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THE HERALD



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A Letter from the Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick

I love the psalms. We use them every day in Morning and Evening Prayer, and I know many people have been meeting together on Zoom for these short services or joining services from churches and cathedrals streamed online since the first Covid lockdown. If you haven't discovered them yet, have a word with your parish priest to see whether there is a daily morning prayer group in your local church that you could join, or perhaps one online. These set prayers are called the Daily Office and have been part of the rhythm and pattern of Anglican life for centuries. If you can't get to one in your church, but have a smartphone

or computer, look for the Daily Prayer App from the Church of England. It will give you the readings and psalms set for each day, and even has an audio version if you want to join in with others or listen with headphones.

Most days there is a verse that stands out for me. Today it was a verse from Psalm 85:

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Sometimes we can be so concerned for God's truth, that we can forget God's mercy. Or we can be so keen to keep the peace that we forget God's desire for justice. As the cost-of-living crisis bites ever deeper this winter we need to hold this divine balance. In the 'gated streets of trickle down' there will be no real peace without God's righteousness.

Bishop Martin

Warm Up Wednesdays

Starting in November it has been decided to open the Church to anyone who needs it as a Warm Space. The idea is that on Wednesdays anyone can come to have a hot drink and/or soup and be in a warm and welcoming environment.

If you are able to volunteer to help on the rota for serving teas/coffees, then please speak to Margaret Thomson

In our Thoughts and Prayers

'Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done.



For all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one.' Charles Wesley et al. Let us thank God for all the saints who have gone before, especially those to whom our churches are dedicated (St Andrew at Hampton, St Peter at Hinton-on-the-Green and St Mary at Sedgeberrow). May we follow their example in loving and serving our Lord. And as in our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven.

We give thanks for our homes, for food and clothing, and pray for all who find it difficult to make ends meet, especially during the winter months. May we be generous in helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We ask for blessing on food banks and charity shops, giving thanks for the volunteers who give their time and energy to keep them open.

We pray for peace in the world, especially remembering the people of Ukraine. May God grant wisdom to government leaders and integrity to those who make the policies which affect our lives.

'Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord or show forth all his praise? Blessed are those who observe what is right and always do what is just.' Ps 106, vv 2 & 3.

From the Registers - September 2022

Baptisms								
4 September	Willow Deakin	Sedgeberrow						
11 September	Ariana Obloja	Hampton						
18 September	Theo James Sheward	Hampton						
Weddings								
3 September	Christopher Coupe and Elizabeth Grinell	Hampton						
Marriage Dedication	on							
3 September	Edward Morcaldi and Cassandra Gorman	Hinton						
Funerals								
21 September	Eileen Rogers	Hampton						
Burial of Ashes								
29 September	Pearl Lewis	Hinton						

Reflected Faith Series: Initials That Talk Our Faith Language

The Revd. Dr Jo White considers the new King's cypher

We have started to see the new King's cypher on a variety of items, including post boxes. Look at the way 'they' have entwined the letters C, R and the Latin numeral III.



Now think about what you so often see in church buildings - letters entwined together. These are either from the Latin or the Greek languages.

Here's a starter for you:

XP – often joined together so the P is standing halfway behind the X.

This symbol - called the chi rho symbol - was used from earliest times and was often simplified into a six-pointed figure. You can see it on some silver spoons found at Mildenhall, and now in the British Museum dating from about 350 AD.

'X' called 'chi' in Greek is said 'Kh' as in khaki. 'P' called 'rho' in Greek is said 'r'. If you put the two together, what do they sound like? Khr

What word connected with being a Christian starts with that sound? Of course – Christ. The original Greek would be 'Christoe'.

Another common set of initials often seen on altar linen and probably the most misunderstood is 'IHC'.

People often suggest it comes from the Latin 'Jesus Hominum Salvator' meaning, 'Jesus, Saviour of the World', or even the English 'In His Service'. But they don't. They are the first three letters of the Greek for JESUS - which in Greek was IHCOYC.

It doesn't help that Greek has two ways of writing the sound 's' as in the middle of Jesus. It can be either a 'C' or what looks like a rather stylised 'E'.

To confuse you more, when you translate the Greek letters IHC into Latin they come out as 'IHS'. So, you can see both spellings that mean the same thing.

This month

Have a look around your church building – both inside and outside for initials or even whole words.

Christingle

Christingle Candle boxes are available from Church or the Office, if you would like to collect small change for the Children's Society. These will be collected during the Christmas Christingle Services.



Helping children in need.

Remembrance Sunday - The Two Minutes Silence

In the month when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the Two Minutes Silence is a significant act of remembrance. The silence provides an opportunity to remember those who have suffered in war and how we can work for a peaceful world. However, we can also find ourselves thinking about lunch or whether we've switched off our phone?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes of silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). When observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we call to mind those who have laid down their lives.

In our busy lives, where so much clamours for our attention, silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. This is not just for Remembrance Sunday, as Jesus often withdrew to find silence to seek God (e.g.: Luke 5:16). Let's use silence in our lives as space to seek God's will and offer ourselves to Him, just as those who gave themselves in conflict through the years.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'



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Iona Pilgrimage by Shirley Lynch

At 10am on Friday 23 September our little group of six Pilgrims met up at Worcester Parkway railway station to start our journey to Iona. We already knew Michael from Pershore Abbey, but we had only met Patti, Clifford and Antonia once before. It was a lovely morning and before the train, which took us to Birmingham, arrived we gathered for a short Pilgrim prayer.

At Birmingham we took the train to Blackpool, but changed at Warrington Bank Quay for Glasgow. There, we had to change stations but there was a shuttle bus – thank goodness! The run from Glasgow to Oban is stunning, running alongside the various lochs, at one point we were up in the rain clouds and rewarded by a beautiful rainbow. Arriving at Oban at 7.45pm we literally dumped our belongings at our Hotel and went off for a delicious fish supper.

Saturday morning was glorious and we strolled along the harbour walls for a while before purchasing our prawn sandwiches at the stall on the quay – this is a tradition for all non-allergic Iona pilgrims. The sea was flat calm and the colours reflected in the water were beautiful. Arriving at Craignure we took the bus across Mull. Again this is a wonderful trip. The scenery is stunning, though due to the lack of rain, there were very few running waterfalls. As you approach the other side of the island you see more mountains and run along the sea lochs, with the chance of seeing sea eagles. Arriving at Fionnphort we had our last short ferry trip across to lona, to be met by the Iona Staff and a walk up to the Abbey for a cup of tea and to meet the other guests.

There were about thirty of us there plus the volunteers who go and stay for anything from 6 weeks to three years to run the Abbey and look after the guests. It is a very multicultural place, this time we met people from Canada, Germany, Scandinavia, Brazil, America and Africa. There are services every day at 9am and 9pm, and we all do a few chores such as helping with breakfast, serving at tables, cleaning the loos and common room, chopping vegetables (the meals are mainly vegetarian) and helping the Sacristan. This time John was helping on a rather adhoc basis, but I was helping in the Sacristy. Three of us, helped light the candles for the services, and putting them out afterwards - although there is electric light in the Abbey the choir is usually lit by paraffin candles - replacing all the spent tealights from the different chapels, and gathering up the prayers visitors to the Island leave, which are read out at the Service of Healing. Oh, and ringing the bell for services.

The Iona community members commit to working for Justice and Peace in the world and we had two sessions discussing our modern world and what we ourselves can do and how our Faith underpins our responses. We had a free expression session in the Art room which was fun. There was a lot of deep conversation in the common room, but also lots of laughter.

Tuesday is the Pilgrimage round the Island day, but there was a really cold, fierce wind and driving squally rain. John and I did the shorter on road walk and learnt a lot about the nuns who once lived there and how the then island community was destroyed by the Vikings.

On Wednesday we went to Staffa. The wind had dropped a bit, the sea was still choppy but it was glorious sunshine. It is about 8 miles from Iona to Staffa and we did get rather splashed by the breaking waves and spray but about halfway we ran into a pod of beautiful common dolphins. The Staffa puffins had all gone after breeding, but the boatman said that we might see some newly born seal pups. Unfortunately, we didn't but on the way back we diverted a bit to see more dolphins and gannets diving after fish — magic. Fingal's cave is amazing. At supper that evening we were informed that the wind was changing and a storm was expected which would mean the cancellation of the ferries and as there were to be train strikes on Saturday we made a quick decision to leave the next day which was sad, but in the event the right thing to do. Friday was a very long day, getting up at 6am and not getting home till 10.15pm, but the trains were on time, everything very straightforward and rail staff helpful.

We can't wait to go back to that very special 'thin' place.

A note from the Editor

Thanks to Shirley for this very interesting account of their Pilgrimage. When I read it, I was unsure of the meaning of 'thin' place in the last line, so I Googled it, and for any readers who were also unsure, here is the explanation:



A **thin place** is a place where the boundary between heaven and earth is especially thin. It's a place where we can sense the divine more readily. An old Celtic expression says that heaven and earth are only three feet apart, but in thin places that distance is even shorter. Iona has long been considered one of these 'thin' places.

ST ANDREW'S TOTS HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL

Every Tuesday in term time, starting at 9.30am For further information: Margaret Thomson 01386 47541



Hinton Christmas Fair Saturday, 26 November in Hinton Church





Evesham Bat Care Charity Quiz - The Queen Elizabeth, Elmley Castle

Charity quiz to raise funds for Evesham Bat Care Charity to help see them through the winter.

- * Teams of up to 6 people.
- * £3 entry per person (money pot split 50/50 between the winning team and the charity)
- * Fish and Chip Supper will be available for Quizzers at £8 per person.
- * We will also have a "Blind Card" running for a chance to win some extra dosh!!

Around the Parish

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fundraising Bat Quiz - Elmley Castle pub - Tuesday 8th November Christmas Church Fete - Hampton - Saturday 19th November Coffee Morning - Sedgeberrow - Thursday 24th November Christmas Church Fete - Hinton - Saturday 26th November



Events update November 2022



Toy Service	Sun	4 Dec 10am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	29 Nov 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Two C's Monthly Tea	Sun	27 Nov 2.30–4.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Christmas Fete	Sat	26 Nov	Hinton
Coffee Morning	Thurs	24 Nov 10am	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	22 Nov 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Christmas Fete	Sat	19 Nov 2pm	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	15 Nov 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	12 Nov 10am - Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	8 Nov 2pm	Hampton Club
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	8 Nov 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
u3a Open Day	Wed	2 Nov 12.30 – 3.30	All Saints Church
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	1 Nov 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Two C's Monthly Tea	Sun	30 Oct 2.30–4.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall

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

Ron Allen; Mary Andrews; Mark Bartlett; Victoria Brabin; Brenda Clarke; Brenda Curtis; Sylvia Emson; Ann Fletcher; Clifford Lewis; Joan Parry and Susan Sobey

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

Anthony Lee, William Wakefield and Eileen Rogers; Dorothy Icke; Jeremy Lofthouse and Emma Russell

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 of the month -

Next one - 27 November 2022 from 2.30 - 4.30

Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

For Further information:

Elaine Major 01386 40722

Sudoku Solutions (from p17)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

Signalong Classes - Hampton Farm Shop Thursdays at 6pm, from 3 November



Signalong is a key word sign-supported communication system based on British sign language and is used in spoken word order. It uses speech, sign, body language, facial expression and voice tone to reference the link between sign and word.

Call Margaret Thomson for details on 07917726411

St Andrew's CE First School Successful Learners; Success for Life.

This half-term has flown by and has been an action-packed learning extravaganza for every class, with our engaging, interesting and stimulating curriculum continuing to ensure that our children's learning is both meaningful and benefits from a specific focus on the core requirements of English and maths.

Harvest

This year, to celebrate Harvest, Year 3 and Lay Minister Elaine Major, led our Harvest Festival collective worship at St Andrew's Church. The whole school came to take part, joining in with our school prayers and three harvest songs. Each Year 3 child spoke from a script based on the book "How did that get in my lunch box? -The story of food" by Chris Butterworth. The children also



displayed their huge collage artwork and papier-mâché models of food. Elaine then led further prayers and Bible passages about the well-known song 'This Little Light of Mine'. Thank you and well done to our Year 3 children, staff team and Elaine. A huge thank you to the entire school for the very generous contributions of fresh and tinned food, which have been transported to the charity 'Helping Hands'.

Also in October, Year 4 visited Chedworth Roman Villa. They all made a mosaic tile and had a wonderful time looking around the Villa and hearing all about the interesting Roman facts.

Our Reception pupils have been learning about autumn and how the world around them is changing this season. They really enjoyed drawing pictures of pumpkins and proudly held them up for their class friends to see!

November is an eventful month with Guy Fawkes night and Remembrance Day providing the backdrop for learning about historical events. Our Year 5 pupils will be collecting money for the Royal British Legion through the sale of poppies and poppy related items in school.

We are very much looking forward to the start of the new half-term and we will have many more things to tell you about.

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St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

After our Harvest Festival on 25 September, we took the Harvest gifts into the Christian Centre, who are always very grateful.



Coffee mornings are still doing very well.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday, 24 November at 10am

The Church Clock is being wound again, which is very good. We are still collecting money to have it electrified.

We still have bees, but hopefully as the weather gets colder, they will stop coming in.

Baptism: Freya Smith

Burial of Ashes: Ella Hardman.

Tree of Light 2022

Remembering a loved one this Christmas

The Rotary Tree of Light is there for people to remember loved ones whilst donating to charity. Every year around £14,000 is donated to charitable causes. Details of those charities supported to date are listed on our website:

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Last date for donations - 2 December 2022



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St Andrew's Fellowship

For our October meeting, Jenny Hope came to talk to us about how our household waste is disposed of. Jenny was enthusiastic and obviously loved her job. She started with a short video, which included material filmed in our own local disposal plant at Norton, to which all our green bin waste goes. The way it is all sorted and re-sorted and then finishes up in skips or bundles to go for recycling was little less than awe-inspiring. Jenny explained to us how important it is that we play our part in the initial pre-sorting process by being really careful about what we put into our green bins, and how we treat it. -And she explained why, which many of us found so much to be preferred than just following rules!

Jenny then explained to us that even our black bin waste does not go into landfill, but goes to the plant to create energy, enough to heat several thousand homes for the year!

But the main lesson that I hope most of us learnt, was the importance of throwing our waste in to the right bin, in the condition they ask for it be in (clean and dry and free of contaminants like sticky tape, oil or grease, or very flimsy paper). I certainly had not realised that paper can only be re-used a limited number of times before it becomes impossible to re-use.

All told, it was a fascinating afternoon, with lots and lots of information, presented with clarity and humour.

We hope, as part of next year's programme, to go to visit the plant and see for ourselves the sterling work being done there to increase the amount of recycling that can be done as part of our effort to encourage conservation and re-use of the earth's dwindling resources.

Our audience today numbered 17, and Jenny faced a barrage of really good and challenging questions and answered them all with aplomb!

Our next meeting will be on November 8th, same place, same time, when our former member and good friend Anne Evans will come to give us a demonstration on preparing some beautiful flower displays for the festive season. I am sure this will be another fascinating, entertaining and informative afternoon. Don't miss it!!

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings, where you can share in the friendship and 'fellowship' of an afternoon spent with other like-minded people, listen to a good speaker, and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit! Either have a word beforehand with John or Shirley Lynch on 553392, or simply turn up on the day!

Forthcoming programme for the rest of the season:

December 13th: Christmas party with carols and sing-along with Diana Scorse

January 10th: Christmas meal (details to be finalised)

February 14th: The great Vesta Tilley, by Ray Sturdy

RECIPE OF THE MONTH SQUIDGY CHOCOLATE PEAR PUDDING

INGREDIENTS

- 200g butter, plus extra for greasing
- 300g golden caster sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 75g plain flour
- 50g cocoa powder
- 410g can pear halves in juice, drained
- 100g plain dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids)
- 25g flaked almonds (optional)
- cream or ice cream, to serve

METHOD

- Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Lightly grease a roughly 20 x 30cm shallow ovenproof dish.
- Put the butter in a large saucepan and place over a low heat until just melted.
 Remove the butter from the heat and stir in the sugar until well combined.
- Whisk the eggs together in a large bowl. Gradually add the eggs to the butter and sugar, beating well with a wooden spoon in between each addition. Sift the flour and cocoa powder on top of the egg mixture, then beat hard with a wooden spoon until thoroughly combined.
- Pour into the prepared tin or dish and nestle the pears into the chocolate batter.
 Put the chocolate on a board and cut into chunky pieces roughly 1.5cm with a large knife. Scatter the chocolate pieces over the batter and sprinkle with almonds, if you like.
- Can be frozen at this stage.
- Bake in the centre of the oven for 30 mins or until the mixture is crusty on the surface and lightly cooked inside. Do not allow to overcook, as the cake will become spongy rather than gooey in the centre. Serve warm with cream or ice cream

TO FREEZE

 Wrap the cooled, unbaked pudding tightly in foil, label and freeze for up to 1 month. To serve, unwrap the pudding and bake from frozen as above in step 4 for 50 mins.

Enjoy!



Sudoku - Easy

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

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Sudoku - Medium

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			1		6	2		
				2			5	
	4							6
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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2022

We	ednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		6 Novembe	er – Third Sunday before Advent		
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Morning Praise	Hampton	
		10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
		4pm	All Souls Service	Hampton	
	Job	19: 23-27a; 2	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5; Luke 20: 27-38		
We	dnesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
1	L3 Novembe	er – Second S	unday before Advent – Remembrance Su	nday	
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Parish Eucharist + Remembrance	Hampton	
		10am	Remembrance	Sedgeberrow	
			Remembrance	Hinton	
	Ma	lachi 4: 1-2a;	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19		
Wed	Inesday 16	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	20 Nov	vember – Sun	day next before Advent (Christ the King)		
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Morning Praise	Hampton	
		10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
		3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton	
	Jer	emiah 23: 1-6	6; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43		
Wed	lnesday 23	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	•	27 No	ovember – Advent Sunday		
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	10am		Parish Eucharist	Hampton	
		10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow	
	Isai	ah 2: 1-5; Ror	mans 13: 11 – end; Matthew 24: 36-44		
Wed	lnesday 30	10am	Holy Communion	Hamptor	
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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2022

	4 Decemb	per – Second Sunday of Advent						
	8am Holy Communion Hampton							
	10am	Morning Praise – Toy Service	Hampton					
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow					
Is	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12							
Wednesday 7	Wednesday 7 10am Holy Communion Hamp							

SMILE LINE - CHICKEN RULES

One day a new chicken was introduced to the farm. The duck, who was in charge, showed the new chicken around. "This is where you go to get fed, this is the water trough and that is the coop. Chickens hang out near the fence, us ducks near the pond and the geese near the gate. We're friendly, but we keep to our own. Oh, and whatever you do, DO NOT cross that road. You'll never hear the end of it."

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