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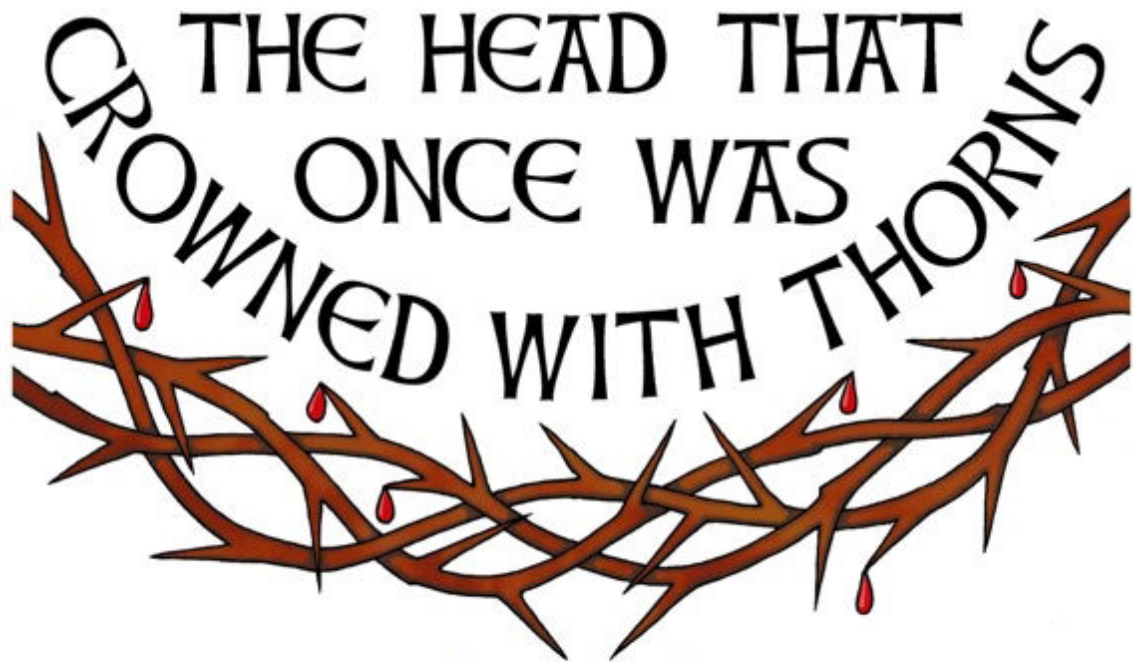


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A Letter from the Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick

I have recently returned from the Holy Land, where I had the privilege of co-leading a Diocesan Pilgrimage.

The land of Israel/Palestine has long been a contested one, and we were very conscious of current tensions. Scripture invites us to 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem' and that is still needed now. It was a joy to meet with members of the Christian community in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, particularly the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum, who helped prepare and bless the Oil of Anointing for use at the Coronation of King Charles III. The oil was made using olives from the Holy Land and was blessed in the Aedicule (shrine) of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

We had visited that church late afternoon on the first day of our pilgrimage, and most of us found it a disappointing experience. There was a huge queue of people trying to get into the Aedicule, built over the traditional site of the empty tomb, the place of Resurrection; and another long queue of pilgrims waiting to climb the steep steps to the Chapel of Calvary, the traditional site of the crucifixion of Jesus. We were out of time though and had to leave before getting any further.



But early on Sunday, some of us got up at dawn and made our way through the winding streets of the Old City to arrive again at the Holy Sepulchre. Quiet this time, except for the chanting of the Coptic clergy, we were able to ascend the hill of calvary, to kneel and pray before the shrine, and to touch the rock of Golgotha, still bearing the split from an ancient earthquake. We then moved to join the slowly moving queue at the

aedicule, the site of the tomb and of the resurrection of Jesus. It is small and you stoop to enter. I prayed for you all in that place.

I had been once before as a parish priest. I'd gone early that morning too and was thrilled if rather overawed to get the chance to enter that 'holy of holies' for the very first time. That time I remember clearly hearing words from Mark's gospel: "He is not here. He is Risen!"

Whether in the Holy Land, or here in Worcestershire or in Dudley, Jesus Christ, our crucified, risen and ascended Lord is with us still.

May the joy of our Risen Lord be with you and those you love, this Easter and for ever more.

Martin Gorick

Church Electoral Roll

Once again as we approach the Annual Church Meeting it is time to ensure the Church Electoral Roll is up to date. The church electoral roll is the formal of voting members of the church and everybody who worships regularly should be on the roll.

This year the revision of the roll at St Andrew's will start on 16 April and forms for those who are not already on the roll will be available in church and should be returned to the Michael Hunter, the Churchwardens or to the Benefice Office by 24 April.

Those who were on the roll last year don't need to reapply.

The new roll will be published on 14 May.

Michael Hunter

Church Electoral Roll Officer



From the Registers – February 2023

Funerals		
7 February	Rita Hall	Hampton
13 February	Ruth Jewer	Hinton
21 February	Kenneth Goode	Hampton
22 February	Agnes Emms	Hampton

Evesham Festival of Words is back for 2023

Friday 7 April, 2.30pm

'80 Years of Desert Island Discs'

Raphael's Restaurant

Enjoy a classic Raphael's Afternoon High Tea in the company of David Howe, taking us back over 80 Years of **Desert Island Discs**. Eight tracks, one book and one luxury. What would you take to a desert island? David is a popular local speaker. This event is part of Raphael's Easter Charity Weekend. Come along and support a local cause, enjoy a great tea, and a fabulous talk – all in the stunning riverside setting. Tickets: £15 (includes afternoon tea). Pre-booking essential. Tickets can also be booked directly with Raphael's.



In our Thoughts and Prayers



'The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad.'

Christian faith is reinvigorated each year by celebration of Easter in acknowledgement that Christ rose from the dead and is alive for evermore, so we pray:

'Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you. The cross has not defeated you, the grave has not kept you silent. Bring Easter to our hearts, to our eyes and ears, to our lives.'

Yet we live in a fractured world where the innocent suffer and die, where darkness smothers the light, where hopes and dreams dissolve and where evil seems to triumph. It is all too easy to despair as we read, see and hear of the many atrocities and sufferings endured by others which can bring despondency to our hearts so how necessary it is to hold on to these words of the 17th century Bishop of Winchester. Lancelot Andrewes;

'And now Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee. In thee, O Lord, have I trusted; let me never be confounded.'

In reality, there is little that we can do to reduce the major problems of this troubled world but we can be effective witnesses to the Gospel message in our own surroundings so we should be asking in prayer:

'Show us, O Lord, how we may present your claims to those outside the church. May your Holy Spirit fill us with love for others and deepen our understanding of their needs. May our lives as well as our lips help to lead others to him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life and so to bring hope to those troubled by despair and anxiety. Amen.'

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

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

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

Ann Hartwell, Agnes Emms, Carol Bayliss, Jean Purfield, Kim Turner and Brian Vann

SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
7 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Acts 7: 55-end; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14			
Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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Good Friday Walk of Witness



The Passion
of our Lord

according to
Saint John

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Local Warm Spaces

The Tea Service - All Saints Church

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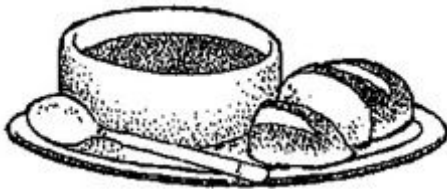
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Sunday Soup Kitchen - All Saints Church



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ALL WELCOME

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3 April 2023 at 8pm

***Springo Bingo* - Hampton Club**

For Church Funds



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



28 May 2023

St Andrews AGM following the morning service

Wildflower Peace Garden Opening



Rotary in the Vale have been involved in a project in collaboration with St Andrew's Church in Hampton. A Wildflower Peace Garden has been created for our community for the conservation of our native wildflowers and wildlife.

Pupils from St Andrew's School placed hedgehog boxes in the Church grounds; filled a bug hotel and helped with putting some plants in the garden. The Rotary in the Vale team planted a few hundred plants too, so we're looking forward to seeing the garden develop into something special that our community can enjoy. A beautiful Peace Pole will be unveiled in The Garden, this has been made by the Men in Sheds, who also made the hedgehog boxes and the bug hotels.

Join us for Tea and Cakes, and the Official Opening of the Garden on Saturday 15 April.



Reflecting Faith Series: Easter Flowers

Many types of flowers are used in churches, but during Easter, there is one that is especially loved: the Easter Lily. It is a tall, stately flower topped by large, graceful, white trumpet-shaped blooms.

While commercial bulb production of Easter lilies only began in the 19th century, Easter lilies make many appearances in both the Old and New Testaments, emphasising the flower's importance to Christianity. King Solomon spoke of them, and Christ referenced them, too.

These strikingly beautiful flowers are highly perfumed, with the central stamens covered in bright yellow or orange pollen. Unfortunately, the pollen can be a hazard, as it can permanently stain cloth due to chemicals it contains! For this reason, good florists and especially church flower arrangers will remove all the stamens before bringing them anywhere near church fabrics, or near to where ministers wearing white might brush against them.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolise Christ because they embody purity - the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. This is also why lilies are identified with the Virgin Mary, and in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand.

The second reason that Easter lilies represent Christ is because of their life cycle. Each one grows from a bulb that for several years has lain quietly beneath the earth, before growing tall and stately, and blossoming into magnificent flowers. What a picture of Jesus' life and resurrection!

This month

Have a look around the church over Easter. Daffodils and Easter lilies are often displayed, because they are the first flowers of spring, when Nature is being reborn. Their life after the death of winter reminds us of the Resurrection. For we cannot imagine the death and the passion of Christ without having in mind the empty tomb, radiating hope. Christ's death has no meaning without His Resurrection.



Smile Line -

The good thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.



Events Update - April 2023

Bingo Church Fundraiser	Mon	3 Apr 8.00pm	Hampton Club
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	4 Apr 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	8 Apr 10am - Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Fellowship	Tues	11 Apr 2pm	Hampton Club
Primrose Tea	Sat	15 Apr 11am	Peace Garden
Opening Ceremony	Sat	15 Apr 2.30pm	Peace Garden
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	25 Apr 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	27 Apr 10am	Sedgeberrow
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	30 Apr 2.30 – 4.30pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	2 May 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's AGM	Sun	28 May after service	Hampton

Looking Ahead – Dates for 2023

Palm Sunday	2 April
Maundy Thursday	6 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

Mystery of the Passion

"I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me though he were dead yet shall he live" John 11:25

It would have been hard on Good Friday for anyone to imagine the glory that was coming on Sunday morning. On Friday the situation seemed hopeless: Peter denied Christ three times; Judas committed suicide; the other disciples scattered in fear; Jesus prayed until His sweat became drops of blood; on the cross He cried out 'My God, My God why have you forsaken me?' The sky turned black as He died, the curtain in the temple was torn in two and Mary's heart was pierced.

All of this suffering bought our salvation, our healing, our peace and our eternal life. Because through His blood we are transformed into the sons and daughters of God!

The mystery of the 'passion of Christ' is almost incomprehensible, but whatever you are facing today I want to encourage you that Jesus has already paid the price for that.... If we are sad 'Jesus wept', and He bought our joy. If we are sick, He purchased our healing. If we are troubled, He bought our peace. And for all the wrong things we have done, He bought our redemption from sin. We have been bought with a great price, and we are His.

Come and see the Worcester Passion Play Good Friday – 10.30am - Cathedral Square

The Passion Play is a dramatic presentation depicting the Passion of Jesus Christ: his trial, suffering and death, and resurrection.



Just four weeks to go until our live open-air performance of the Passion Play in Worcester's Cathedral Square!

We aren't charging for tickets for the event - so if you would like to support us by donating, the easiest way to give is by Bank Transfer: -

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Thank you - looking forward to seeing you on Good Friday!

Hedgehogs need your help this Spring



During the winter when hedgehogs hibernate, their heart rate drops from around 190 beats per minute to just about 20. They breathe only once every few minutes. So, to rouse themselves from that depth of torpor and get back into normal life takes a huge surge of energy.

This is where you can come in. Hedgehogs are **very** hungry in the Spring. Most of them will have slept until mid-March, and so will now be awake - but starving.

So why not put out some shallow dishes of meaty cat or dog food or cat biscuits and water? You can even buy or make special hedgehog feeders.

Hedgehogs have always been popular, but they are now sadly classed as 'vulnerable to extinction'. Numbers have been plummeting, and now there are less than one million left in the UK.

"With their coat of prickles and inquisitive nose, alongside a penchant for snuffling around our back gardens snaffling up slugs and earthworms, hedgehogs are a childhood memory of delight," said one scientist. "Sadly, hedgehogs might be banished to memories alone and lost as a source of wonder for our children and grandchildren."

Asparagus: Love it or hate it?

Traditionally, the British asparagus season runs from St George's Day on 23 April to the Summer Solstice on 21 June. It is one of the earliest of ancient, annual vegetables and is like Marmite – you either love it or you hate it.

Although there is evidence of it being grown in the ancient world since Biblical times, it is never mentioned by name in the Bible and theologians seem to be divided as to whether it is classed as a good or a forbidden food. There have been times when the first crops of asparagus have been blessed in church, although some bishops have declared it sinful to do so. In the UK there are some local events such as the British Asparagus Festival on 23 April in Evesham and the Asparagus Harvest Festival on 27 May in Deeside that celebrate asparagus.

There are many different varieties, but four general types: green, white, purple, and wild. Within these four types there many varieties with **various colours, tastes, textures, and hardness**. Some varieties of asparagus plants can live up to 30 years. There are some that are also grown for aesthetics and should not be consumed because they are toxic.

To say the least, asparagus is controversial and if you look online, you will find lots of different views on the mythical legends that have probably evolved from growers trying to sell their crops.

St Andrew's Fellowship – Last Report (Sadly)

We had a good turnout for our AGM with several new members present. We had had a good year with some really interesting speakers and a really enjoyable trip to the Botanical gardens in Birmingham. so after the treasurer's report and General report of our activities, the meeting was opened for General discussion. Due to the sad passing of John, we had lost our chairman and several members of the committee felt they were unable to carry on with their roles for health, age and other reasons, and this applied to many of the members of the Club who felt unable to take on the necessary roles. So, sadly, after so many years, having morphed from the original Friendship Group and Mothers Union into the Church Fellowship Group, we decided it would be our last meeting. Many friendships have been forged over the years, but times have changed, and we have to move with them. But we trust that those friendships will continue.

We do have to find homes for the many beautiful Pauline Collectors dolls, which were very kindly bequeathed by the late Molly Cramer to raise money for the club. If anyone knows of a collector or collectors who would be interested in them please let Shirley Lynch know. Any monies raised will go to charity.

Shirley Lynch

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Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

For Further Information:

Elaine Major 01386 40722

From Hinton ALM - Michelle Young

How do bats brush their teeth? Why do bats want stamps, can they write letters?

Well, in short, no. But we have lovely contacts with people who do want these items and will give us cash which the bats then use for mealworms, equipment and whatnot.

Steve our stamp man is very nice. He gives us a special rate per kilo of stamps as he knows we sort our bags properly and give him perfect quality, organised bundles. We don't send him ripped or damaged or rubbish quality stamps. We send him special items in cardboard to keep them in tip-top condition and he gives us fair rates.

The oral care bits are through a scheme called Terracycle, This is a company that is willing to separate out the different elements for recycling and reusing. You think of an empty toothpaste tube – it has paper, plastic and metal elements and councils can't afford to extract all these things so they just go to landfill. Such a shame.

Terracycle get all the elements out and then reuse these for new projects like benches, pet food bowls and something to do with roads.

They also take lots of different things via collection points such as Ashton first school or Evesham adventure playground. Evesham Bat Care only collect the oral care bits but there are lots of schemes out there which massively help out good causes and small charities. We want brushes, inter-dental brushes, electric heads but not the units and especially not with batteries in them. We want empty packaging for brushes, floss, toothpaste tubes. Empty tubes, empty floss containers and empty mouthwash bottles too. Anything relating to teeth.

Evesham Bat Care can also get money from milk bottle tops BUT we do not collect these centrally. We need individuals to collect, wash and post these off, we can give an address, but we do not gather these with the stamps and terracycle bits. Our aim has always been to raise money from rubbish. We want to stop stuff going to landfill, we want people to be more aware of plastic items. We love gathering boxes of stuff and getting bank transfers twice a year.

So no, bats don't brush their teeth with your used brushes. But they love the mealworms that your brushes help fund.

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our next Coffee Morning is on Thursday April 27th at 10am.

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



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The Official Opening of St Andrew's Nursery



Recently Michael Hunter and John Huggins, both St Andrew's Governors, officially opened the new St Andrew's Nursery. Many community representatives attended the event and commented on the wonderful new facilities. Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education at Worcestershire County Council, Councillor Tracey Onslow said: "This completed project is one example of how we're committed to improving educational facilities and provision for children across the county."

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Sudoku Solutions (from p17)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pasta Primavera (Primavera is Italian for Spring)

An easy recipe to use new season asparagus

INGREDIENTS

- 75g baby broad beans (frozen or fresh)
- 200g asparagus tips
- 170g peas (frozen or fresh)
- 150g baby leeks, sliced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp butter
- 200ml fromage frais or crème fraiche
- Chopped fresh herbs
- Shaved Parmesan cheese to serve

METHOD

- Bring a pan of salted water to the boil and put a steamer (or colander) over the water. Steam the beans, asparagus and peas until just tender, then set aside.
- Boil the pasta following pack instructions.
- Meanwhile, fry the leeks gently in the oil and butter for 5 mins or until soft.
- Add the fromage frais to the leeks and very gently warm through, stirring constantly to ensure it doesn't split.
- Add the herbs and steamed vegetables with a splash of pasta water to loosen.
- Drain the pasta and stir into the sauce. Adjust the seasoning, then serve scattered with the Parmesan shavings and drizzled with a little extra olive oil.

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



Sudoku – Easy

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

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Sudoku - Medium

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

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2 April – Palm Sunday				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
		10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14-end 27 or Matthew 27: 11-54				
	Monday 3	7pm	Compline	Hampton
	Tuesday 4	7pm	Compline	Hampton
	Wednesday 5	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Wednesday 5	7pm	Compline	Hampton
	Maundy Thursday 6	7pm	Eucharist	All Saints
	Wednesday 5	7pm	Compline	Hampton
7 April – Good Friday				
		10am	The Story of the Cross	Hampton
		11am	Procession of Witnesses	Churches Together
		2pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Hampton
		2pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Sedgeberrow
9 April – Easter Sunday				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
		10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Holy Communion	Hinton
Acts 10: 34-43 or Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Colossians 3: 1-4 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10				
	Wednesday 12	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
16 April – Second Sunday of Easter				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Asum Eucharist	All Saints
		3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-end				
	Wednesday 19	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
23 April – Third Sunday of Easter				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
		10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
		3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 4: 13-35				
	Wednesday 26	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
30 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hinton
		3pm	Holy Baptism	Sedgeberrow
Acts 2: 42-end; 1 Peter 2: 19-end; John 10: 1-10				

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