.

We have served the community since 1968, and over the years we have kept many members interested and happy, with lasting friendships formed which date back to the beginning. Two or three of our members are founder members.

We have visited many gardens, theatres and places of local interest, taken afternoon teas, many lunches and listened to speakers on local and national matters of interest and tried our hands to many crafts. The list goes on.

It has been lively group and we have lasted on well-founded friendships.

We shall miss our WI!

If there is any out there who would be interested in starting up another WI group please contact Joyce Davey 07987136096

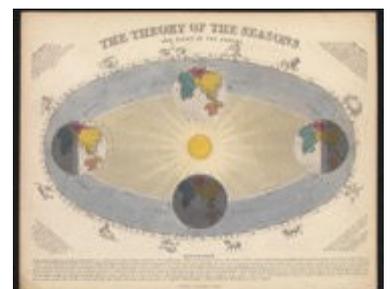
Joyce Davey

Secretary

Our members made the planned visit to Adrian James' garden in Offenham on 8 July. We very much enjoyed the beautiful garden and the welcome tea and cake provided by Adrian's wife, Sheila. We had been hoping to have our re-arrange lunch at Broadway Golf Club on 29 July, but this was cancelled at the last minute due to a Covid outbreak. This has now been re-arranged (again!) for 9 September. Third time lucky, hopefully! Our last meeting was held on Thursday 22 July at the Guide and Scout Hall, when a WI Adviser, Suzanne Owen, supervised the suspension of the group, as no one came forward to take on the committee roles.

Autumnal Equinox

22 September is the autumnal equinox, this marks the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.



In 2021 the autumnal equinox will occur on 22 September at 7.21pm GMT

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Services for September 2021

Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
5 September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Isaiah 35: 4-7a ; James 2: 1-10 (11—13) 14-17; Mark 7: 24-end			
Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
12 September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10.30am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11.00am	Morning Praise	Hinton
Isaiah 50: 4-9a ; James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-end			
Wednesday 15	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
19 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.00am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	9.30am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Wisdom 1: 16 -2:1, 12-22 OR Jeremiah 11: 18-20; James 3: 13 - 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9: 30-37			
Wednesday 22	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
26 September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10.30am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5: 13-end; Mark 9: 38-end			
Wednesday 29	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

Flying Bishop

The new Bishop wanted a bird’s eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airfield to charter a flight, and was told that a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him. Arriving at the airfield, the bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, “Let’s go!”

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally, he instructed the pilot, “Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches.”

“Why?” asked the pilot.

“Because I’m the new bishop,” he replied happily, adjusting his camera, “and I want some good aerial views of my diocese.”

The pilot was silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, “So, what you’re telling me, is, you’re **NOT** my flight instructor?”

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