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THE HERALD



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From the Bishop of Worcester, who is retiring

On Sunday 29 September, the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, I shall bid farewell to the Diocese of Worcester. I shall lay down my crozier and leave it in the safe keeping of the Dean until a new Bishop is appointed.

It has been an enormous privilege to serve as your bishop for nearly 17 years and I shall leave with a profound sense of thanksgiving. I am deeply grateful for all the prayer, support and encouragement I have received from you and all the people of the parishes of the diocese.

When I come across doomsayers in the media saying that the Church is dying, I think of the countless times I have visited parishes here and been uplifted by joining in worship of all kinds, humbled by the unwavering commitment of people young and old, inspired by the myriad ways in which Christians not only care for one

another but continue to reach out to their communities to offer practical help in all sorts of wonderful ways.

All over the world there are sculptures of the Blessed Virgin holding the dead Jesus in her arms. The most famous is

by Michelangelo in St Peter's, Rome. The epitaph beneath is one word: 'Pieta', meaning 'Faithfulness'. Mary remained faithful even at the point when the sword made its deepest incision in her heart.

Mary is the model disciple, and we should

seek to be like her. Whatever our Christian calling – as the 113th bishop I am but a small cog in a big wheel – the best epitaph that any of us can hope for is 'faithfulness'. May you be enabled by God's Holy Spirit to remain faithful and may God bless you richly in the future.

Bishop John.



From the Registers – August 2024

Weddings		
24 August	Simon Downie and Isabelle Houston	Hampton
Funerals		
27 August	Paul Thomas	Hampton

In our Thoughts and Prayers



A Prayer for Harvest Time

As we approach this Harvest time, we reflect of the significance of harvest in our lives and faith. Harvest time is a season of gratitude and abundance, reminding us of the gifts that God gives us.

Harvest also reminds us of the importance of seasons, both for the weather and in our own lives. There is a season for everything, as we are reminded in Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"

Harvest allows us time to reflect on the virtues of patience and hard work. We are reminded of the farmers and farms we rely on for our food and nourishment. Farmers plant seeds with hope and trust, and we are called to plant seeds of faith, hope and love in our communities, trusting that God will bring forth fruit. As we celebrate the harvest, let us also remember those in need. Sharing our abundance is a way to honour God's generosity.

Today, let us lift our hearts in gratitude, embracing the harvest as a time to deepen our faith, serve others, and recognise the endless blessings God pours into our lives.

This harvest time, please pray for the farmers across our diocese who work so hard to ensure we have food on our tables.



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

Mary Andrews; Sue Burdett; Ivor Davies; Caroline Evans; Ann Fletcher; Heather Gibbs; Bev Koskina; Claire Lording; Joan Parry; Keith Payne; Caroline Rusher; Steven Rhodes; Marguerite Smith; Carol Thould; Jennifer Waters

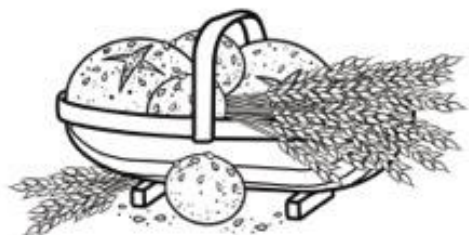


For those who have died, and all who mourn them:

Paul Thomas, Michael Wright, Keith Preece and Michael Wood.

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 24 October at 10.00am.



Our **Harvest Praise** is on Sunday 13 October at 10.00am.

Please bring any harvest donations for Harvest, to the October coffee morning on the 24 October at 10am

St Peter's, Hinton on the Green

Just a thought - "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose is to give it away." Pablo Picasso.

Hinton's next Community event is scheduled for 16 November at 7.00 p.m. and will replace our usual Christmas Fayre.

We are pleased to invite you to Bingo, Baps and Bar – our new village event. Your ticket, priced at just £7 gives you entry and a delicious pork bap together with your bingo card. There's a bar serving all your popular beverages and a super raffle too. Do join us for a fun and friendly evening.

To get your tickets contact Clare Davies on clare7875@gmail.com

Hinton on the Green PCC thanks the following public-spirited champions

Charlie Sanders for taking over the mowing of our lovely churchyard

Neil Joscelyne for winding our church clock every week

David Cross for putting out the churchyard bins for collection

THANKS all of you, your contribution means our village stays neat.



Anyone else who would like to give a small amount of time each month towards keeping the church grounds spick and span or assisting with community events is encouraged to contact Rosemary Cross on 01386 443240.

Remembrance Day 2025

Lisa James is looking for folk to knit (really simple) poppies. Even novices like me can knit these! Contact Lisa at lisa_james12@hotmail.co.uk to get details. It's lisa followed by underscore. Is anyone is interested in a coffee morning to Knit and Natter at the same time? Please tell Lisa if you are.

Rosemary Cross

Our **Harvest Praise** is on Sunday 13 October at 11.00am.



Please Save Your Used Stamps



Your used stamps are a great way to raise money for this charity

Please put them in the box in Church OR leave in the porch at 110 Pershore Road

Please trim excess paper to a border of 1cm

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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 – 27 October 2024 from 2.30 – 4.30

Our hedgehogs are in crisis

It is feared that there may be just one million hedgehogs left in Britain. This compares to about 36 million during the 1960s. About 150,000 hedgehogs are killed on our roads every year.

With this in mind, England's first 'hedgehog crossing' road signs have recently been launched in several Borough Councils around the country. The aim is to try and save the species from eventual extinction.

The new sign features a hedgehog with white quills inside a red triangle above a message that reads 'hedgehogs crossing'.



The design has been approved by the Department for Transport and it is hoped that the signs will make a big difference in preserving the hedgehog population. The aim is to raise awareness among motorists, to get them to slow down, and also among people using a strimmer in their garden.

Events Update – October 2024

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	1 October 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Benefice Harvest Praise	Sun	6 October 10.00am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	8 October 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	12 October 10.00-12.00	Hampton
Harvest Praise	Sun	13 October 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
Harvest Praise	Sun	13 October 11.00am	Hinton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	15 October 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	22 October 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	24 October 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
Schools Break Up	Fri	25 October	Hampton
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	27 October 2.30-4.30	Scout & Guide Hall

Benefice Harvest Praise Hampton Church



Sunday 6 October - 10.00am

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***Please ensure that you provide the required supporting documentation
with your Application Form***

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CATEGORY A: HND, Degree level and Postgraduate courses at a University or College. Full or part time.
Age: 18 to state retirement age.

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Age: 16 to state retirement age.

CATEGORY D: Vocational courses towards Degrees at the Open University or Degree level distance learning.
Age: 18 to state retirement age.

Applications can be made online from 1st August 2024. Please view our website for details.

John Martin's Charity, 16 Queen's Road, Evesham, WR11 4JN

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 10 am - 1 pm www.johnmartins.org.uk

Tel: 01386 765440 **email:** enquiries@johnmartins.org.uk

Applications must be received **before 1pm** on the following dates:

CATEGORY A	31 October 2024
CATEGORY C	28 June 2025
CATEGORY D	28 March 2025

Please view the website for full terms and conditions.

Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Old Testament: Mark

Mark is the second of the synoptic gospels, along with Matthew and Luke. Traditionally this gospel is ascribed to John Mark, a close associate of Peter. It was written for Gentile readers, probably in Rome during Nero's persecution of the church (c AD 64-7).

Mark unveils Jesus' public ministry with the words: *'the beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God'* (1:1). The gospel provides a succinct and vivid account of Jesus' ministry, concentrating on what Jesus did rather than what He said. Mark moves quickly from one episode to another, often using the word *'immediately'* which is characteristic of his gospel.

For Mark, understanding the true identity of Jesus is fundamental to his gospel. Jesus asks the disciples, *'Who do people say I am?'* (8:27), to which Peter replies, *'You are the Christ'*. This is evident in Jesus' role as teacher, the call for discipleship and the account of Jesus' death and resurrection, which occupies the last third of the gospel.

A key verse which helps us to understand the nature of Jesus' mission and how we might live in the light of it is: *'Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'* (10:44,45). As the Suffering Servant, Jesus gave His life on the cross, that we might know and share his love. Mark is understandably in a hurry to tell us about Jesus: the one who reveals the truth of God to us, that we might live in reality not ignorance!

Sudoku Solutions (from p16)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

Reflecting Faith: Window Glass

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the reason for stained glass windows

Last month I wrote about the Arts and Crafts Movement's influence in the decoration of churches in Britain. This is often evidenced in the designs of windows – but why do we have so much coloured glass of all shapes and sizes in church buildings?

Stained glass in churches is similar to wall paintings in that it adds colour as well as traditionally serving the purpose of teaching non-literate people the great events and characters of their religion. But glass is so much more than that. The techniques used to create these windows have been refined over the centuries, and their intricate beauty has inspired countless artists and designers.

The way the light shines through the glass creates a unique atmosphere that is often described as ethereal or heavenly. In this way, the use of stained-glass windows helps to create a sacred space that is set apart from the secular world.

The light shining through the glass is shown onto the brickwork or stonework surrounding the glass and depending on the original colours, the intensity of the light, the angle of the sun's rays as well as the height and angle away from the watcher: these can range from vibrantly strong to softly muted.

Hundreds of years ago people saw the changes in light in this way as being very significant. It was thought that the light passing through was transformed or transmuted and because of this it had a healing and revivifying effect on people who placed themselves within its light.

This month

Visit a church on a sunny day and just enjoy the play of light being put on for you. What does it say about God's love for you?

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**



St Andrew's CE First School

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A HUGE welcome back to all children and their families.

We are extremely pleased to see that everyone has settled into school routines extremely well; we are very proud of everyone. A special welcome to all the children starting in Nursery, two Reception classes and the other children who have joined us from other schools.

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. This half term's value is 'THANKFULNESS'. The children are fully aware of the importance of being thankful, both in school, and out of school. The children are encouraged to talk about thankfulness together: 'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted.

Lots of extra-curricular clubs are well underway, including gymnastics, drama, karate, football and ball skills. Research shows that children benefit greatly from having a variety of different ways to learn, along with opportunities for exploration and play. Extracurricular activities are an essential part of a well-rounded and varied education. Offering extracurricular activities on a regular basis is positive for a child's overall learning and development.

In September, we held our first house assemblies. Children from Year 1 to 5 attended and chose values for their houses. The four houses are called Ash, Maple, Oak and Rowan and we will be holding a number of house events throughout the year, through which each house can gain house points. Each Dojo your child is awarded also counts as a house point. Each fortnight we will collate the house points and celebrate the achievements in assembly.

Everyone is looking forward to a busy term ahead, filled with lots of learning!

Joel Turvey – Headteacher

office@st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk

Tel: 01386 41351

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WILD ART DEEP FAITH COURSE

Evesham Baptist Church Community Centre hope to be running a Wild Art Deep Faith course in the Autumn of 2024.

If you would like to register your interest, please email:

prayerjournaling@eveshambaptistchurch.org

Great & Little Hampton Education Charity

Registered Charity No. 702528

Further & Higher Education and Training Awards Academic Year 2024-2025

Applications are invited from persons under the age of 25 years who reside in the Parish of Great and Little Hampton and are undertaking higher or further education (including A-Level and Apprenticeship)

Application forms are available via email from the Clerk to the Trustees at:

hamptoneducationcharity@gmail.com

Alternatively, a hard copy can be requested by sending a SAE to:

**Clerk to the Trustees
Great and Little Hampton Educational Charity
19 Steppes Piece, Bidford on Avon, Warwickshire, B50 4AT**

**Closing date for completed applications is 31st October 2024
Late applications will not be considered under any circumstances**

All grants are made at the discretion of the Trustees

Tree of Light 2024

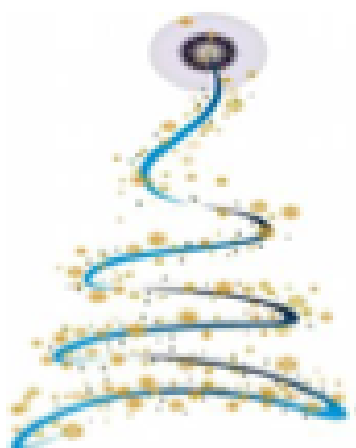


Remembering a loved one this Christmas

In December the Evesham Rotary Tree of Light will once more be lit as a beacon of love and remembrance. Since 1999 this fund-raising project has enabled people to remember loved ones whilst donating to charity and well over £300,000 has been given to charitable causes.

If you would like to donate to the Tree of Light please go to:

www.eveshamrotaryclub.org



Remembering Loved Ones

The names of your remembered loved ones will be published on our website, in the Evesham Journal newspaper and in the Book of Remembrance displayed in the Evesham Library.

To remember your loved ones and to donate please go to the website where you can complete the online form.

OR

Download a form and post it to Evesham Rotary, PO Box 335, Evesham WR11 9FT

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www.therotaryclubofevesham.org.uk

Archaeological Dig at Worcester Cathedral

The excavation at Worcester Cathedral's College Yard unearthed pre-Victorian skeletons, a Roman cobbled surface as well as more clues to the city's history. Also found were remnants of a medieval bell tower, 2,000-year-old window glass and the buried walls of a 12th Century crypt.



Worcester Cathedral's archaeologist, Fiona Keith-

Lucas said artefacts are yet to be analysed, but she expects the findings to be shared by summer 2025.

The dig was undertaken by Worcestershire Archaeology ahead of works to transform the yard into a green space.

The College Yard, to the north of the cathedral, was the city's burial ground for 750 years until the 19th century.

During the dig more than one type of quern stone for grinding flour was discovered, alongside the neck of a blue glass perfume bottle and a decorative stamp made from a sheep bone.

The cobbles also contained broken pottery, which experts will use to help date the surface. Structural remains dating back to the Norman era were also found, as well as the buried walls of a demolished lodge.

The team also found "significant quantities" of 14th to 16th Century window glass, blacksmith waste and a pit of ochre, all within a building footprint that had been burnt down.

Work to create the green space will continue into the new year, with a longer-term aim to create a pedestrianised route all the way around the building, said a spokesperson for the cathedral. The first phase is set to be complete by March 2025.



End of British Summer Time

**Don't forget that the clocks go back
at 2am on Sunday 27 October**

RECIPE – Pumpkin Spiced Brownies

INGREDIENT

- 175 g unsalted butter, chopped, plus extra to grease
- 150 g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids), chopped
- 4 medium eggs
- 400 g caster sugar
- 100 g plain flour
- 40 g cocoa powder
- 100 g cooked or canned pumpkin purée
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon

METHOD

- Melt butter and chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of gently simmering water until smooth, stirring occasionally. Remove bowl from pan and set aside to cool for 20min.
- Preheat oven to 180deg C (160 deg C fan) mark 4.
- Grease and line a 20.5cm (8in) square tin with baking parchment.
- In a large bowl, beat 3 of the eggs and 300g (11oz) of the sugar with a handheld electric whisk until thick, pale and mousse-like.
- Fold in the cooled chocolate mixture with a large metal spoon.
- Sift over 75g flour, the cocoa and a pinch of salt and fold in.
- ***In a separate bowl***, using a handheld electric whisk, beat the remaining egg and the remaining 100g sugar until thick, pale and mousse-like. Add the pumpkin purée and fold in with a metal spoon. Sift over the remaining 25g flour and the spices and fold in gently.
- Put alternate spoons of the chocolate batter and the pumpkin spice batter into the prepared tin. Swirl with a skewer to gently marble the two mixtures.
- Bake for 45min or until the top feels set and there is no wobble when you gently shake the tin.
- Cool completely in the tin, then remove to a board and slice into squares.



Sudoku – Easy

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

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Sudoku - Medium

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		8	7	4			5	
	4	9				6	1	
		1					8	
			4		5			
	7					3		
	1	3				8	6	
	6			7	8	4		
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Evesham Festival of Words

Friday 9th November, 7.00 pm

‘The Life of Enid Blyton’

Enid Blyton sold more than 600 million books. Latterly her work has attracted criticism and was banned by the BBC and many libraries and schools for more than thirty years. She had an interesting love life and enjoyed playing golf so much that she bought a golf course near Swanage. She died of Alzheimer’s in 1968 aged 71, mourned by millions all over the world.

Actress Liz Grand plays this remarkable and controversial woman.

Venue: The Henrician, Victoria Avenue Evesham WR11 4QH

Tickets: £12, plus £1 booking fee per ticket

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN

online via www.henrician.org

Friday 29th November, 7.30 pm

‘Wilde about Oscar

Join Oscar Wilde for a sparkling and sprightly one-man show, in which stories will be told, laughs will be raised, and perhaps a few tears shed. Award-winning actor, Jonathan Goodwin performs in a show scripted and adapted by himself.

Venue: The Henrician, Victoria Avenue Evesham WR11 4QH

Tickets: £12, plus £1 booking fee per ticket

online via www.henrician.org

Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

Saturday 2 November

7.30pm

Jeremy Johnson

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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2024

Wednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
6 October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Benefice Harvest Praise	Hampton
Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 1: 1-4. 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 17-31			
Wednesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
13 October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Harvest Praise	Sedgeberrow
	11am	Harvest Praise	Hinton
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12-end; Mark 10: 17-31§			
Wednesday 16	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
20 October – Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Isaiah 53: 4-end; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45			
Wednesday 23	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
27 October – Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrews 7: 23-end; Mark 10: 46-end OR Isaiah 55: 1-11; 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5; John 5: 36b-end			
Wednesday 30	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

3 November – Fourth Sunday before Advent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	4pm	All Souls Service	Hampton
Deuteronomy 6: 1-9; Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34 OR Wisdom 3: 1-9 or Isaiah 25: 6-9; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44			
Wednesday 6	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton



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