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From the Archdeacon of Worcester, Mark Badger

The ministry of welcome is at the heart of the Gospel: it is what Jesus does and teaches us to do. We need to be especially aware of this truth when new people move into the community. They come excited about a new house and new opportunities, but perhaps also nervous and apprehensive about finding their place in a new setting.



Welcome and hospitality underpin all mission and ministry in our parishes and most especially in areas of new housing development. A small token of appreciation can make a significant impact on new residents' experience of their new community. Have you ever thought how you might welcome new members to your community? How about saying welcome with a plant? Saying welcome with a potted flower or plant is like sharing a piece of joy that keeps growing! It can be your way of saying, "We're thrilled you're here!" and making them feel at home in your

community. This little green friend isn't just any gift; it's a reminder that just like the plant, their place in the community, and perhaps the church family too, can bloom and flourish in their new home.

As a Diocese we have developed a 'welcome' pack to help parishes to reach out to new residents and you can find out more on the website www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/reaching-those-moving-into-new-homes.php

We can all be involved in the ministry of welcome, helping to build and strengthen community life. Some of us will feel comfortable knocking on a door to deliver a gift of welcome, others may not, but young or old we can all get involved by taking a cutting and nurturing it until it is ready to be given as a symbol of our welcome and love.

Mark Badger

From the Registers – May 2024

Baptisms		
5 May	Ashley-Jay McArthur	Hampton
12 May	Conor Atwal	Hampton
19 May	Albert Ellery	Hampton
Funerals		
8 May	John Dodd	The Vale

Sea Sunday – 14th July

Look around your home. How much of the contents of your bedroom, kitchen, living room and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant ships? What would your home be like without them? Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you?



It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible, people groups in our society. We depend on them to bring us more than 90% of the world's goods and fuels, yet we rarely even remember their existence.

It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem a very good idea: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the 1.89 million seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for up to nine months on end. It is also one of the world's most dangerous occupations, with physically demanding work as well as the threat of piracy, shipwreck and even abandonment.

So this Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.

One such is The Mission to Seafarers, which has Seafarers Centres in 50 countries, and offers not only practical support such as access to Wi-Fi and a place to relax, but also emotional and spiritual aid through its ordained Port Chaplains, who are constantly visiting the ships.



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

Mary Andrews; Sue Burdett; Caroline Evans; Ann Fletcher; Heather Gibbs; Annabelle Keen; Claire Lording; Joan Parry; Keith Payne; Caroline Rusher; Steven Rhodes; Marguerite Smith; Mila Sosna; Carol Thould; Jennifer Waters



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

Michael Bartlett, John Dodd, Iona Gisbourne, Margaret Jones; Rev John Crowe

In our Thoughts and Prayers



A Prayer for Party Leaders

Heavenly Father, we pray for the leaders of each political party in the UK.

We pray for wisdom and discernment as they guide their parties and make decisions that affect our nation.

Grant them integrity, compassion, and a heart for justice.

Surround them with wise counsellors and give them the courage to do what is right for children in care and families in crisis. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Candidates Standing for Election

Lord Jesus, we pray for every candidate standing for election.

We ask that you be with them as they campaign in their local communities.

Help them to be honest and transparent with those they speak to.

Protect them from harm and grant them strength and resilience during this demanding time. Let your peace rest upon them and their families.

May those who are elected be individuals of integrity who seek to serve with humility. **Amen**

Be careful of the sun this summer – melanoma is on the rise

Skin cancer cases are expected to top 20,000 for the first time this year, according to a recent study by Cancer Research UK.

While the increase in skin cancers has occurred across all the ages, it is highest in the elderly, who enjoyed cheap package holidays to sunny countries during the 60s and 70s. They were exposed to higher ultraviolet radiation without realising the dangers.

The numbers of people aged 80 and over who develop skin cancers has soared by 57 per cent in 10 years. And while younger people are more likely to take precautions against the sun, those aged 25 to 49 are still predicted to see a seven per cent rise in skin cancers this year. Anyone who notices any unusual changes to their skin should contact their GP.

Cancer Research UK has partnered with Nivea Sun to advise the public to stay in the shade between 11am to 3pm, cover up with clothes, a hat and UV-protected sunglasses, and use sunscreen with protection levels of at least factor 30.

Finding safety in shade goes right back to biblical times. The book of Jonah even tells us that: 'the LORD God prepared a vine, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his discomfort. So, Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the vine.' (Jonah 4:6)

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

There is no coffee morning in July, our next one is on Thursday 22 August at 10.00am.



Sedgeberrow Church Fete



Saturday 20 July at 2pm

12 - 2.30pm

Everyone Welcome

Tombola

Raffle

Name the
Bear

Teas

Silly
Games

Jewellery and
Bric-a-brac

Cakes

and lots more stalls

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

THE TWO C'S MONTHLY TEAS

Conversation & Company

For those who are lonely or bereaved.

Please come & join us for - **Traditional Afternoon Tea**

Last Sunday of the month

Next Two C's – 28 July 2024 from 2.30 – 4.30

Become a Dementia Friend

Join us for this free interactive Information Session to learn how dementia affects a person and what you can do to make a difference.



Become a Dementia Friend and join more than 3 million others taking action.

From being more patient in a shop queue to campaigning for change, every action counts.

Anyone of any age can become a Dementia Friend.

Date: 9 July 2024

Start Time: 10.30am for 1 hour

Venue: All Saints Church, Market Place, Evesham WR11 4RW

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Contact: Rosie Grove or Liz Green
rosieandalan@hotmail.co.uk
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Caring Hands



In the Vale



Saturday 13th July 2024

10.00a.m. until 3.00p.m.

The Lighthouse, Vine Court, Evesham

(In Waitrose Car Park)

You are welcome to come and have a look around and see what we do, ask any questions and enjoy some refreshments

Contact Diane Bennett, Community Outreach Manager if you have any questions on 07859 892528 or diane@chands.org.uk.

**St Peter's Church
Hinton on the Green**



VILLAGE FÊTE

Sunday 14 July

**12 - 2.30pm
Everyone Welcome**

**Bottle
Tombola**

**Grand
Raffle**

BBQ

**DOG
SHOW**

**Cakes, Produce,
Crafts and
Much More**

**Children'
s Games**

**Refreshments
& MUSIC**



The Old Man and the Cane

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the minister's office while the choir was practicing. Ten minutes later he came out, walking upright and moving with grace and speed. "Good gracious," the choir director exclaimed. "Did the minister heal you by faith?" "No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!"

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Old Testament: 1 and 2 Samuel

1 and 2 Samuel was originally a single work, which focuses on Samuel, Saul and David, around 1,000 BC, mid-way between Abraham and Jesus. It was Samuel who established the monarchy in Israel after the period of the judges. He was commanded by God to give the people a king, although their request is seen as a rejection of God's rule over Israel (8:7). The people simply wanted to be like other nations, however their king was still subject to God's law and the word of the prophet. Although Samuel anointed Saul, he soon showed an unwillingness to submit to these requirements, leading to his rejection as king (15:23). God chose David as Saul's successor, and 1 Samuel depicts David's years of waiting until the right time arrived to claim the throne.

2 Samuel depicts David's rule, in which the nation prospers, and its enemies are defeated. The promise of the perfect king is fulfilled in Jesus Himself, as David's descendant. The second half of the book depicts the darker side of David's reign, describing his weaknesses and failures, including his adultery with Bathsheba and the rebellion of his son Absalom.

Nevertheless, David remained a man after God's own heart: *'The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'* (1 Samuel 16:7). The characters in this book are not always great examples of faith, however, *'They do not show us how we should live but how in fact we do live, authenticating the reality of our daily experience as the stuff that God uses to work his purposes of salvation in us and in the world.'* (Eugene Peterson).

Sudoku Solutions (from p16)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

Events Update – July and August 2024

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	2 July 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
General Election	Thurs	4 July 7am – 10pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	9 July 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's School Fete	Fri	12 July 4.30 – 6.30	Hampton (School)
Church Open Morning	Sat	14 July 10.00-Noon	Hampton
Hinton Church Fete	Sun	14 July 2pm	Hinton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	16 July 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Schools Break Up	Thursday	18 July	Hampton
Sedgeberrow Fete	Sat	20 July 2pm	Sedgeberrow
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	11 August 11.00am	Hinton
Coffee Morning	Thurs	22 August 10.00	Sedgeberrow
Asum Group Eucharist	Sun	25 August 10.00am	All Saints
Schools Go Back	Tuesday	3 September	Hampton

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



Reflecting Faith: Commissioner Churches

Heading

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the history of our village churches

When you look carefully at churches in towns, you may notice there are many similarities in their designs.

That's because Parliament in 1818 and later in 1824 brought about an Act to enable new churches to be built particularly in towns where the population had grown exponentially due to the industrial revolution and general movement away from the countryside and into town-based work and homes.

These are known as Commissioners, Waterloo or even Million Act churches. The body overseeing the work was the Church Building Commission; the Act followed the end of the Battle of Waterloo and guess how much money was voted to be used by the first Act? The second amount in 1824 was only half a million. All the money was to be used for the Church of England as the 'established' church in Great Britain.

In some cases the Commissioners provided the full cost of the new church; in other cases they provided a partial grant, and the balance was raised locally. In total 612 new churches were provided.

One can imagine the significance in those days for country folk to find a local church when they moved away from everything they had known. Not only would it have been spiritually uplifting but they would have been social hubs where connections and friendships were made as well as points of support and practical help; especially for those away from their extended families.

This month: Have a look at your own church and consider what it stands for in your community. What is it that those attending most seek and appreciate?

How did these General Election expressions and terms start?

Parliament - This comes from French meaning a conference or assembly. Dates from around 1300.

Vote - Comes from Latin votum "a vow, wish, promise to a god, solemn pledge, dedication."

Poll - Again from about 1300, originally meaning a single head, then counting heads, from about 1620s.

Canvass - This originally meant to sift things in a sheet, and then to examine items carefully, then "solicit votes or test support before an election" (1550s).

Ballot - From late 16th Century, meaning a box in which balls or pebbles are put to indicate votes.

St Andrew's CE First School

Successful Learners; Success for Life



We cannot believe how fast this academic year has gone!

The summer term has been very busy, with lots of outdoor learning, including weekly forest sessions for each class. Children have enjoyed many activities in the woodland including making fires, cooking, hunting and identifying minibeasts, and much, much more!

At school, we have a daily act of worship based around a set of Christian Values which are relevant to everyone of all faiths and none. Last half-term's value was 'COMPASSION', which is about how being compassionate is a really important value. It is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help. We encourage children to talk together about:

- how we can show compassion and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with compassion
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show compassion in times of natural disasters
- how nations show compassion to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help

To launch their new topic, Discovering China, Year 3 wore red which is a lucky colour in Chinese culture. They engaged in many activities throughout the half-term, including Chinese dancing, making Chinese lanterns and preparing and cooking a vegetable stir fry. They even used chopsticks to try their homemade Chinese dish; it was delicious!

Also this term, Reception enjoyed a morning at St Andrew's Church. They were very sensible throughout the whole service and really liked joining in with the different hymns. Well done, Reception! You made the Reception team very proud of your behaviour.

In May, we helped collect thousands of pieces of litter from the streets during a participation in an environmental education programme. We joined the leader of Little Litter Warriors for 12 engaging litter picking workshops, removing over 4,500 pieces of rubbish from the community. The workshops, run by programme founder Karen Blanchfield, aimed to raise awareness about the environmental impact of litter and the importance of maintaining clean community areas to protect local wildlife. Our younger pupils participated with a litter pick around the school grounds, collecting four buckets of litter with the oldest piece dating back to the 1960s. We also made the local newspaper!

On Friday 21st June, we held our annual Sports Day. This was a wonderful event, and the children did us all proud. Their competitive spirit, coupled with sportsman-like conduct throughout, was a pleasure to see. A big thank you to all those parents, carers and staff who got involved in the races. The children love to see us all having fun together and it all contributed to the wonderful family atmosphere that is such a fabulous quality of St Andrew's.



Also in June, Year 5 were transported back to 1265 and the Battle of Evesham with four visitors from the Battle of Evesham Trust who re-enacted life in 1265. To start, they heard all about the background to the battle and who the main people involved with the battle were. Then they looked at maps and identified and labelled key buildings around the battle site and in which direction each army came from, so the children could clearly see how Simon de Montfort got himself into a difficult position! It was an amazing day, and we can't wait until we go up to the Battle site itself. In the meantime, thank you for continuing to support St Andrew's and our school community. Have a wonderful summer break!

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Prime Ministers

Britain had its first Prime Minister (PM) in 1721 when Sir Robert Walpole took the job; he was a Whig. In total thus far we have had 81 Prime Ministers; this excludes First Ministers and doesn't count separately an existing PM who wins the election and continues in office. If s/he loses but subsequently wins another term, each term is counted separately. **We have had 56 different people as Prime Ministers.**

The longest serving one was Sir Robert Walpole, who was PM for 21 years. In length he was followed by the Tory William Pitt the Younger in 1783, then by Robert Jenkinson, the Earl of Liverpool in 1812, also a Tory.

There were 16 PMs in the 18th century, 33 in the 19th, 25 in the 20th and so far, seven in the 21st century. Labour and the early Tories had slightly more time in office than the number of Prime Ministers *pro rata*. Rishi Sunak is the first British Asian Prime Minister

Many people will recall the popular film Chariots of Fire which came out in the 1980s. We are approaching the centenary of that big race...

Remembering the faith of Eric Liddell – 100 years ago at the Paris Olympics

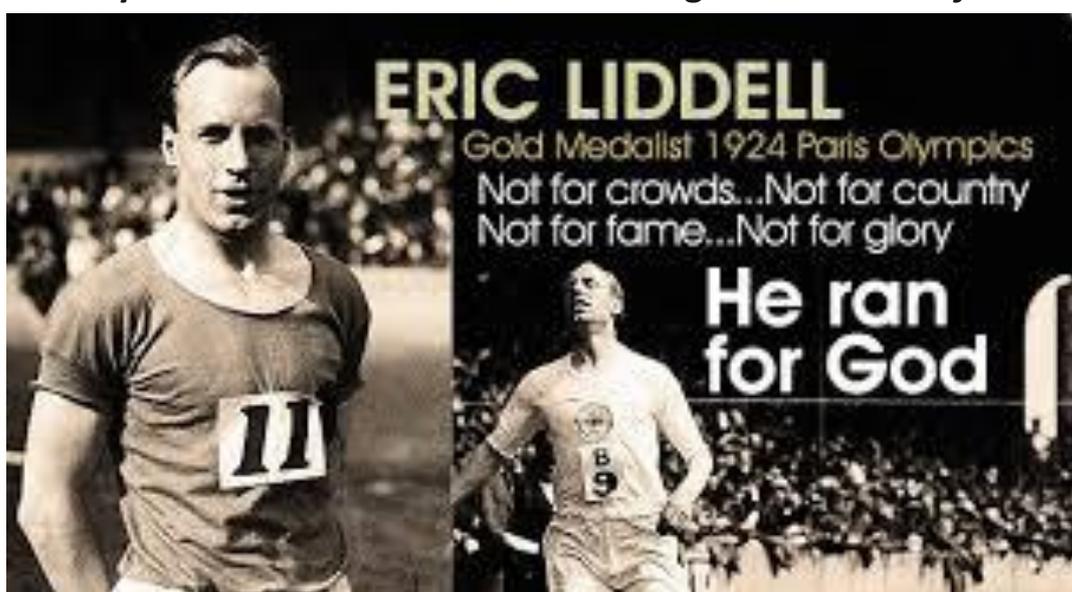
The 2024 Paris Olympics (26 July – 11 August) will soon be here. It was 100 years ago this summer, also at the Paris Olympics, that a young science student at Edinburgh University, Eric Liddell, ran an astonishing race that caught the imagination of millions worldwide.

Liddell had been born in China in 1902, to Scottish missionaries there. Early on, he had made a deep commitment to Jesus Christ, and sensed he was being called to spend his life in serving others. But Liddell was also an outstanding sportsman, playing rugby for Scotland before settling on athletics.

When he was chosen for the 1924 Paris Olympics, he expected to run his preferred 100m. But then came the news that the race would be run on a Sunday, and Liddell refused. Quickly, he trained for the 200m and 400m. He took bronze at the 200m, but no one expected much from him at the 400m. Instead, he won, and even broke the world record in the process.

After the Olympics, Liddell felt God calling him to his life's work. He went back to China, to teach in a Christian college. As the Second World War loomed, he sent his wife and children home, but stayed on himself. By 1943 Liddell was confined to a brutal prison camp, where he shone among the fellow prisoners – encouraging them, teaching Bible classes, and praying for both his fellow inmates and the prison wardens. Deeply malnourished, his health failed and in 1945, just months before the war ended, he died, aged only 43.

In 1981 his story was made into the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*.



Rev John Crowe

Rev John Crowe was Vicar of Hampton between 1972 and 1977.

This was his first living. He then moved to Leek before becoming Team Rector of Dorchester Abbey.

His family have informed us of his sad passing. His funeral was held at Dorchester Abbey on Monday 24th June.

John Smith has sent in this newspaper cutting from when the Crowe's left Hampton in 1977.

The text hasn't reproduced very well, so I have summarised it below:

'A cheque for £200 was among the farewell gifts presented Rev John Crowe and his family, who are leaving Evesham after five years. He is to become priest in charge of St Edward's, Leek, Staffordshire. His post as vicar of Hampton has not yet been filled. Apart from the two hundred pounds collected by parishioners, a farewell dance was held at Evesham Town Hall, which was attended by around 200 people. There was also a farewell social at Holland House, Crophorne. A coach load of parishioners from Hampton plan to at Rev Crowe's licencing service in November'.



RECIPE - Ginger Shortcake

INGREDIENTS FOR SHORTCAKE

- 8oz soft margarine
- 4oz caster sugar
- 10oz plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp ground ginger

INGREDIENTS FOR ICING

- 2oz butter
- 4oz icing sugar
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 3tsp golden syrup

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to gas 3, 160°C, fan 140°C. Grease 2 x 9inch sandwich tins.
- Cream margarine and caster sugar until soft.
- Stir in flour, baking powder and ground ginger, and mix well.
- Divide mixture into two, and knead well with floured hands.
- Press down firmly into the tins, and bake for 40 minutes
- For the icing: Melt icing sugar and butter in a pan, add sifted icing sugar and ginger. Pour over the shortbreads. Cut into wedges while warm.

Sudoku – Easy

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

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Sudoku - Medium

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

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Evesham Festival of Words

Wednesday 17th July, 7.00 pm

'Four Shots in the Night'

Speaker **Henry Hemming** is the Sunday Times bestselling author of six non-fiction books, including *M: Maxwell Knight – MI5's Greatest Spymaster*; the Doman Travel Award shortlisted *Misadventure in the Middle East* and the New York Times bestseller, *The Ingenious Mr Pyke*. *Four Shots in the Night* is his latest book. Henry was last with us in 2017. We look forward to another fascinating talk about a book described as "a compulsive blend of investigative journalism and true crime thriller."

Four Shots in the Night: *A True Story of Spies, Murder and Justice in Northern Ireland*, tells the extraordinary true story of how the death of a British spy inside the IRA led to the biggest murder investigation in British history. On 26th May 1986 the body of an undercover British agent was found by the side of a muddy lane with a rope around its wrists and tape over each eye.

Venue: Evesham Rowing Club, Abbey Road, Evesham. WR11 4ST

Tickets: £10, refreshments available at the bar

Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

Saturday 2 November

7.30pm

Jeremy Johnson

The cross-genre singer-songwriter will be performing live alongside drummer Charlie Gregory

Jeremy will be touring his new 2024 record as well as his road tested back catalogue and songs from Jeremy and Charlie's band project Mongrel.

Jeremy will be joined by special guests Falkeid Fassotte. This gig will also be in partnership with Hentony Gin who will be providing a special pop-up bar at the show!

Doors open at 19:00

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SERVICES FOR JULY 2024

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
7 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Ezekiel 2: 1-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13			
Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
14 July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Amos 7: 7-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29			
Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
21 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Ephesians 2: 11-end; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end			
Wednesday 24	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
28 July – Ninth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
2 Kings 4: 42-end; Ephesians 3: 14-end; John 6: 1-21			
Wednesday 31	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2024

4 August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-16; Ephesians 4: 1-15; John 6: 24-35			
11 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	11am	Benefice Eucharist	Hinton
1 Kings 19: 4-8; Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2; John 6: 35, 41-51			
18 August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Proverbs 9: 1-6; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58			
25 August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Asum Group Eucharist	All Saints
Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18; Ephesians 6: 10-20; John 6: 56-69			

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