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John Lynch

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden death of John Lynch, at home on 14 November.

John was well known at St Andrew's as a Reader, also working with Alphabet House Nursery, and his time living in Evesham. He also worked with the churches of Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green.

The funeral will be held at All Saints Church, Evesham, on Wednesday 7 December at 1pm.

All our thoughts and prayers go to Shirley and the family at this sad time.

John's Last Sermon

John's last service was on Remembrance Sunday, 13 November, at St Peter's Church, Hinton on the Green. Several people commented on what a good sermon he gave. His wife, Shirley, has kindly provided a copy for inclusion in The Herald.

The Address

This time last year, it seemed to me that part of what I had to do, was to remind people – especially the younger generation – that we really do need to remember the casualties, recent and of longer ago, and the horrors of war, because nearly 80 odd years of absence of World War had, perhaps, dulled our memories a little. There have of course been other wars in other parts of the world over that period – but they have been far enough away for us not really to see them as the horrific and vile examples of human behaviour they have actually been.

But this year is very different. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been only too close, and surely has reminded some of us of events of only just over 80 years ago. We have been watching in real time the attempted destruction of one country by another with disbelief, sorrow, and anger. We have had thrust before us the suffering and the pain of a civilian population, as well as of those trying valiantly to defend their country, their faith, their lifestyle, and their future as an autonomous and independent country.

I think we always hoped, that world leaders would learn by the mistakes of the past, and try not to repeat them; but it appears that nationalism, tempered by avarice and greed still hold sway in the hearts of some. So yet again, we are plunged into a much more pertinent and relevant period of emotional turmoil – a mixture of grief, sorrow, anger – and for some, mourning the untimely loss of even more daughters and sons, sisters and brothers, friends, neighbours and loved ones. The ordinary people of Russia are again losing a generation of young adults, as they and so many other countries did 80 years ago.

But we, here in this little country church, along with hundreds of thousands of other people in cathedrals and churches large and small throughout our country, are today commemorating the sacrifice of so many of our own families and neighbours - women and men who sought to defend the freedoms we enjoy today. But we will do well to remember, too, that freedom brings with it choice and responsibility. Many commentators are concerned at the degree of disaffection that is becoming prevalent, particularly in the Western nations, with polarisation of views becoming more acute in all sectors of society. You only have to read or watch events unfolding on the media, to see evidence of this in political arenas around the world, in religious circles, and in social inter-reactions, particularly in the so-called developing nations. These are tough times – but then, if you think back to the gospel reading, Jesus did warn us of wars and insurrections, of nations rising against nations, and of other natural disasters, too. He mentioned earthquakes, famines and plagues – did that include Covid? And did he think about the global warming crisis?

But we must not be complacent. Our God is a God of love; a God who wants the best for his children, and, thanks to the sacrifice 2000 years ago, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we are now able to consider ourselves as those children. We are, all of us, children of God. In remembering the sacrifice today, of so many of our own people, locally and nationally, we must also commit ourselves to the endurance, by which, as Jesus promised us in the last line of this morning's reading, we will gain our souls. We must run the race, as St Paul reminds us, to gain the victory of eternal life in the heaven where those we pray for today are already waiting for us to join them.



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:

Dorothy Icke; Jeremy Lofthouse and Emma Russell; Liz Goodall; Anna Anscombe; Daniel Nichols and Jim Petri

In our Thoughts and Prayers



“For it is the God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.’ 2 Corinthians 4:6

As we look back over the past year and at a time when the days are at their shortest, there seems to have been so much that has been dark: the war in Ukraine; the chaos in the country’s government; the ever-rising energy costs and inflation; the continuation of Covid and the pressures facing our National Health Service to name but a few of the stresses and strains that confront us. But now as we approach the Christmas season we are reminded of the light and hope that Jesus Christ brought into the world. *‘The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it’ John 1:5*

Christmas for many is a time for families to come together so we pray: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home, we ask you to bless our homes and our families and to keep us all safe in our going out and coming in from this time forth and for evermore. Amen.**

But for many others Christmas can be a sad and lonely time so we must also pray: **Father God, protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world and for all who are in pain and distress. Comfort those who have recently been bereaved. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

‘The Lord is king, let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.’ Psalm 97 1-2

From the Registers – October 2022

Baptisms		
2 October	Anthony Lee Betts	Hampton
9 October	Freya Smith	Sedgeberrow
16 October	Alexa Curtis	Hampton
16 October	Aaron Major	Hampton
16 October	Harlea Green	Hampton
23 October	Filip Gledhill Kilaowski	Hampton
Funerals		
20 October	Dorothy Icke	Hampton
Burial of Ashes		
18 October	Ella Hardman	Sedgeberrow

A Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley, Nikki Groarke

Many will be feeling the pinch this Christmas. Inflation, rising energy prices and mortgages, the day-to-day grocery shop costing so much more than it did this time last year, causing deep-seated anxiety about where this will all lead. This makes for troubling times. Some will be fretting over how they can possibly give Christmas gifts to their families, not wanting kids to go short, but wrestling with the balance between putting food on the table and clothes on their bodies and buying that expensive gadget or toy “all their friends have got”.

Perhaps this cost-of-living ‘permacrisis’ gives us an opportunity to rethink our perspectives. At Christmas we remember the incarnate Jesus, born into poverty as a refugee with nowhere to go. Dependant on the kindness of strangers, his parents camped out in an outhouse for the first days of his life, thankful for the basics of a roof over their heads. Yes, we know Jesus also as king, reigning in glory, but this season is when we see him with nothing – helpless, dependent, but loved beyond measure.

Human needs at their most basic are for warmth, shelter, food and relationship. Even in these stretched times, most of us can give thanks for these staples, and reach out to those who don’t have them, as an innkeeper did for Mary and Joseph. And rather

than buying expensive gifts this year, which we can’t really afford, and which will often soon be discarded, perhaps can we give the most precious gift of love, or relationship, our presence instead of our presents? What can I give? I can give my heart – give my heart in compassion to those more needy than me, give my heart in love for my family and friends, give my heart in pursuing justice and freedom for those who are marginalised or oppressed. I can give my heart in worship and adoration of the Christ-child, who gave his all for me.

What can I give? More than I could possibly imagine, when I stop to think. Giving our heart costs nothing materially, yet it costs everything relationally. Giving our heart this Christmas could be transformational for us, for our families and friends, for our communities, for the world.

Christmas is about the most wonderful gift of all – God’s gift of his Son to us. Let’s remember that as we ponder what we can give, poor as we are, and let that lift our perspective to be like that of shepherds and angels, who rejoiced, and gave themselves, gave their hearts, gave what they could, were present.

May you have a blessed Christmas, rejoicing that you are loved, and embracing the presence of Immanuel.

Friday 2 December is Fuel Poverty Awareness Day

Fuel poverty* has been highlighted recently due to the growing cost of fuel. But other factors include the energy efficiency of buildings and the level of income of each household. It is estimated that one in three households in the UK – some 8.2 million – will experience fuel poverty this winter.



That those least able to afford fuel also live in homes which are the most expensive and difficult to heat compounds the problem and highlights the injustice of the situation. The impact is more than not being warm. Fuel poverty leads to households taking on unsustainable levels of debt, resulting in a vicious cycle that that can be difficult to break. The health of those living in cold homes suffers, and as household budgets are squeezed there is not enough to buy food, a particular problem for households with children.

Our Gospel for the first Sunday in December introduces us to John the Baptist and his call to repentance before the coming of God's salvation through Christ. He had particularly harsh words for the Pharisees and Sadducees, challenging them to produce fruit in keeping with repentance. We are reminded that issues such as fuel poverty are not just somebody else's problem.

****Fuel poverty is defined as anyone living in a property with an energy efficiency rating of band D or below, and where to heat their home to 21°C in the main living space would leave residual income below the official poverty line.***

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

Reflected Faith Series: To the Glory of God

The Rev Dr Jo White continues her series.

Everything about the church building is intended to tell us something about God.

But it doesn't end there. We put into the building things that are important to us and again reflect not just our specific denomination but our ways of worship.

Imagine visiting someone in their home whom you are just getting to know and have a look around at the decorations, photos, wall hangings, books, music etc.

What are their hobbies? How do they enjoy spending their time? Who is important to them? Well, our church interiors are like that.

In most church buildings each week there will be a display of flowers. Venues vary from being large and elaborate to simple and homely and so do such arrangements. Of course, much depends upon finance and the availability of flowers as well as the interest and skills of the arranger.

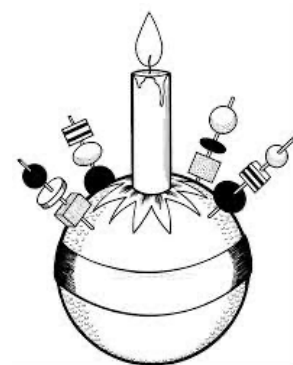
Flower arrangements 'should' be in keeping with the church season or the occasion that is being celebrated. During Advent (Latin meaning 'coming') while we anticipate the birth of Christ at the Feast of Christmas most places of worship show restraint in their arrangements and often decline to use any coloured flowers using only evergreen leaves.

Then nearer to Christmas itself everything changes and either flowers are added to the original evergreens, or they start completely new. Colours change to red for love and Christ's death and passion, white and gold for importance, royalty and celebration: with green alongside for the hope of new birth and spring.

This month: Have a look at the flowers used in a church near you. What do they 'say'? Perhaps there will be poinsettias, lilies or even irises. Each has a different story to tell of the glory of God

Christingle

Christingle Candle boxes are available from Church or the Parish 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

26 December: On the Feast of Stephen

Everyone knows that it was on the feast of Stephen that ‘good king Wenceslas looked on’. After all, it’s in a Christmas carol – but why? There’s nothing about Christmas in it: a splendid young page who rustled up some flesh, wine and logs, an old man out in the snow (‘deep and crisp and even’) and a kindly monarch.

But *Christmas*?

The clue is in ‘the feast of Stephen’, which falls on 26 December, or ‘Boxing Day’, as we know it. That, too, has nothing to do with Christmas, beyond the fact that in the past people put a contribution in tradesmen’s boxes as a kind of Christmas present for their services during the year.

The Stephen whose feast day falls on the day after Christmas was the first Christian martyr. (You can read his story in the book of Acts). He was a member of the church in Jerusalem in its very early days and found himself involved with six others in administering the allocation of food to those in need. The apostles, who were the leaders of the church, felt that it wasn’t appropriate for them to abandon preaching and ‘serve tables’, so they selected these seven to do the job for them. Stephen, however, quickly revealed hidden gifts as an eloquent spokesman for the Christian cause.

The Temple authorities, who had already had trouble with the apostles, were soon alerted to this new and hitherto unknown evangelist. They decided to make an example of him, thus firing a warning shot, as it were, across the bows of the apostles themselves. So, they arrested Stephen and accused him of speaking against the two central elements of their religion – the ‘holy place’ (the Temple) and ‘the customs Moses handed down to us’ (the Law). It’s always dangerous to criticise a monument or a custom!

Given the right to defend himself, Stephen instead launched into an eloquent and at times biting account of Jewish history, culminating in the accusation that they had committed the worst possible sin by killing the Messiah. Inflamed by his words, his hearers abandoned any pretence of legal impartiality, rushing towards him and dragging him out of the city to a place where they began to stone him to death. Stephen, the rank-and-file Christian, died under a hail of rocks for claiming that Mary’s Son was the promised Messiah.

That is most probably the reason why the first martyr is honoured on the day after we celebrate the birth of the Saviour. It’s a bit like the myrrh in the gifts of the Wise Men – a reminder, as we celebrate, that the bitter shadow of a cross is never far away from this story.



90 years of broadcasting the Royal Christmas Message

This year we shall have our first Royal Christmas Message from King Charles III. He follows in a tradition that spans three generations.



It was 90 years ago, on 25 December 1932, that the first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King George V addressed the nation live from Sandringham. A quarter of a century later, on 25 December 1957, the Christmas message by Queen Elizabeth II was televised for the first time.

King George V had been asked to broadcast a Christmas message in 1922, but at the time he felt that radio was for entertainment, and therefore not suitable. Ten years later, after a visit to the BBC, he was persuaded otherwise, and agreed to do it as part of the inauguration of the new Empire Service (now the World Service).

The time chosen was 3pm because it was the best time for reaching most countries in the Empire. In fact, the first message started five minutes late and lasted only two and a half minutes, but it made a massive impact and established itself as a regular Christmas Day event.

Edward VIII never delivered a Christmas broadcast, but King George VI continued the tradition, using it to encourage people during the second world war.



Queen Elizabeth II broadcast her first Christmas message in 1952, again from a room at Sandringham, and five years later agreed that her Christmas message could be televised – live. She proved to be a natural broadcaster.

But times changed, and in 1960 the message was pre-recorded from Buckingham Palace, which meant that it could be sent to Commonwealth countries for broadcast at a convenient time. However, the 3pm UK broadcast continued every year – except 1969, when the Queen wrote a message instead, believing that the Royal Family had received enough exposure with the TV documentary *Royal Family*, which had aired in the summer.

But the tradition was resumed the following year. The Christmas message is now also available each year as a podcast and can be seen through Facebook and YouTube. King Charles III is expected to give his first Christmas message this year.



Around the Parish

Christmas Services

Hampton

4 December – 10am – Toy Service
 19 December – 4pm – Carol and Christingle
 24 December – 4pm - Crib and Carol Service (Churchyard)
 24 December – 11.30pm – Christmas Eucharist

Sedgeberrow

19 December – 10am – Holy Communion + Tree Memorial
 24 December – 6pm - Crib Service
 25 December – 10am – Christmas Communion

Hinton

11 December – 11am – Carols and Crib Service
 24 December – 8pm - Christmas Eucharist

Events Update - December 2022

Toy Service	Sun	4 Dec 10am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	6 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	10 Dec 10am - Noon	Hampton
Carols and Mince Pies	Sat	10 Dec 11am	Evesham Market Place
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	13 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	13 Dec 2pm	Hampton Club
Coffee Morning	Thurs	15 Dec 10am	Sedgeberrow
Tree Memorial	Sun	19 Dec 10am	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	20 Dec 9am	Scout & Guide Hall



Carols and Mince Pies

Evesham Market Place
 Saturday 10 December 11am
All Welcome





Christmas Quiz

1. How many Scrabble points for the word 'Christmas'?
2. How many candles should go on an advent wreath?
3. Balsam, Douglas, Fraser, and Noble are all types of what?
4. Stars, needle, plate, dendrite, column, lacy, and capped column are the six main types of what?
5. If you were born on Christmas Day, what's your star sign?
6. Which UK monarch delivered the first Christmas Broadcast to the BBC in 1932?
7. Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas trees?
8. What is the chemical formula of snow?
9. What is Santa called in France?
10. In which author's novel is it 'always winter but never Christmas'?
11. What do traditional Ukrainians put on their Christmas tree for good luck?
12. Who is the patron saint celebrated on the 26 December?
13. Which country donates the Christmas tree for London's Trafalgar Square?

Answers on Page 13

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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Last Sunday of the month –

No meeting in December

Next one – 29 January 2023 from 2.30 – 4.30

Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

For Further information:

Elaine Major 01386 40722

Sudoku Solutions (from p17)

Easy Sudoku

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Medium Sudoku

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Quiz answers (from p12)

1. Sixteen
2. Four
3. Christmas Trees
4. Snowflakes
5. Capricorn
6. George V
7. Canada
8. H₂O
9. Pere Noel
10. C S Lewis (Narnia)
11. A Spider's Web
12. St Stephen
13. Norway

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The second half of our Autumn term is well underway, and the children thoroughly enjoyed engaging topic launches.

In November, our Year 5 Young Leaders helped with the Hampton Church Garden Project. The pupils worked hard planting and making hedgehog boxes for the winter. Their hard work and enthusiasm for this wonderful project really demonstrated our current School Value, Service.

To mark Armistice Day, our pupils observed a silence in our outdoor assembly to remember and honour those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and the British soldiers killed or injured since 1945. It also reflected our respect for everyone who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their tomorrows for our today.

Our Year 5 Ambassadors sold poppies and poppy related items in exchange for a suggested donation. All proceeds were donated to the Royal British Legion.

Also in November, St Andrew's celebrated Children in Need. On Friday 18th November, in exchange for a donation, children came into school wearing SPOTS! A big thank you to Miss Eustace who arranged all the Pudsey related activities in school. Lots of money was raised for such a worthwhile cause.

As Christmas quickly approaches, we are getting ready for our celebrations, with rehearsals their nativities and Christmas carols for their concerts.

Finally, everyone at St Andrew's School would like to wish our local community a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow



Our Remembrance Service was well attended.

The October coffee morning was well supported, and we raised £315.10 for Church Funds.

December coffee morning is on 15 December at 10am

We will again have the decorated Christmas Trees. The memorial service will be on 18 December at 10am. If you would like to remember a loved one, you can have a bauble on the memorial Christmas tree for donation of £5. Please get in touch with Ann Banks on 01386 881623 to arrange this.

Crib Service is on 24 December at 6pm.

Burial of Ashes at Sedgeberrow: 18 October - Ella Hardman

Funeral at the Vale Crematorium: 16 November Imre Petri (Jim)

St Andrew's Fellowship

**This is the last report sent in by John Lynch
before his sudden death on 14 November**

We held our November meeting with our friend and former member Ann Evans coming back to demonstrate her skills in flower arranging. After an initial talk, Ann constructed 3 beautiful winter/Christmas arrangements which she then put into the raffle for three lucky members to take home. Everyone there thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

In Shirley and John's absence, everyone rallied round and ensured that the afternoon ran smoothly and well. John and Shirley express their thanks to all who helped in any way.

Our next meeting will be on 13 December, and will be our Christmas Tea, followed by carols played, and conducted from the keyboard by our friend and church organist, Diana Scorse. This has become a tradition that heralds the Christmas season for many of us. Suitable contributions for tea will be welcome, and liquid refreshment will be provided by the committee.

The Christmas lunch will take place after Christmas, on 10 January, at Raphael's restaurant, and the committee will be in touch to establish who would like to join us, and to ascertain their menu choices. Please do make a note of these dates and keep them clear; these are annual occasions not to be missed!

We welcomed one new member on Tuesday - new members will always be made most welcome; of any faith or none, any age or gender! Remember: 2.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Hampton Club in Workman Road (Opposite the Spar shop.) For any more details, please call Shirley on 553392.

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)

ST ANDREW'S TOTS

HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL

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starting at 9.30am**

For further information:

Margaret Thomson 01386 47541



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - EASY CARROT CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 230ml vegetable oil, plus extra for the tin
- 100g natural yogurt
- 4 large eggs
- 1½ tsp vanilla extract
- ½ orange, zested
- 265g self-raising flour
- 335g light muscovado sugar
- 2½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ fresh nutmeg, finely grated
- 265g carrots (about 3), grated
- 100g sultanas or raisins
- 100g walnuts or pecans, roughly chopped (optional)



For the icing

- 100g slightly salted butter, softened
- 300g icing sugar
- 100g soft cheese

METHOD

- Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Oil and line the base and sides of two 20cm cake tins with baking parchment.
- Whisk the oil, yogurt, eggs, vanilla and zest in a jug. Mix the flour, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg with a good pinch of salt in a bowl. Squeeze any lumps of sugar through your fingers, shaking the bowl a few times to bring the lumps to the surface.
- Add the wet ingredients to the dry, along with the carrots, raisins and half the nuts, if using. Mix well to combine, then divide between the tins.
- Bake for 25-30 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. If any wet mixture clings to the skewer, return to the oven for 5 mins, then check again. Leave to cool in the tins.

Icing

- Beat the butter and sugar together until smooth. Add half the soft cheese and beat again, then add the rest (adding it bit by bit prevents the icing from splitting). Remove the cakes from the tins and sandwich together with half the icing. Top with the remaining icing and scatter with the remaining walnuts. Will keep in the fridge for up to five days. Best eaten at room temperature.

Sudoku – Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2022

Wednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
4 December – Second Sunday of Advent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise – Toy Service	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12			
Wednesday 7	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
11 December – Third Sunday of Advent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11am	Carols and Crib Service	Hinton
Isaiah 35: 1-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11			
Wednesday 14	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion + Tree Memorial	Sedgeberrow
	4pm	Carols and Christingle	Hampton
Isaiah 7: 10-16; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-end			
Wednesday 21	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
24 December – Christmas Eve			
	4pm	Crib and Carol Service	Hampton Churchyard
	6pm	Crib Service	Sedgeberrow
	8pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hinton
	11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hampton
25 December – Christmas Day			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Christmas Communion	Sedgeberrow
Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrews 1: 1-4 [5-12]; John 1: 1-14			

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2023

1 January – Second Sunday of Christmas			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

SMILE LINE - Presents

December is the month when the children begin to discuss what to get Dad for Christmas. Some insist on getting him a shirt, others a pair of socks. But the argument always ends in a tie.

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