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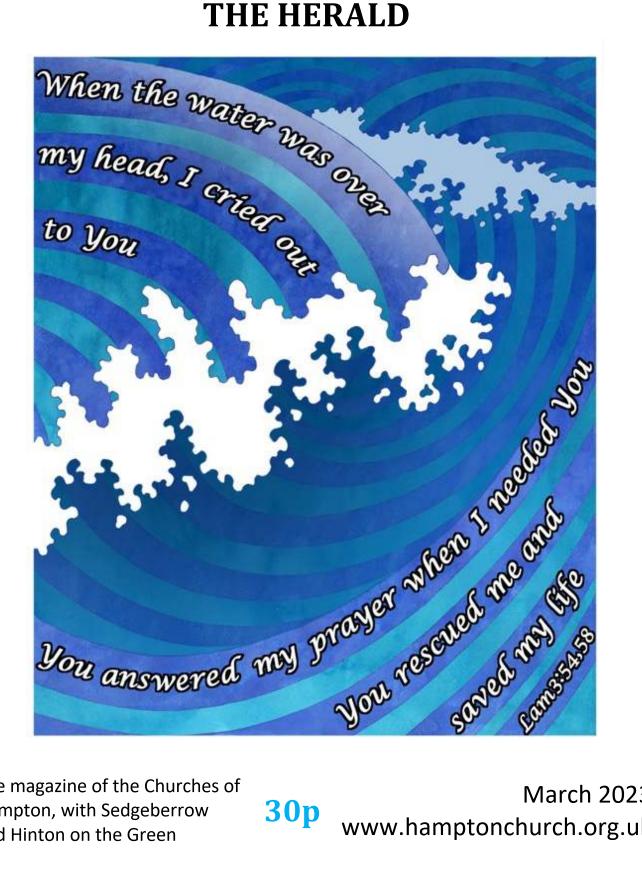


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# THE HERALD



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#### A Letter from the Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones

I am writing this in the departure lounge of Heathrow airport, lucky enough to escape the long cold days of January and fly off to Cyprus for some of February. For quite a few years now, I've facilitated the worship for the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf — quite a privilege, and, you might well think, not much of a hardship either! I've been most fortunate on so many levels. Cyprus is a beautiful island, and it is great to be able to travel again.

Waiting to board the plane, I realise once again just how much of a jolt to the whole world the Covid pandemic was, and, in many senses, still is. As we travel and meet and live again, it's worth remembering just how total the lockdown was. Perhaps it is not surprising that we are experiencing such political turmoil in its aftermath. And perhaps it's not surprising there seems to be so much grumpiness around.

We are learning to be with each other again, though undoubtedly, we'd

learned the true value of neighbourliness when we couldn't get out. Maybe we also need to re-learn how to do business with each other — how to discuss, how to disagree well, how to live for others. We even see this in the Church, where, for example recently, our consideration of and moves towards affirming same sex relationships have given rise to feelings and reactions I don't really understand. How can this feature so large when the world faces far greater problems and issues?

But I'm here in this airport lounge, so maybe it's easier to see things a bit differently. Stepping back from the fray while others get on with it is my luxury at this moment. So, I mustn't judge, but rather learn a little humility as we all try to 'come back well' from the experience of these past few years. But hey, it's time to go, they're calling my flight!

Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester

# From the Registers – January 2023

Funerals		
20 January	Shirley Ann Bramich	Hampton
24 January	Maurice Emms	Hampton
25 January	Margaret McDonald	Hampton
Baptisms		
15 January	Joyce Burnett Lister	Hampton
22 January	Theodore Bourn and Aurora Bourn	Hampton

#### A Lent Appeal from the Bishop of Worcester

Bishop John's Lent Appeal in 2023 will be for the Anglican Diocese of Peru.

As a country, Peru has had a very turbulent few years. It had one of the world's highest Covid mortality rates and has experienced considerable political unrest.

Strict lockdowns and the financial implications have had a major impact on the Anglican Church. Paying stipends has been difficult, leading to many clergy having to have additional jobs. These pressures have naturally limited what can be done in terms of ministry and mission in poor areas experiencing multiple problems. Our support helps them in these difficult times.

Peru has had a particularly difficult time recently with violent protests. These started in December when the former president was impeached, and they are ongoing throughout the country. Over 50 people have now died as a result of the protests and the government's response to them.

In Juliaca where there have been the highest numbers of casualties, the Revd Luis Vizacarra has been seeking to support those affected by helping provide for soup kitchens for those who are staying near hospitals to support those injured in the protests. He is also trying to help with medical expenses for those who are in hospital and recovering for their injuries.

Bishop John says: "Please do give generously to this year's Lent appeal. Things are difficult for many in our own country, but they are much worse in our partner diocese of Peru. 'Our support can help them greatly in difficult times."

#### To make a donation:

- An online giving page will shortly be available.
- Send a cheque payable to Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd to Peru Appeal, Worcester Diocesan Office, 16 Lowesmoor Wharf, Worcester, WR1 2RS

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

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

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

Shirley Bramich, Maurice Emms, Rita Hall, Ruth Jewer, Jenny Ross, and Ann Hartwell

#### In our Thoughts and Prayers

'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.' Ps 121, BCP



Surrounded by hills as we are in Evesham we have only to look up to be reminded of God's loving care for each one of us. When the circumstances of life are proving hard to bear it is good to remember that He is watching over us and is an everpresent help in trouble.

The fourth Sunday in Lent, March 19th, is Mothering Sunday when we remember our earthly parents and also our mother church.

God of compassion,

whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Collect for Mothering Sunday**

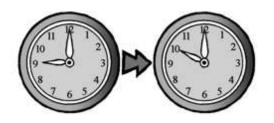
May the discipline of Lent draw us closer to our Lord and our acts of self-denial help us to prepare to celebrate the joy of His resurrection.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which Thou hast given us, for all the pains and insults which Thou hast borne for us.

O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, now and for evermore. Amen. St Richard of Chichester

Amen.

# British Summer Time <u>Don't forget</u> that the clocks go forward at 2am on Sunday 26 March



# Bringing death to life:

# Everything you ever wanted to know about death but were afraid to ask

It has been suggested that once we reach the age of 60, our every third thought is of death and yet we rarely talk about it or prepare for it.

Join us on a Wednesday afternoon during March for a cup of tea and piece of cake. Over the course of four weeks, we will explore some of the issues that arise and have the opportunity to listen to and talk with experts about different aspects of death and bereavement.

There is no charge but there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards refreshments and heating.

For more information contact Rosie Grove on 01386 442111

#### Wednesdays in March **Evesham Parish Church of All Saints** Market Place, Evesham, WRII 4RW

#### Wednesday 1st March, 2.00 pm What does it mean to have a good death?

Clinical Nurse Specialists in Palliative Care MS and Memory Loss and Care Navigators

- Advance care planning
- Respect forms
- Communication
- Manging expectations

#### Wednesday 8th March, 2.00 pm Planning for the future: legacy and legal Wednesday 22nd March, 11.30 am considerations.

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- What is power of attorney?
- When do you need deputyship?
- Making a will
- What is probate?

#### Wednesday 15th March, 2.00 pm Practicalities: What do I need to do

An experienced funeral director and stone mason

- Who needs to be contacted after a death
- How to register a death and when is it necessary to have a post-mortem
- Financial issues
- Dealing with undertakers

# Choosing how we say goodbye.

A Church of England minister authorised in funeral ministry.

- Acknowledging grief and giving condolence
- Planning a funeral
- Burial/cremation

This session concludes with a light lunch.

# ALL SAINTS, EVESHA

# Local Warm Spaces

#### St Andrew's Church

On Wednesday mornings anyone can come to have a hot drink and/or soup in a warm and welcoming environment.



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#### The Tea Service - All Saints Church

Every Friday afternoon from 2pm - 3pm There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

Spend time together, making new friends, while afternoon tea is served Contact Rosie on 01386 442213



# Sunday Soup Kitchen - All Saints Church

Every Sunday afternoon from 4.30pm to 6pm Free fresh soup and bread Eat in or Takeaway!

**ALL WELCOME** 

# Dates for Your Diary Saturday 15 April 2023

Primrose Teas and Opening of Peace Garden
Teas will be sold in Church from 11am
Official opening of the garden at 2.30pm
Volunteers needed to take part in rota to sell tea and cake,
please speak to Margaret Thomson

28 May 2023

St Andrews AGM following morning service

## World Day of Prayer - Friday 3 March 2023



#### ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, BRETFORTON

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This year women in Taiwan have prepared the service. Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. In the service the women share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and the people of Taiwan and encourage one another in faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. Preparation for the day has taken several years and it is distributed all over the world.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. The service is translated into more than 90 languages, including Welsh. In Wales the services may be in Welsh or English, sometimes both.

The Day of Prayer begins in in Samoa and travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

Please join us at **Bretforton Church** for the service in our area. All are welcome – women, men and children. It is good to be part of this worldwide day of prayer and to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Taiwan.

For more information about the World Day of Prayer, please see their website: wdp.org.uk

**Taiwan,** officially the Republic of China (ROC), is a country in East Asia. It is located at the junction of the East and South China Seas in the north-western Pacific Ocean, with the People's Republic of China (PRC) to the northwest, Japan to the northeast, and the Philippines to the south. The territories controlled by the ROC consist of 168 islands, with a combined area of 13,974 sq. miles. The capital city is Taipei. Taiwan is among the most densely populated countries in the world.

# Reflecting Faith Series: What birds can remind us about our faith

There are many depictions of 'creatures' used in decorations in and on our church buildings. Some are beautifully carved in the highly decorated ends of choir stalls. Others can be found on the pew-ends.

Sometimes there are human caricatures, perhaps of people the craftsmen knew in real life – their priest or bishop, or even their foreman!

Sometimes there are carvings of birds, such as the pelican and peacock.

The peacock is known for its magnificent tail feathers, which it displays to both impress and deter aggressors. From the early days of Christianity, the peacock has been used to symbolise eternal life, and so is often seen carved into memorial stones in the churchyard. This is because it renews itself each year, by shedding its old feathers and growing new ones. Of course, this also links to Christ's resurrection, as the peacock is visually reborn and whole again.

The pelican is a less obvious Christian symbol, although quite common in all art forms. It's seen as a symbol of atonement because when observed by naturalists many centuries ago, they misinterpreted the red tip on its long bill.

They saw the pelican starting to prune its feathers, and it appeared to them to be ripping open its breast, in order to feed its young with its own blood. This story became symbolic for the Atonement, where Jesus allowed Himself to be pierced so that we may live. And although ornithologists view the red tip differently today, the pelican continues in its representation.

**This month:** Think about what flowers might be most suitable in church for next month – April.

## Fairtrade Fortnight 2023

Remember that Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 27 February to 12 March. It comes with a sombre reminder: climate change means that soon some of our favourite foods, such as bananas, cocoa and coffee could be harder to grow. And if that is combined with deeply unfair trade, then communities growing these crops will be pushed to the brink. This makes Fairtrade all the more vital – for all of us.

You can help three ways during this Fortnight.

First, why not join an online *Big Fairtrade Get Together*? Hear Fairtrade farmers and other experts explain what needs to change, for a sustainable future. Secondly, *let your friends know* of any Fairtrade event in your area, from a coffee morning to a quiz night. Thirdly, buy Fairtrade whenever you can, from flowers to coffee, clothes to teas, plus lots else. visit <a href="https://www.fairtrade.org.uk">https://www.fairtrade.org.uk</a>

# Events Update - March 2023

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	7 Mar 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	11 Mar 10am - Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	14 Mar 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	14 Mar 2pm	Hampton Club
Fundraising Event	Sat	18 March 7.30 – 11.30	Sedgeberrow
Mothering Sunday	Sun	19 March	
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	21 Mar 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	23 Mar 10am	Sedgeberrow
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	26 Mar 2.30 – 4.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	28 Mar 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall

# **Looking Ahead – Dates for 2023**

LOOKING ANEXA	Dates for 2025
Lent	22 February - Thursday 6 April
Palm Sunday	2 April
Good Friday	7 April
Easter	Sunday 9 April
The Coronation of King Charles III	Saturday 6 May
Pentecost	Sunday 28 May
Trinity Sunday	4 June
Bible Sunday	29 October
Advent Sunday	3 December
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December

## St Andrew's Fellowship

On Tuesday 14th February, we enjoyed an extremely interesting talk and slide show by Mr. Ray Sturdy about the life of Vesta Tilley. Most of us knew of her by name and some of the songs she used to sing but had no idea that she was born in Worcester and came from really humble beginnings, or that she was in the forefront of pushing back the boundaries of what was expected of women in that era. Unfortunately, there were only eleven members present due to illness or other commitments. We also celebrated Jean and Toby's 91st birthdays, and I think there will be a 90th before the next meeting. It is lovely that they are still keeping pretty active and want to get out and see their friends, and have been faithful members for many years, - but you don't have to be that old to join us!! Next month will be the AGM and we hope to see as many people as possible, new people are always welcome. Membership is £15 per year with a sliding scale for those who join later in the year, and this includes refreshments.

Visitors £2 - come and see what we get up to.

Shirley Lynch

## **Mothering Sunday**

Mothering Sunday is a day of mixed emotions. For many it's a happy, joyous day, but for others it's one of pain and grief. A day to celebrate love, while acknowledging those who cannot have children or have lost them and those who have no relationship with their mother.

In the dying moments of His life, Jesus honored Mary his mother by showing her love and care. He entrusted His mother to John's protection: 'When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.' (John 19:26,27). While affirming the importance of mothers, Jesus reminds us that the love we show on Mothering Sunday is just a token of our continuous appreciation of them.

Jesus also creates a new way of being family, marking the beginnings of the church. In the past, people would go back to their 'mother' church on this Sunday, to acknowledge its importance in their lives. Jesus invites us into this new family of love and mutual belonging, where we can find a place, irrespective of our own family circumstances.

Church is not always an easy place to be, because we are shaped by our own experience of mothering. We may find it hard to give or receive love without ourselves getting in the way. However, God's help is available to change things, 'because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.' (Romans 5:5)

#### How long does a man live?

Shirley Lynch has sent in the following reflection on the poem, by Brian Patten, which she found whilst going through John's papers. He had previously delivered it at the funeral of his brother-in-law, who, with John's sister, had a smallholding on the edge of Dartmoor. Neither of them was particularly interested in the church, and he wanted a very simple service, followed by burial in a corner of one of their fields. It was an appalling day, howling gale and driving rain, and John had to stand with his back to the rain so that the respectable numbers of people attending could hear him. Shirley said that they all got very wet, and when they arrived at the local pub for the wake, they steamed up all the windows.!!

#### How long does a man live after all?

A thousand days or only one? One week or a few centuries? How long does a man spend living or dying and what do we mean when we say gone forever?

Adrift in such preoccupations, we seek clarification.

We can go to the philosophers, but they will weary of our questions.

We can go to the priests and rabbis

but they might be busy with administrations.

So, how long does a man live after all?

And how much does he live while he lives?

We fret and ask so many questions – then when it comes to us the answer is so simple after all.

A man lives for as long as we carry him inside us,

for as long as we carry the harvest of his dreams, for as long as we ourselves live, holding memories in common, a man lives.

His lover will carry his man's scent, his touch:

his children will carry the weight of his love.

One friend will carry his arguments, another will hum his favourite tunes, another will still share his terrors.

And the days will pass with baffled faces, then the weeks, then the months, then there will be a day when no question is asked,

and the knots of grief will loosen in the stomach and the puffed faces will calm. And on that day, he will not have ceased but will have ceased to be separated by death.

How long does a man live after all? A man lives so many different lengths of time. John said that 'This of course refers to women as well as men, telling us that though our mortal bodies may have ceased to function, our spirits live on in the memories of those we knew and who loved us.'

# ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH THE TWO C'S MONTHLY TEAS

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Next one - 26 March 2023 from 2.30 - 4.30

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For Further information:

Elaine Major 01386 40722

**Sudoku Solutions (from p17)** 

**Easy Sudoku** 

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Medium Sudoku

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ST ANDREW'S TOTS
HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL
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For further information:
Margaret Thomson 01386 47541 or
look at our Facebook page



# From Hinton ALM - Michelle Young Come along to this fund-raising event! Saturday 18 March 7.30 - 11.30 An Epic Night Out!



Tickets - £8.50 to include Ploughman's Supper Contact: Clare Davies 07814 188077

#### St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our Mothering Sunday Service will be at 10.00am on Sunday 19 March, when flowers will be distributed.

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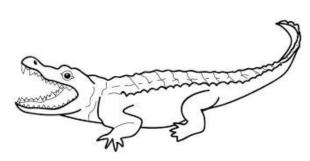
Our next Coffee Morning is on Thursday March 23rd at

**10am.** Helpers are always needed, please talk to Ann Banks 01386 881623 if you can help.

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



The last half-term has been another action-packed learning extravaganza for every class!



To link with their topic, our Year 1 classes travelled excitedly to Oxfordshire to visit the UK's only crocodile zoo which is currently home to more than 150 crocodiles representing 19 of the 24 different species including crocodiles, alligators and caimans, as well as other reptiles.

Also, this term, the whole school took park in 'Safer Internet Day'. The theme was "Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations online". The children discussed the things that they like and don't like about being online. They thought about their digital footprint, what they would like to change about the online world and how to get help if things worry them.

As part of this term's topic in Year 5, they had a visit from West Mercia Police. The visitors were Community Support Officer Andrea and PC Justine Lane. They answered all the children's questions regarding crime. Evie asked, "Why did you choose this job?" While Tilly wanted to know, "What is the worst crime you have ever come across?" It was a very informative visit and they even got to see inside the police van!

Our new Nursery held their first Stay & Play and had lots of visitors for the session. Everyone really enjoyed sharing our beautiful new building and joining in with lots of activities with their child.

For last year's Poppy Appeal, we raised a whopping £400.03. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising campaign held during the period of Remembrance.

In February, every class took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Armed with their identification guides, pupils went outside on the field, in the playground and the forest area to count the birds that landed within the school's grounds. They observed a variety of common garden birds including, robins, dunnocks, blackbirds and wood pigeons. So next time you are out and about, see if you can identify the birds you see. Fantastic 'twitching' St Andrew's - Ornithologists in the making!

Andrea Bailey – Headteacher Email: office@st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk

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

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH SPICED PARSNIP SOUP

# A hearty warming soup for those cold March days

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 500g (1lb 2oz) parsnips, peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 onion, quartered
- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 tsp garam masala
- 400ml (14fl oz) canned coconut milk
- 500ml (18fl oz) hot vegetable stock
- generous pinch of sea salt and black pepper

#### **METHOD**

- Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/gas mark 6.
- Place the parsnips and onion in a roasting tin and drizzle with the oil.
- Roast in the oven for 30 minutes until golden and softened.
- Remove the roasted parsnips and onion from the oven, and spoon into a high-powered jug blender (or into a large pan if you are using a hand blender).
- Add the garam masala, then pour in the coconut milk and hot vegetable stock.
- Blitz until completely smooth.
- Season to taste with sea salt and black pepper.
- Ladle into warmed bowls and serve hot, sprinkled with a little extra garam masala and black pepper, if you like.











# Sudoku – Easy

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# Sudoku - Medium

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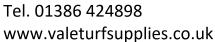


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## **SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023**

Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		rch – Second Sunday of Lent	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Ger	nesis 12: 1-4a	a; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-1	.7
Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	12 M	arch – Third Sunday of Lent	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11am	Morning Praise	Hinton
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
	Exodus 17:	1-7; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42	
Wednesday 15	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
19	March – Four	th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunda	у
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Exodus 2: 1-10 d		: 20-end; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 or Coloss	sians 3: 12-17;
		2: 33-35 or John 19: 25b-27	
Wednesday 22	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		arch – Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
		-14; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45	
Wednesday 29	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

## **SERVICES FOR APRIL 2023**

2 April – Palm Sunday							
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton				
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton				
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow				
Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Phi	Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14-end 27 or Matthew 27: 11-54						
Wednesday 5	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton				

#### **SMILE LINE**

The mother of three difficult youngsters was asked whether she'd have children if she had it to do over again. 'Yes,' she replied. 'But not the same ones.'

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