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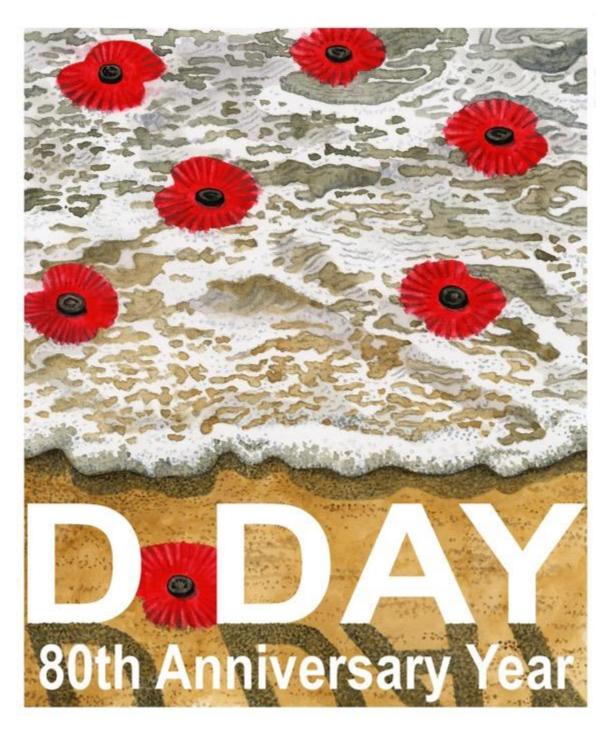


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From the retiring Bishop of Worcester

People from across the Diocese gathered in the Cathedral on Sunday 29 September, for a special service to say goodbye and thank you to Bishop John ahead of his retirement. Bishop John has been the 113th Bishop of Worcester since March 2008. He will formally retire on 9 October, but Sunday's service marked the end of his public ministry in the Diocese. As Bishop of Worcester, he has been the Chief Pastor for our parishes as well as serving in the House of Lords since 2012 and as Lord High Almoner to HM The Queen and then HM The King from 2013. Sunday's service was attended by clergy and parishioners of churches across the Diocese, as well as the Bishop of Dudley, the Bishops of Manchester and Norwich (both former bishops of Dudley), the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, the Bishop of Peru, the Bishop of Morogoro in Tanzania and the Regional Bishop of Magdeburg in Eastern Germany, the Mayor of Worcester, the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire and the High Sheriff. Bishop John preached the sermon saying: "I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you here – and many others beside - who have been such a support and encouragement to me in

my nearly 17 years as bishop. I feel that I have received so much more than I have given. I am profoundly grateful – to you and to God." The Bishop referred back to the sermon he preached at his enthronement, when he talked about the 'three hums' which he feels should characterise the Christian life: humility, humanity and humour. He said: "I pray that we shall all be given grace to embrace the three hums and, as we do so, may God bless this Diocese of Worcester richly in its life and witness, may it really hum!" During the service, Bishop John laid down the Diocesan Crozier on the altar. The staff is a symbol of pastoral care and succession and will be passed on to the 114th Bishop of Worcester when they are appointed. Bishop John and his wife H-J were also presented with gifts following a collection in the Diocese. Bishop John and H-J will be retiring to Wiltshire. During the vacancy, the Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick will become Acting Diocesan Bishop. The process to find the next Bishop of Worcester has started but an announcement on Bishop John's successor is not expected until next Summer at the earliest.

Farewells and new beginnings

Bishop Martin has written this article for November editions of parish magazines.

The last few weeks have been a time of farewells and new beginnings for me. At the end of September we said farewell to Bishop John and to H-J, his wife. The Cathedral was filled with people from all over the Diocese, with many robed ministers making up a glorious procession.

No one present will forget Bishop John handing over his Worcester crozier to the Dean who laid it on the altar before giving him a final blessing. Bishop John then



walked through the cathedral alone, to exit through the great west door. His time as Bishop of Worcester was over, and we all breathed our own prayers of thanks for all he has been for us and our parishes over that time.

The process to find our next Bishop of Worcester is already underway and thank you to all who contributed to our consultation. This fed into our diocesan Statement of Needs, which was agreed unanimously by the Vacancy in See Committee and is available on our website. Six representatives elected from our Vacancy in See Committee will join other national representatives on the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), producing a shortlist in May and interviewing potential candidates to be our new bishop in June. We hope that this will run smoothly, and an announcement can be made sometime in July. In the meantime we can all pray!

At the start of October it was my turn to stand before the High Altar in Worcester Cathedral, and to be prayed for and blessed by the Dean as I began my new role as Acting Bishop of Worcester for the duration of the vacancy. I have been Bishop of Dudley for almost five years now, and will happily remain so, while also carrying out some wider duties. It's not possible to do everything on my own of course, and I am having to make a number of adjustments, so that I can properly focus on the needs of the diocese, its clergy and people. The church exists to bring people to God and God to people, in the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ. That is my task as your bishop, and it's the task of every minister lay or ordained. We have much to get on with during this episcopal vacancy as we continue to take forwards the diocesan priorities within the transformation programme and to grow as Kingdom People.

I will be praying for you. I know I can count on your prayers too. Thank you!

+Martin

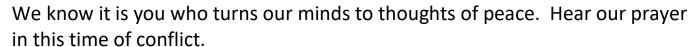
In our Thoughts and Prayers

A Prayer for Peace

Christian Muslim Jewish

O God, you are the source of life and peace.

Praised by your name forever.



Your power changes hearts. Muslims, Christians and Jews remember, and profoundly affirm, that they are followers of the one God, children of Abraham, brothers and sisters; enemies begin to speak to one another; those who were estranged join hands in friendship; nations seek the way of peace together.

Strengthen our resolve to give witness to these truths by the way we live.

Give to us:

UNDERSTANDING that puts an end to strife;

MERCY that quenches hatred; and

FORGIVENESS that overcomes vengeance

Empower all people to live in your law of love. Amen

(Prayer used at the Iona Service at Pershore Abbey and sent in by Shirley Lynch)



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

Mary Andrews; Sue Burdett; Ivor Davies; Caroline Evans; Ann Fletcher; Heather Gibbs; Joan Harding; 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:

Dorothy Rutter and Rosemary Bentley

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 28 November at 10.00am.



December coffee morning will be on Thursday 12 December at 10am

Our **Remembrance Service** is on Sunday 10 November at 10.00am.

We will be having a Carols and Curry evening in Church, on Friday 13 December The Crib Service will be on 24 December at 4pm

St Peter's, Hinton on the Green

PRIZE BINGO & BAPS

Saturday 16 November at 7.00pm

If you've forgotten to get tickets for Hinton's Bingo evening, you might just have time, but hurry – **PRIZE BINGO & BAPS** will be on 16 November, commencing at 7.00 in St Peter's Church. £7.00 buys your Pork Bap (or veggie option) and Bingo cards (village children £3). There's also a Bar, and a raffle to win your Christmas Dinner! Contact Clare Davis for tickets on clare7875@gmail.com.

Do join us for a fun and friendly evening.

This is a Community event and will replace our usual Christmas Fayre.

Now the nights are drawing in and it's getting chilly, so we shall be running the heating more and lighting fires and stoves. Don't forget to check your carbon monoxide detector is working now. It may need a new battery, or you may even need a new alarm. Anyway – make sure it's working. It could save your life.

From the Registers – September 2024

Baptism		
15 September	Clover Ward	Hampton
Weddings		
6 September	Matthew Evans and Victoria Gisbourne	Hampton
Funerals		
18 September	Michael Wood	The Vale
19 September	Keith Preece	Hampton

Hampton Parish and Christchurch, Oxford.

Not everyone who reads this magazine may be aware that Christchurch College at Oxford is one of our Patrons, along with about another four hundred and fifty parishes which stretch from Northumberland to Cornwall and from the Welsh Marches to the North Sea.

Christchurch decided to entertain some of their Parishes, inviting representatives to the College for Tea, a Talk, Choral Eucharist, a Reception and Supper in Hall. Four of us travelled to Oxford for this function which brought together over four hundred people from some of the Parishes concerned. It was really interesting and most enjoyable. The talk was on 'Singing in Worship' from the earliest Jewish tradition up to today's Songs of Praise, and taking in the different forms both minimalist and exuberant which have been used over the years and in all Christian traditions. Choral Eucharist was magnificent and moving, the Reception gave us an opportunity to mix and meet and the Supper was outstanding.

The Cathedral had arranged for many from its staff to be present so we were able to gain informal information as to how they like to support their Parishes, and certainly Hampton visitors came away feeling that they could act with greater confidence in our communications with our own Diocese in our present interregnum.

Gabrielle Falkiner



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Craft Stalls

Christmas Gifts

Soft Toy Tombola

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Remembrance - and gratitude

This year Remembrance includes several significant dates from past wars.

2024 marks the 110th anniversary of the start of World War I.

2024 marks 80 years since D-Day. The Normandy Landings of 6th June were the largest seaborne invasion in history, and began the Allied invasion of Normandy, which led to the liberation of France and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy, the bloodiest battle of the Italian Campaign, when Allied forces finally broke through the Germans' notorious 'Gustav Line' and freed Route Six and the way to Rome.

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the battles for Kohima and Imphal, where in northeast India the Imperial Japanese Army was held off by much smaller numbers of British and Indian troops. In Kohima alone, the defenders held off a staggering 25 Japanese attacks over 14 days in appalling conditions. When Indian troops arrived to relieve the defenders, the Japanese encirclement was broken. Amongst the liberators was Havildar Major Rajindar Singh Dhatt of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, from the Punjab.

2024 also marks the 80th anniversary of Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands, when the Allies managed to free Eindhoven and Nijmegen, but famously failed to capture the bridge at Arnhem. (The story is told in the film *A Bridge too Far*)

As the British Legion says, "While D-Day was fundamental to the allied victory, the Second World War was not won on any single day — or battle — and we will recognise and pay tribute to all who served from the British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and allied nations, such as those who served in the Battles of Monte Cassino, Imphal and Kohima, Operation Market Garden and the Scheldt.

This year the British Legion is also looking beyond the Second World War, to Kosovo and Afghanistan.

It wants to pay tribute to those who served and currently serve in Kosovo 25 years after the deployment of the NATO peacekeeping force, KFOR, and to those who served in Afghanistan, as this year marks 10 years since the end of Operation Herrick.

Heavenly Father, on this Armistice Day, we lift up to you all those who have served and sacrificed for the cause of peace. Grant them your comfort, strength, and healing. Inspire us to be instruments of Your peace in the world.

Events Update – November 2024

All Souls Service	Sun	3 November 4pm	Hampton
Schools Return	Mon	4 November	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	5 November 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	9 Nov 10.00-12.00	Hampton
Christmas Fayre	Sat	9 Nov 12.00-3.00	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	12 November 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Hinton Fundraiser	Sat	16 Nov 7.00pm	Hinton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	19 November 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	26 November 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	28 November 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	24 November 2.30-4.30	Scout & Guide Hall
Toy Service	Sun	1 December 10.00am	Hampton

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Age: 18 to state retirement age. Deadline 28 March 2025

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

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Old Testament: Luke

Luke is the third of the synoptic gospels. The gospel and Acts were both written for Theophilus, a Roman official, who acted as Luke's patron to ensure that his gospel was copied and distributed. It was intended for a wider audience, to help both Gentile believers and unbelievers understand who Jesus is and that the gospel is intended for the whole world.

Luke's account of Jesus' life and ministry can be divided into 4 main sections: the coming and early life of Jesus (1:1-4:13); Jesus' ministry in and around Galilee (4:14-9:50); His ministry (mainly teaching) on the road to Jerusalem (9:51-24:53) and His final week in Jerusalem (19:28-24:53).

For Luke, the key focus is how God's plan of salvation for the world is fulfilled in Jesus. Therefore, he writes an orderly account ranging from the birth of Jesus to His ascension. He is a strong champion of the outsider. As an outsider himself (a Gentile writer in the NT) he shows how Jesus includes those who are typically seen as outsiders by the religious establishment of His day. This includes women, the poor and *sinners* (incl. tax collectors, prostitutes and shepherds!), as well as showing how Gentiles, Samaritans and Jews are all included in God's plan of salvation. Luke also emphasises the importance of prayer in Jesus' ministry and the role of the Holy Spirit.

A key verse which reflects this perspective is found when Jesus encounters the tax collector Zacchaeus, 'For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost' (19:10). Whenever we find ourselves on the outside of God's life and love, as Zacchaeus, Jesus comes to find us and welcome us afresh into His kingdom.

Sudoku Solutions (from p16)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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

Reflecting Faith: Wall Paintings

The Revd Dr Jo White considers

Prior to the Reformation, English churches were highly decorated with interior wall paintings. As one author wrote, 'They were aglow with colour and images covering every flat surface'.

Painting pictures seems to be a basic part of people. We see that in newly discovered caves where people from the distant past have made sketches and created art works.

Pictures are more than just communicating a 'flat' story.

Just as we all have our preferred ways of learning – listening, watching, reading, practising – so I suspect we also have for explaining. How much more so, then, when we want to get across really important information; and it doesn't get much more serious than telling others about God.

Of course, we know the Early Church, at the very beginning, followed the Jewish tradition of not drawing a likeness of God and hence they used signs and symbols. But that didn't stop them from drawing pictures about everything else: stories from the Bible, lives of the saints, and so on. There was no shortage of pictures to be drawn.

There are not many English churches which still have wall paintings, but if you visit an Orthodox church in the UK or if you get the opportunity to enter one when on the Continent, you will see that every inch (centimetre) of the inside plaster is likely to be covered in wall paintings. Quite literally, painting on the wall!

Today, instead of painting on the wall in the UK, we seem to be increasing the number of banners that hang on them, and changing them often, to match the church calendar.

This month: Have a look at the wall paintings or banners in your own or a different church. What do you think the designers were trying to say? What message do they give you that words alone could not have accomplished?

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This year, to celebrate Harvest, Year 3 and Lay Minister Elaine Major, led our Harvest Festival collective worship at School. The whole school came to take part, joining in with our school prayers and Harvest songs. A big well done to our Year 3 children; everyone performed fantastically and really persevered when learning their lines. We are all so proud of them for taking part. The children were informed that their donations make such a difference to the lives of people less fortunate than them. A huge thank you to the entire school for the very generous contributions of food, which has been transported to the Caring Hands Food Bank at the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre.

This half-term, our Nursery children have been exploring the theme 'Autumn' and have been looking at what changes occur outdoors, including the weather and how it is colder, rainier, windier and darker now. They have had lots of fun conker rolling and making faces out of objects in their autumn bags.

November is an eventful month with Guy Fawkes night and Remembrance Day providing the backdrop for learning about historical events. Our Year 5 pupils will be collecting money for the Royal British Legion through the sale of poppies and poppy related items in school.

We are very much looking forward to the start of the new half-term and we will have many more things to tell you about.

Joel Turvey – Headteacher

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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.

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Conversation & Company

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Next Two C's - 24 November 2024 from 2.30 - 4.30



The Toy Service - St Andrew's Church

Sunday 1 December at 10.00am



RECIPE - Brioche Frangipane Apple Pudding

INGREDIENT

- ½ Brioche loaf, cut into 5mm/¼in slices
- 175g/6oz butter, softened, plus some for greasing dish
- 175g/6oz caster sugar
- 175g/6oz ground almonds
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 3 free range eggs, beaten
- 25g/1oz plain flour
- 2 red dessert apples cored and sliced, skin on
- 2 tbsp apricot jam
- 1 tbsp flaked almonds, toasted and icing sugar for dusting

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Generously grease a shallow ovenproof dish, about 28cm/11in in diameter.
- Arrange the brioche in the dish to cover the base, filling in all the gaps, but do not overlap the slices.
- Beat the butter and caster sugar until light and creamy. Add the ground almonds, almond extract, eggs and flour and beat again until soft and smooth, but do not over-mix.
- Spoon the mixture over the brioche base and spread to the sides of the dish. Arrange the sliced apples on top in overlapping circles. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until lightly golden all over; it should feel firm in the centre when lightly pressed.
- Melt the jam with 2 tablespoons of water in a small saucepan. Brush the melted jam over the pudding and sprinkle with the flaked almonds. Dust with icing sugar and serve warm.

If you are elderly or have reduced mobility, you would be able to have a free Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) from your local fire service. This is a **FREE home safety visit** that is tailored to an individual's needs, and includes a home safety check to help reduce the risk of fire in the home, including the checking and fitting of smoke alarms where required. This includes alarms suitable for those with a hearing impairment and giving advice on a fire escape plan.

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Sudoku – Easy

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

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Sudoku - Medium

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

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God's Creatures

When strimming, tidying and lighting bonfires have a care for our prickly friends as they try to hibernate. Lots of people provide hedgehog houses to help them through the winter. If this appeals to, you make sure the house is sturdy and raised off the ground, perhaps with a rubber mat beneath it for insulation. Provide hay in a waterproof container nearby for the hog to use for bedding. Don't feed milk to hedgehogs as they are lactose intolerant, and don't give them mealworms as too many of these can result in weak brittle bones, and the early death of the hog. If you do want to provide supplementary feed 'wet' cat or dog food and/or kitten biscuits seem to be recommended. Please, please don't ever use slug pellets in your garden. Consider making it possible for hedgehogs to roam far and wide in 2025 by creating a 'hedgehog highway' — that is a small gap between your garden and your neighbours' gardens — chat with your neighbours about this first though. The highway enables the hog to find food over a wider area, and also to find a mate when the time is right.





Evesham Festival of Words 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.

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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

	3 Novembe	r - Fourth Sunday before Advent	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	4pm	All Souls Service	Hampton
Deute	eronomy 6: 1	9; Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34 C)R
Wisdom 3	3: 1-9 or Isaia	h 25: 6-9; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11:	32-44
Wednesday 6	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
•	10 Novemb	er - Third Sunday before Advent	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist + Remembrance	Hampton
	10am	Remembrance	Sedgeberrow
	11am	Remembrance	Hinton
Jonal	h 3: 1-5, 10;	Hebrews 9: 24-end; Mark 1: 14-20 C)R
Isaia	ah 55: 6-11;	Colossians 1: 3-12; Matthew 9: 18-2	6
Wednesday 13	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
1	7 Novembe	r - Second Sunday before Advent	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Daniel 12	2: 1-3; Hebro	ews 10: 11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 1	3: 1-8
Wednesday 20	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	24 Nover	mber – Sunday before Advent	
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Danie	l 7: 9-10. 13	-14; Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-	37
Wednesday 27	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2024

1 December – Advent Sunday							
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton				
	10am	Morning Praise – Toy Service	Hampton				
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow				
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton				



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