

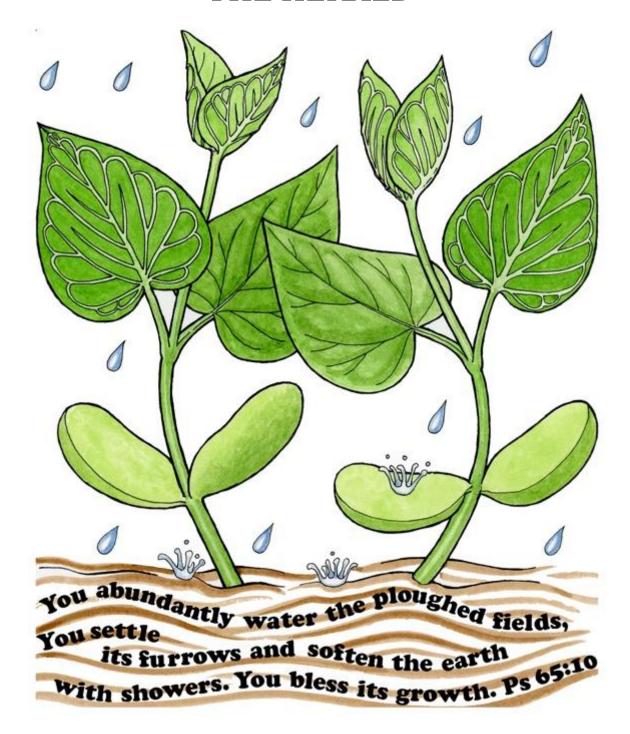




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Her Majesty the Queen distributes Royal Maundy gifts in Worcester

The annual Royal Maundy Service was held in Worcester Cathedral on Thursday 28 March when Her Majesty The Queen distributed the Royal Maundy gifts on behalf of His Majesty The King.



Ceremonial coins were presented to 75 men and 75 women from around the country, including 39 people from our own diocese covering Worcestershire and Dudley. The gift is presented in recognition of their exemplary Christian service to church and community over many years. The tradition of presenting alms on Maundy Thursday goes back to at least the 4th Century and in this country, the first record of The Monarch doing it is in 1213. In recent times it has been the tradition for the service to travel to different cathedrals and it last took place in Worcester in 1980. The service last year was attended by The King and Oueen and was held at York Minster. The number of men and women receiving the Maundy Money is equivalent to the Monarch's age.

For the purpose of the service, our Cathedral became a 'Chapel Royal' with the Chapel Royal Choir singing alongside the Cathedral choir. As Lord High Almoner, Bishop John accompanied HM The Queen as she presented the gifts. He said: "It is an honour to be able to welcome HM The Queen to Worcester. This is an immensely special service and I know it will mean a huge amount to those who have been chosen to receive the coins, all of whom will have given years of service to their local communities."

Worcester Cathedral's Interim Dean, Canon Stephen Edwards, said: "We are delighted that Worcester has been chosen as the location for this year's Royal Maundy service. We will be pulling out all the stops to create a special occasion for all the recipients." The Maundy service took place in the morning and was attended by invited representatives from across the diocese and county, including the recipients and their guests.

The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word meaning 'Commandment'. It was on this Thursday, the day before Good Friday, when he died, that Jesus gave his disciples what he described as a new commandment: 'that you should love one another as I have loved you.'

In our Thoughts and Prayers

'Now the winter is past,

The rain is over and gone,

the flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtle dove

is heard in our land. Song of Songs 2:11-12



As we look forward to warmer days let us rejoice in the beauty of creation. The poet John Masefield in his poem The Everlasting Mercy tells of the effect of conversion on the soul, bringing it into harmony with the world of nature:

"The bolted door had broken in'

I knew that I had done with sin.

I knew that Christ had given me birth

To brother all the souls on earth,

And every bird and every beast

Should share the crumbs broke at the feast."

As we remember those living in war torn countries let us pray that there may be a willingness to work for peace, and that wise leaders may be elected who will set an example of righteous living.

Almighty God,

from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Up or down?

Is this apisdn umop or am I just standing on my head?

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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.

The revision of the roll at St Andrew's is already underway, and forms for those who are not already on the roll will be available in church. Completed forms should be returned to the Michael Hunter, the Churchwardens or to the Benefice Office by 7 April.

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

The updated roll will be published on 14 April.

Michael Hunter - Church Electoral Roll Officer



Mary Andrews; Sue Burdett; Brenda Clarke; Dave Cockram; Brenda Curtis; Caroline Evans; Ann Fletcher; Heather Gibbs; Duncan Houston; Carolyn Jenkins; Annabelle Keen; Joan Parry; Keith Payne; Caroline Rusher; Steven Rhodes; Marguerite Smith; Mila Sosna; Carol Thould; David Troth; Jennifer Waters

Gillian Yates, Annette Ennis, Betty Carter, Mabel Thomson, Claire Henly, Sonya Ealey, Audrey Salter, Edwin (Merv) Kersey, Maralyn James (Lyn Savory)

From the Registers – February 2024

Funerals		
2 February	Ann Hacklett	Sedgeberrow
13 February	Yvonne Jones	Hampton
14 February	Betty Carter	Hampton
15 February	Gillian Yeates	Hampton
29 February	Sonya Ealey	Hampton
Burial of Ashes		
23 February	Martin Freeman	Hampton



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

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our Coffee Mornings are going well, and the next one is on Thursday 25 April at 10.00am.

We had a lovely Mothering Sunday Service with distribution of posies.

Baptism at Sedgeberrow – 24 March - Alithia Danby.



World Autism Acceptance Week, 2 – 8 April 2024

Autism is on the rise. Or at least, the recognition of it is. According to the website psychcentral.com, there was a 787% exponential increase in the number of people who were diagnosed with autism between 1998 and 2018 in the UK.

The National Autistic Society says that in the UK, more than one in every 100 people are now on the autism spectrum. It reckons that around 700,000 adults and children in the UK suffer with the condition to some degree.

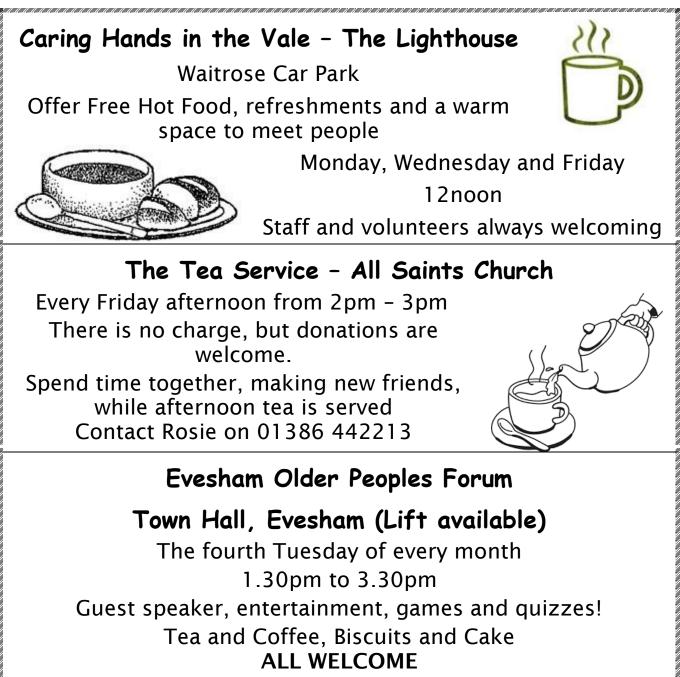
All of which means that you probably know of someone who has autism, to some degree. And you may know that, as it says on the NHS website:

Autistic people may act in a different way to other people, ... and find it hard to understand how other people think or feel. They may find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful, or uncomfortable. They may get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events and take longer to understand information.

To help people with autism, you may wish to support this 'acceptance week', by going to the National Autistic Society's website, <u>https://www.autism.org.uk</u> and taking part in some way in their fundraising campaign.



Local Warm Spaces



Smile Line – Worry

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

Solutions to Picture Puzzles p16 –Sausage RollsTaking StockSausage RollsSausage Rolls

Sweet Talking

23 April: St George, our Patron Saint who isn't English

The English have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who, just possibly, may not have existed at all. But that didn't stop St George being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that St George was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that St George was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date, and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the Middle Ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ.

The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause.

Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our admiration.

Whether you love it or hate it, you can't avoid asparagus in April

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 is it 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 several different varieties, but four general types: green, white, purple, and wild. Within these four types there many varieties with various colours, tastes, textures, and hardiness. 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 more about this much loved – and sometimes much hated – vegetable.

Sudoku Solutions (from p15)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

Events Update - April 2024

Primrose Tea	Sat	6 Apr 3pm	Hampton Church
Asum Eucharist	Sun	7 Apr 10.00am	All Saints Church
School starts back	Monday	8 April	St Andrew's School
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	9 Apr 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	13 Apr 10.00-Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	16 Apr 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	23 Apr 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	25 Apr - 10am	Sedgeberrow
2 C's	Sun	28 Apr – 2.30 – 4.30	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	30 Apr 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Local Elections	Thurs	2 May 7.00am-10pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Ascension Day Service	Thurs	9 May 7.00am	Hampton

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For those who are lonely or bereaved. Please come & join us for - **Traditional Afternoon Tea**

Last Sunday of the month Next one – 28 April 2024 from 2.30 – 4.30

Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

For Further Information: Elaine Major 01386 40722

Reflecting Faith: Easter Sepulchres

The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series on the meanings in church buildings by considering a very ancient feature found in some churches

Over the last few months we've been looking at churchyards, grave memorials and the lychgate where the coffin may be rested on its entry.

This month we are going inside the church building to find a somewhat different and only really found in older churches that have survived re-ordering and renovations: the Easter Sepulchre.

A sepulchre is essential a place of burial – a tomb – but in churches it can also be a receptacle for religious relics.

Easter Sepulchres can be very grand affairs. I'm aware that many writers say that they are constructed in wood, but I have only seen stone ones. They can be plain or intricately carved. They can be low to the ground or reaching up to the roof. Each style, of course, reflects both the richness and generosity of the patron, as well as their theology.

Some have 'layers' of carvings, with the angels at the top, then the patriarchs, followed by the Fathers of the Church and so on. Others are very simple and almost plain.

They are normally set into or against the northern side of the sanctuary in which stands the altar, and which is traditionally considered to be the 'holiest' place in a church building.

Their use is given in their name – on Good Friday some consecrated bread and wine and often a crucifix (rather than an 'empty' cross) is placed inside it and people take it in turns to 'stand watch' until Easter Sunday morning, when it is taken out with great ceremony and often paraded through the building. The reason is to reflect the death of Christ, His being placed in a tomb and His subsequent resurrection.

Today's ceremonies are usually less ostentatious, and whilst folk often take turns keeping watch on the Maundy Thursday, reflecting the disciples being asked to stay awake whilst Jesus went and prayed alone in the Garden of Gethsemane, less is made of the Sepulchre watch.

The items are simply removed before any Easter resurrection service takes place, either on Easter Saturday evening or early Easter Sunday morning.

This month

See if you can find an Easter Sepulchre near you. Look at the decoration and consider all the different symbolisms it is trying to convey. If you cannot find one, then think what you would want to convey today?

What's the Big Idea – An Introduction to the Books of Deuteronomy and Joshua

The setting for these books is Israel's entry into the promised land after 40 years of wanderings in the wilderness. Deuteronomy gives us Moses' addresses on the plains of Moab, as the Israelites prepare to enter Canaan. The book of Joshua recounts the crossing of the Jordan and the victories that give the people control of Canaan.

The theme of Deuteronomy is God's covenant and his call for His people's obedience, loyalty and love. The 'shema' (Heb: 'hear'), expresses this response to God: 'Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.' (Deut. 6:4-6).

The book contains instruction on how to live intentionally as God's people in response to His love and mercy. Total loyalty to God is also crucial, with the worship of any other gods being totally rejected. It is also widely quoted in the NT e.g. Jesus' temptations (Deut. 8:3, 6:13, 16).

The book of Joshua, with its description of the conquest of the land and the destruction of cities and peoples, reminds us that God's love and purposes for us are worked out in the messes, storms and sins of our daily lives. As God says Joshua: 'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1:9).

Joshua ('The Lord saves') is the same name as Jesus Himself. Jesus overcame all powers of evil to bring God's people into their eternal 'rest' (Heb 4:1–11).

ST ANDREW'S TOTS HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL Every Tuesday in term time, at 9.30am

Tots

For further information: Margaret Thomson 01386 47541 or look at our Facebook page

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

Once again, this half-term is flying by, and the school has been a hive of activity. All the children have been working extremely hard.

Recently, Year 4 enjoyed their Link and Learn all about times tables! It was such a lovely afternoon and we had lots of parents and family members participate in the afternoon, by undertaking lots of different activities and games whilst practising their times tables.

Every Friday, we have an Achievement Assembly which is a weekly event filled with a myriad of celebrations. We honour accomplishments ranging from external achievements in sports like Taekwondo and swimming to recognising outstanding school work, through gold certificates and class awards. The assembly serves as a platform to commend pupils for demonstrating remarkable perseverance, friendship, and respect.

This Term's Topic for Nursery Apples is 'I found an egg!' The children have been learning about which animals come from eggs and have been printing with potatoes to recognise an oval shape and they have been matching pom-poms with plastic eggs. They have been doing lots of 'Dough Disco' to develop their gross motor skills.

Children and staff are always encouraged to explore the joys of reading in unconventional settings, fostering creativity and a love for books. Whether it is perched on a tree branch in the forest

area, nestled in a cosy corner of the playground, or even sprawled out on picnic blanket, the possibilities for unique reading spots are endless. These unconventional reading environments not only spark excitement but also encourage a sense of adventure

and discovery. Look at Mr Spencer reading upside down, Mrs Goodall in the pool. To celebrate the end of the term, we will be holding annual Easter Service in our school hall, during which the Easter Story will be performed by the children and the Church 'Open the Book' team.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Joel Turvey – Headteacher Tel: 01386 41351

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RECIPE - Anzac Biscuits

Anzac Day on 25 April is the national day of commemoration of Australia and New Zealand for victims of war and for recognition of the role of their armed forces. It marks the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War

INGREDIENTS

- 85g porridge oats
- 85g desiccated coconut
- 100g plain flour
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g butter, plus extra butter for greasing
- 1 tbsp golden syrup
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

METHOD

- Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4.
- Put the oats, coconut, flour and sugar in a bowl. Melt the butter in a pan and stir in the golden syrup. Add the bicarbonate of soda to 2 tbsp boiling water, then stir into the golden syrup and butter mixture.
- Make a well in the middle of the dry ingredients and pour in the butter and golden syrup mixture.
- Stir gently to incorporate the dry ingredients.
- Cover baking trays with baking parchment. Using a dessertspoon, place spoonful of the mixture on to the covered trays, allowing room for spreading.
- Bake in batches for 8-10 mins until golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

ANZAC DAY ROSEMARY

Traditionally pinned to lapels or medals on ANZAC Day, rosemary has been a symbol of remembrance since ancient times. But rosemary became especially significant to ANZAC Day following World War I.

Native to the Mediterranean coast, rosemary grows wild on the slopes of the Gallipoli peninsula. As the tale goes, a wounded Australian soldier brought home a small rosemary bush from ANZAC Cove. He planted it in the grounds of the Army Hospital in South Australia, and cuttings from that bush have been used to propagate rosemary plants across Australia. Since then, Australians and New Zealanders have worn sprigs of rosemary on ANZAC Day in memory of the fallen.





Sudoku – Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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				7		1		
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Cats Eyes

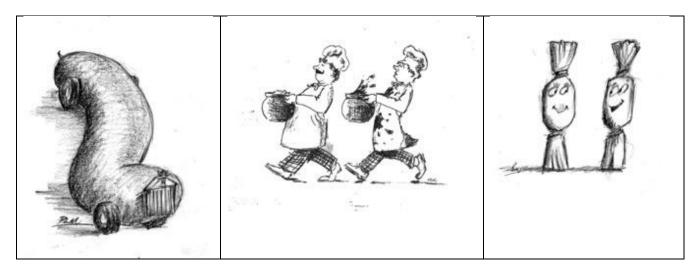
90 years ago, on 3rd April 1934, a very clever man named Percy Shaw patented a device that he'd invented called a 'cat's eye' – a pair of reflectors mounted on a well between the white lines in the centre of a road or between lanes on a dual carriageway (which were few and far between in 1934!

Cat's eyes

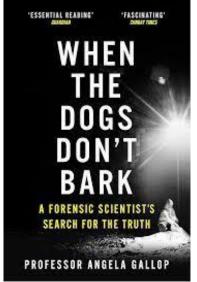
When you drive on a road late at night And the dark is affecting your sight; At that time of day It's easy to stray Too far with your car to the right! But we've been protected from tears For most of the past ninety years, Since a man who was wise Invented cat's eves So the edge of your lane now appears! Now drivers, protected from frights By mirrors reflecting our lights, May shout 'hip-hooray!' At all times of day, And drive with no fear of the nights! **By Nigel Beeton**



Give your brain a work-out, can solve these picture puzzles! (Solutions p7)







Evesham Festival of Words

Wednesday 5 June, 7.00pm *'When the Dogs Don't Bark*

Dr Angela Gallop CBE is a leading UK Forensic Scientist and star of ITV's '**Cold Case Forensics'.** During her remarkable career she has worked on thousands of cases in the UK and around the world, helping to solve a huge number of crimes.

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Venue: Evesham Rowing Club, Abbey Lane, Evesham WR11 4ST

Come early and treat yourself to a drink at the bar. Tickets: £12 online via <u>www.eveshamfestivalofwords.org</u> or <u>info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org</u> or Tel: 0787 128506

Saturday 8 June, 2pm 'Glowing Bright'

Marie Sklodowska Curie was one of the most famous scientists of all time. An outstandingly talented Polish girl with huge ambitions both for herself and her country, she broke through all the restrictions placed on women at the time. Her amazing discovery of not one but two new elements with her beloved husband Pierre Curie is an astonishing and well-loved story.



The subsequent ups and downs of her turbulent private life, and

spectacular work during World War One, are perhaps less well known, but equally fascinating.

This one-hour play, written and performed by Alison Neil, will be followed by a Q & A session.

Venue: Methodist Church, Bridge Street, Evesham WR11 4SF

Tickets: £12.00 (including tea and cake) <u>www.eveshamfestivalofwords.org</u> or <u>info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org</u> or *Sue Ablett Tel: 0787 128506*



SERVICES FOR APRIL 2024

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	7 Apri	I – Second Sunday of Easter	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Asum Eucharist	All Saints
Exodus 14: 10-end	d or Acts 4: 3	2-35; Acts 4: 32-35 or 1 John 1: 1-2.2;	John 20: 19-end
Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	14 Ap	ril – Third Sunday of Easter	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11am	Morning Praise	Hinton
Zephaniah 3: 14-e	nd or Acts 3:	12-19; Acts 3: 12-19 or 1 John 3: 1-7;	Luke 24: 36b-48
Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	21 Apr	il – Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18. 8: 6	5-18. 9: 8-16 c	or Acts 4: 5-12; Acts 4: 5-12 or 1 John 3	: 16-end; John 10: 11-18
Wednesday 20	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	28 Ap	ril – Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Baruch 3: 9-15, 32-	4: 4 or Acts 8	: 26-end; Acts 8: 26-end or 1 John 4: 7-	end; John 15: 1-8

SERVICES FOR MAY 2024

Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	5 Ma	y – Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton	
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
Isaiah 55: 1-11 o	r Acts 10: 44	-end; Acts 10: 44-end or 1 John 5: 1-6;	John 15: 9-17	
Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
Thursday 9	7am	Ascension Day Holy Communion	Hampton	
	12 May	y – Seventh Sunday of Easter		
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton	
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow	
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