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A Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley, Nikki Groarke

Back in the 1700s Benjamin Franklin allegedly said, “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” Some are more planners by nature than others, but I imagine most of us realise that for an organisation of any sort, having a plan, a vision, a direction of travel is a good way of uniting people, giving purpose and focus.

I am therefore delighted that we as a diocese have, in meetings of Diocesan Synod and Bishop’s Council, agreed a strategic plan to guide us through the next seven years to 2030. And we’ve received a huge vote of confidence in this from the national church, with their Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB) agreeing to partner with us on our strategy for growth, allocating significant funds to support our priorities alongside funds set aside for this within the diocese.

Our vision is to grow as Kingdom People in healthy and sustainable churches, and we know that for this to happen, we need to make major changes to reverse the decline in numbers of people attending our churches; and engage with all generations. So we will be focussing our best energy on three main priorities, and an underpinning priority.

Between now and 2030, we aim to:

- Double the number of children and young people worshipping in our churches compared to 2019 figures, investing in more paid children’s,

families’ and youth workers so that we have at least one church with a flourishing young peoples’ ministry in each major area of population, and two such churches in each deanery.

- Create 100 new worshipping communities offering a range of ways for people to come to faith and worship God. (e.g. Forest Church/ Café Church/ Walking Church)
- Invest in the renewal of around a dozen churches to ensure that each major area of population has at least one church with 150 people attending weekly, enabling them to support other local churches.

Additionally, we will Invest in our clergy and lay leaders, providing training and development opportunities to equip ministers for mission.

Of course, all these plans are dependent on God, who we trust will be at work amongst us through the Holy Spirit, as he promised to build his church. There will be many opportunities over the coming months to learn more about our long-term plans, and most importantly, to pray for them to bear fruit. I hope you will join together in holding these ambitious aims before God in prayer and explore how your church might play its part in these exciting times.

Nikki Groake

In our Thoughts and Prayers

'I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence: I possess knowledge and discretion.'

By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just.

Proverbs 8: 12 & 15.

Let us pray for King Charles III as he prepares for his Coronation on May 6th.

We pray also for the Councillors being elected on 4 May, that they may serve the community for the good of all and especially those who are most in need.

'Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name.'

May 15th - 21st is Mental Health Awareness Week with a focus on Anxiety. May we learn to cast all our burdens upon the Lord, trusting in His care for each one of us.

'Calm me Lord, as you calmed the storm

Still me Lord, keep me from harm

Let all the tumult within me cease

Enfold me, Lord in your peace.'

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 28 May we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and transform our lives giving us hope for the future.

'Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

And lighten with celestial fire,...

Thy blessed unction from above

Is comfort, life, and fire of love.'

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; Eve Lewis; Joan Parry

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

Kim Turner, Brian Vann, Susan Sobey, Raymond Clarke, John Smith, Pam Wills



Coronation Celebration Picnic



Sunday 7th May 2023

4.00 pm on the Vicarage Lawn (inside if wet)

Dress up in red, white and blue and bring a picnic to share

Please let Charlie Binney know if you are going to come

St Andrew's School Foundation Governor

St Andrew's School and Nursery has a vacancy for a foundation governor. As a church school the Governing Body needs to include three governors appointed by the church. At present they are Elaine Major and Helen Black. Michael Hunter was also a foundation governor for many years.



In September the St Andrew's opened its nursery and now takes pupils from two years old until age ten when they go to middle school. The school was recently inspected by Ofsted and separately by the Church of England and got Good ratings from both inspections.

The core functions of the Governing Body of the school are to set the vision and strategic direction, to hold the Head teacher to account for the educational performance and ensure the financial resources are well spent. Governors work together with the Head Teacher and other staff members to carry out those functions. You don't need any experience of teaching to be a governor as training is available and you'd get support from other governors.

If you'd like to know more about what is involved, please speak to Elaine Major, Helen Black or Michael Hunter.

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The Hampton Church Peace Garden

The old driveway to the vicarage has stood redundant for several years. The intention was always to eventually make a garden here, with possibly an area for burial of ashes. But time and funds had kept these ideas on the back burner, that was until the Rotary of the Vale approached us as they were looking for an area for a 'Bee-friendly' space.

After several meetings, it was decided that this area should be a community garden so St Andrews School, The Vale of Evesham School, The Scouts and the Beavers and St Andrews Tots group have all contributed with bug hotels, hedgehog homes and general care and planting in the area.

We have also had a beautiful bird table donated, in memory of a beloved mother. Please feel free to place food here to feed the birds and squirrels!

The Men in Sheds groups made the bug hotels and the hedgehog houses, and when it was suggested that the garden would be known as a Peace Garden where, hopefully people will sit and find peace, they created a beautiful peace pole to mark this.



On 15 April Mark Binney, parish priest, unveiled this and blessed the garden at the Primrose Teas afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many local people at the ceremony and we do hope this will become a place that everyone enjoys.



If you would like to plant a tree or plant in someone's memory or get involved with this project, please contact the church wardens.

Did you know these 10 Facts about King Charles III?

1. He was born at 9.14pm on 14th November 1948, to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, at Buckingham Palace in London.
2. He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.
3. He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree. From 1967 to 1970 he studied history at Cambridge University.
4. He can speak Welsh. He spent two months learning the language in 1969, as he prepared to become the Prince of Wales. He still speaks it today.
5. He is a qualified pilot and diver. While serving in the military in the 1970s, he trained as a jet and helicopter pilot and became a confident diver.
6. He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author, and a music lover, who played the cello at Cambridge. He has done some TV: making a guest appearance on Coronation Street and presenting the BBC weather forecast.
7. As Prince of Wales, he founded nearly 20 charities. Together, they raise £140million each year for good causes. He is passionate about the environment, speaking out against plastic pollution as early as 1970. He has planted many trees during royal engagements.
8. Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history. He became King on 8 September 2022, after the death of his mother, the Queen, at Balmoral.
9. As head of the Commonwealth, King Charles III is monarch of each of the 14 Commonwealth realms: Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu. As King, he's also the only person in the UK who can travel abroad in the Commonwealth without a passport and drive without a licence.
10. King Charles III has two children, Princes William and Harry, and five grandchildren. Prince William is next in line to become King and was named the Prince of Wales in 2022.



Do you have any memories of our new King?

Did you ever meet King Charles before he became King, or attend an event he was at? If you do have any reminiscences, would you share them for the next issue of The Herald? I'm sure our readers would love to know about them.

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The Coronation Emblem



About the Emblem

The bi-lingual emblem pays tribute to The King's love of the natural world, unifying the flora of the four nations of the United Kingdom: the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the daffodil of Wales and the shamrock of Northern Ireland. Together, the flowers create the shape of St Edward's Crown, with which His Majesty The King will be crowned during the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey on Saturday, 6 May. The emblem has been designed using the red, white and blue of the union flag.

About the designer

Speaking about the design of the Coronation emblem, Sir Jony Ive said:

"It is such an honour to be able to contribute to this remarkable national occasion, and our team is so very proud of this work. The design was inspired by King Charles' love of the planet, nature, and his deep concern for the natural world."

Sir Jony Ive KBE is a British designer. Formerly the Chief Design Officer at Apple, he holds more than 14,000 patents worldwide, uniquely spanning user interface and hardware design. Sir Jony was appointed a Royal Designer for Industry in 2003 and an honorary fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 2006. He was awarded the RSA's Benjamin Franklin Medal in 2004 and the Professor Stephen Hawking Fellowship by the Cambridge Union Society in 2018. He holds honorary doctorates from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and the Royal College of Art, where he currently serves as chancellor.



The Coronation Oil

The Chrism oil which will be used to anoint His Majesty The King on 6th May 2023 has been consecrated in Jerusalem.

In a special ceremony at The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the oil has been consecrated by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III, and the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, The Most Reverend Hosam Naoum.

The oil has been created using olives harvested from two groves on the Mount of Olives, at the Monastery of Mary Magdalene and the Monastery of the Ascension. The Monastery of Mary Magdalene is the burial place of His Majesty's grandmother, Princess Alice of Greece.

The olives were pressed just outside Bethlehem. The oil has been perfumed with essential oils - sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli, benzoin and amber - as well as orange blossom.

The Coronation oil is based on the oil used at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the formula of which has been used for hundreds of years. It will also be used for the anointing of Her Majesty The Queen Consort.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said:

"Since beginning the planning for the Coronation, my desire has been for a new Coronation Oil to be produced using olive oil from the Mount of Olives. This demonstrates the deep historic link between the Coronation, the Bible and the Holy Land. From ancient kings through to the present day, monarchs have been anointed with oil from this sacred place. As we prepare to anoint The King and The Queen Consort, I pray that they would be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit."



The anointing is the most sacred part of the coronation ceremony, and takes place before the investiture and crowning. The Archbishop pours holy oil from the Ampulla (or vessel) into the spoon, and anoints the sovereign on the hands, breast and head. The tradition goes back to the Old Testament which describes the anointing of Solomon by Zadok the

Priest and Nathan the Prophet. Anointing was one of the medieval holy sacraments and it emphasised the spiritual status of the sovereign. Until the seventeenth century the sovereign was considered to be appointed directly by God and this was confirmed by the ceremony of anointing. Although the monarch is no longer considered divine in the same way, the ceremony of Coronation also confirms the monarch as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Local Warm Spaces

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

Evesham Festival of Words is back for 2023

Friday 2 June, 1.00pm

'Richard III: From Car Park to Cathedral'

Holland House, Crophorne

The story of the discovery of Richard III in a car park in Leicester in 2012 is well-known. What is perhaps less well-known is the story of what happened subsequently. Described as 'The man Leicester Cathedral chose to bury a king', Revd Pete Hobson offers a unique perspective on Richard's final journey from discovery to reburial.

For Pete, this was a once in a lifetime project. There was no precedent for reburial of a king and the eyes of the world were watching closely. The story of Richard III is one that continues to capture the imagination.

Pete Hobson wrote *How to Bury A King – The Reinterment of King Richard III*.

Two-course lunch is served at 1.00 pm (special diets can be accommodated), but arrive early to get a drink and enjoy the lovely house and gardens. The talk will commence about 2.00 pm.

Venue: Holland House, Crophorne. WR10 3NB www.hollandhouse.org.

Tickets: £22 from www.hollandhouse.org, or Tel 01386 860330



Reflecting Faith Series: The Lectern

Have you ever considered the furniture that we have in our churches?

Close your eyes and think what your own sitting room looks like and the furniture you have chosen to go in there. Most of us will have chairs, a sofa, one or more tables of different sizes, a fireplace and a television. Which way are the chairs facing? What's the focal point?

Churches are no different in that they have most fixtures and fittings in common, and in set places.

In an Anglican church the focal item is the altar at the centre, with the lectern – from where the Bible is read out loud during services - on the right side as you look at it, and a pulpit on the left-hand side.

In a Methodist church the pulpit is often behind, but built higher than the altar, and probably with a mobile lectern to be placed as chosen.

This demonstrates a key difference between the two denominations. The former holds the bread and wine in greater importance whilst the latter gives that status to the preaching and the Word of God.

Such variations reveal the way in which we 'reflect our faith' through our buildings.

The word 'lectern' derives from 'to collect, gather', and again, 'to speak', so together it means 'to gather words, to pick out words.'

The words in church which we read from the lectern have been certainly carefully chosen and then written down. There have been centuries, indeed millennia, of time, thought, prayer and energy going into preparing the Bibles that we read today!

It is a privilege to be asked to read from the Bible during a service, as that will form the basis for the sermon, the hymns and indeed the whole theme for that day or even that week.

This month: Have a look at the lectern in your place of worship or the place where the Bible readings are read from. What material is it made from? What shape is it? Does it have any distinctive features? Then consider how that passage or those passages are continued and expanded through the different elements of the service.

From the Registers – March 2023

Funerals		
13 March	Jean Purfield	Hampton
16 March	Kim Turner	Hampton
22 March	Brian Vann	Hampton

Events Update - May 2023

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	2 May 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Election	Thurs	4 May 7am – 10pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Coronation Day	Sat	6 May	Westminster Abbey
Coronation Picnic	Sun	7 May 4pm	Vicarage Lawn
Extra Bank Holiday	Mon	8 May	UK
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	9 May 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Ascension Day Service	Thurs	18 May 7.00am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	16 May 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	25 May 10am	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	25 May 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's AGM	Sun	28 May after service	Hampton
2 C's	Sun	28 May 2.30 – 4.30	Hampton

Looking Ahead – Dates for 2023

Pentecost	Sunday 28 May
Hinton Church Fete	Sunday 2 July
Hampton Church Fete	Saturday 22 July
Trinity Sunday	4 June
Bible Sunday	29 October
Advent Sunday	3 December
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December

Pentecost in Jerusalem

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.



In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, He had risen, and He had ascended, promising to send them ‘a Comforter’. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so, they waited – on Him, and for Him.

They were not disappointed, for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ’s body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, His body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the Gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow Him.

Sudoku Solutions (from p17)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our Coffee Mornings are still going well. The next one is on Thursday 25 May at 10am.



On 13 May there will be an event on Glebe Meadow to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. There will be stalls, games, refreshments, raffle etc.

Our Summer Fete is going to be on Sunday 15 July at Church.

The PCC AGM will be held on Sunday 7 May after the morning service.

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



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For Further Information:

Elaine Major 01386 40722

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The summer term has started very well, and it will go extremely quickly with all the exciting trips and events which will be packed into it!

To celebrate the end of spring term, the whole school joined Year 4 for their fantastic Easter Service in our School Hall. The class shared prayers, artwork and poems and sang Easter hymns. Everyone used loud clear voices and impressed both children and staff with their special Easter Assembly.

Well done, Year 4!

As well as their wonderful Easter Service, Year 4 visited the Almonry Museum in Evesham. They looked around the grounds of the Evesham Abbey that can be seen in Abbey Park, explored lots of Saxon artefacts and took part in a Saxon vs Viking battle. Everyone commented on how wonderful it was to learn about what it used to be like many years ago!

On the final Friday before Easter, our Values Champions received their School Value Award. These children had been nominated by their teachers to receive a values trophy for showing Justice in everything in their school life. Well done!

Recently, Year 1 had a wonderful time at their Link and Learn Session. The children and their parents and carers counted in 2s, 5s and 10s. They made huge caterpillars with numbers all the way up to 100 in tens. They tested their partners by creating a kite with multiples of 2s, 5s or 10s on them. Nursery also enjoyed their Stay & Play. Their families were able to see what topic activities the children were learning, which all linked to their story, 'Where Oh Where is Rosie's Chick?' A great time was had by all.

At St Andrew's, we now have a new history timeline looks AMAZING! It has been personalised to our history curriculum so it's extra special to our School Community.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH - LEMONADE SCONES FOR YOUR CORONATION AFTERNOON TEA!

(Sent By My Daughter In Australia)

ONLY THREE INGREDIENTS!

INGREDIENTS

- 400g (14oz) self-raising flour, plus extra to dust
- 175ml (6 fluid oz) double cream
- 175ml (6 fluid oz) lemonade (not Diet)

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 220°C (200°C fan) mark 7.
- Line a baking tray with parchment.
- In a large bowl mix all ingredients to make a dough.
- Turn out onto a floured surface, and knead gently just 3 - 5 times to bring dough together, then gently pat into a disc shape 2.5cm/1" thick.
- Use a 6cm/2.5" round cutter to cut rounds - press straight up and down (don't twist), flour cutter in between.
- Use a knife or similar to scoop up (avoid touching sides) and place on tray, slightly touching each other (they help each other rise).
- Bake for 15 minutes until golden on top.
- Place on rack to cool. Place tea towel over them to stop the tops from getting crusty.
- Serve with copious amounts of cream and jam, and of course a nice cup of tea!

ST ANDREW'S TOTS

HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL

Every Tuesday in term time, at 9.30am

For further information:

Margaret Thomson 01386 47541 or
look at our Facebook page



Sudoku – Easy

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

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Sudoku - Medium

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

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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
14 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11am	Morning Praise	Hinton
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-end; John 14: 15-21			
Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Thursday 18	7am	Ascension Day	Hampton
21 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14. 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11			
Wednesday 24	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
28 May – Pentecost			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Acts 2: 1-21 or Numbers 11: 24-30; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 or Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23 or John 7: 37-39			
Wednesday 31	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023

4 June – Trinity Sunday			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Isaiah 40: 12-17. 27-end; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end; Matthew 28: 16-end			
Wednesday 7	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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