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From the Archdeacon of Worcester, Mark Badger

Advent and Christmas, the season of songs. Mary sang her “Magnificat,” Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, sings his “Benedictus.” The birth of John causes Zechariah to bless God for the birth of Jesus and John's birth was a sign of the Messiah's advent.

Zechariah's song is full of a father's joy an ecstatic prophecy which comes from heaven to the earthly realm and speaks of the wondrous events to come, those in which God is come to earth and the divine is mixed with the mundane. I say mundane because I always want to look at these biblical scenes through the eyes of one who's feet are firmly fixed in the here and now and reality in the mundane! I think that it's important to acknowledge such realities at this time of year, Advent and Christmas, because we so easily become lost in a land of fantasy and the worrying this is that so often we find it so much easier to believe in and find God amidst the



fantasy. But the Christmas story is so earthy, just imagine how Mary and Joseph felt having to make such a journey just so some powerful Roman could work out the tax levy for Syria. It's easy to romanticise about the donkey, but the reality was harsh and uncertain. Yet the Gospel tells us

that God came among us in just such reality in just such unlikely and ordinary circumstances. Indeed, born in the filth and stench of a stable! For God's birth we prefer the more spectacular, yet even the sign that the

angel gave to the Shepherds to recognise the saviour was simple and every day, a child in swaddling bands lying in a manger. Christ came among us in events to ordinary for most of us. And true to that first Christmas, Christ the Lord comes to meet us, not apart from our ordinary lives, but within each day and in each other. That is what is **extraordinary!**

From the Registers – October 2024

Baptism		
15 October	Elsie Byatt	Hampton
Funerals		
29 October	Rosemary Bentley	

Hampton Benefice

Our Worship Together – ‘Under New Management’ – by Rev’d Nick Wright

As most of you will know, our little group of churches – at Hampton, Sedgeberrow and Hinton-on-the Green – is currently ‘in vacancy’. We no longer have a stipendiary priest (or ‘vicar’) at the helm, and all our services are now being led by volunteers. For this reason, you will notice some changes to our service plan for December. We cannot sustain everything that everyone has been used to over the years; we are having to ‘cut our coat according to our cloth’, as the saying goes!

On 18 October, I chaired a two-hour meeting of our five regular worship leaders, together with most of the churchwardens. At that meeting, we worked out which services we could reasonably offer without putting too much pressure on anyone. For December, we decided that some of our services could be shared jointly. For instance, on the morning of 15 December, Sedgeberrow are inviting the other churches to share their Tree Memorial Service with Communion. Everyone will have the chance to place a bauble on a Tree of Remembrance for ‘those we love but see no longer’.

On the following Sunday (22 December), there will be a Benefice Eucharist at Hampton, with our guest president and preacher, Rev’d Canon Doug Chaplin. Then, on Christmas Night (24th), team Sedgeberrow are invited to share in the 8pm Communion service at Hinton, which will be led by Archdeacon Mark Badger. Finally, on Christmas morning, Hampton will host our Benefice Eucharist.

We very much hope that this ‘teaming up’ for some of our special festive services will feel beneficial, not least because the singing will be better! Of course, for some it will be more hassle getting to another church, but please do let Caryl at the office know if you need transport and we will do our best to arrange that for you.

I will write again in January’s magazine to share our plans for the revised worship pattern in 2025. Watch this space! If, in the meantime, you have any comments or questions, please do email me.

May God bless and sustain us all as we come together to welcome his Son, who is our hope and peace in these uncertain times.

Rev’d Canon Nick Wright
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In our Thoughts and Prayers

A Prayer for Advent

Dear God, who was and is and is to come, we pray for the world in which Jesus walked and to which he will return. Our world has never overcome the injustices and oppression, hatred and bitterness, violence and war. As we picture the innocent victims we would rather not see, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come, come into our world and make all things new.

We praise you for all the good things in our churches that truly reflect your character, but we know there is much in us that needs to change. If we have been taken captive by the spirit of the age, if we have failed to listen to you, and lost our prophetic voice, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come, come into our church and make all things new.

We thank you for the joys and the fulfilment that accompany your gift of life, but we pray for those who know no joy, and only despair – especially as we face Christmas. Make us a people of grace, a people whose lives are truly a gift to others. Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come, come into our lives and make all things new.

Advent God, transform this world we pray, and start with me. **Amen**



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

Mary Andrews; Sue Burdett; Ivor Davies; Caroline Evans; Ann Fletcher; 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:

Rosemary Bentley, Jillian Emms, Eric Salter and Heather Gibbs.



The Toy Service - St Andrew's Church
Sunday 1 December at 10.00am



St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 12 December at 10am



We will be having a Carols and Curry evening in Church, on Friday 13 December at 6pm. Please give in your names the week before.

On 15 December we will be holding our Tree Memorial Service, to remember loved ones. A donation of £5 for each bauble with a loved one's name is suggested

The Crib Service will be on 24 December at 4pm

The Christmas Eucharist will be held at Hinton at 8pm on 24 December.

On Christmas Day there is no service at Sedgeberrow, as the Christmas Eucharist will be at Hampton.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year



St Peter's Church, Hinton
Christmas Hamper Raffle
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Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 8 December
at the Carol Service in Church



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St Peter's Church, Hinton on the Green

The PCC of St Peter's is pleased to tell you of their successful fundraiser on 16 November. We held this instead of our usual Christmas Fair and were pleased with a lovely turn-out from the village making it a real community event, which is what it's all about really, isn't it. Everyone enjoyed some bingo followed by pork baps and there was a bar, so it was a jolly evening. Over £500 was raised, which goes towards essential repairs at the Church. Many thanks to all who helped out and especially to our splendid bingo caller, Martin Raymond, and to Lisa and Michelle, Liz and family, Clare, Rosemary, Charlie and his gang, Holly, Will and Ben and to local sponsors Beneco Energy, Apperley Honing and Holdsworth's. It was great to see the church busy and full and we hope some of those who came along will join us for the Carol and Crib Service on 8 December at 11.00 a.m. We also have a Christmas Eucharist to which everyone is welcome including our friends in Sedgeberrow. This is on 24 December at 8.00 p.m. and will be led by our Archdeacon Mark Badger.

In January the Plough Sunday Service will be in Hinton on 12 January at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome and again we invite our Sedgeberrow friends. Let's have a good turnout for this centuries-old service.

The Palestinian proverb tells us:

"They planted so we may eat, we plant so they may eat".

If you're wanting a Christmas stocking filler for the bookworm in the family maybe they'll like 'The People on Platform 5' by Clare Pooley. This is a heart-warming book about fellow travellers who, as tradition decrees, never talk to one another on the train ... until something bad happens.



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

St Andrew's Church

Saturday 14 December at 10.30am



£25 per person to include all materials and refreshments

Sign up in Church or contact

Margaret Thomson on 07917726411



Christmas Services

Hampton

- 1 December – 10am – Toy Service
- 15 December – 4pm – Carol and Christingle
- 22 December – 4pm - Crib and Carol Service (Churchyard)
- 24 December – 11.30pm – Christmas Eucharist
- 25 December – 10 am - Parish Eucharist

Sedgeberrow

- 15 December – 10am – Carols + Tree Memorial
- 24 December – 4pm - Crib Service

Hinton

- 8 December – 11am – Carols and Crib Service
- 24 December – 8pm - Christmas Eucharist

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

No 2C's in DECEMBER

Next Two C's – 26 January 2025 from 2.30 – 4.30

Events Update – December 2024

Toy Service	Sun	1 December 10.00am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	3 December 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Open Church	Sat	7 Dec 10.00 – 12.00	Hampton
Carols in Community	Sat	7 Dec	Farm Shop
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	10 December 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Praise + Carol Service	Sun	8 December 11.00am	Hinton
Community Coffee	Wed	11 Dec 11.00	Hampton
Coffee Morning	Thurs	12 December 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
Carols & Curry Evening	Fri	13 December	Sedgeberrow
Wreath Workshop	Sat	14 December 10.30	Hampton
Carols at Farm Shop	Sat	14 December 2pm	Farm Shop
Tree Memorial Service	Sun	15 December 10am	Sedgeberrow
Carols & Christingle	Sun	15 December 4pm	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	17 December 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Schools Break up	Fri	20 December	Hampton
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	22 December 10.00am	Hampton
Crib and Carol Service	Tues	24 December 4.00pm	Sedgeberrow
Crib and Carol Service	Tues	24 December 4.00pm	Hampton
Christmas Eucharist	Tues	24 December 8.00pm	Hinton
Christmas Eucharist	Tues	24 December 11.30pm	Hampton
Christmas Day Service	Wed	25 December 10.00am	Hampton
ASUM Eucharist	Sun	29 December 10.00am	All Saints
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	NO 2C'S IN DECEMBER	Scout & Guide Hall

90 years of broadcasting the Royal Christmas Messages

This year we shall have our first Royal Christmas Message from King Charles III. He follows in a tradition that spans three generations.

It was 90 years ago, on 25th December 1932, that the first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King George V addressed the nation live from Sandringham. A quarter of a century later, on 25th December 1957, the Christmas message by Queen Elizabeth II was televised for the first time.

King George V had been asked to broadcast a Christmas message in 1922, but at the time he felt that radio was for entertainment, and therefore not suitable. Ten years later, after a visit to the BBC, he was persuaded otherwise, and agreed to do it as part of the inauguration of the new Empire Service (now the World Service).

The time chosen was 3pm because it was the best time for reaching most countries in the Empire. In fact the first message started five minutes late and lasted only two and a half minutes, but it made a massive impact and established itself as a regular Christmas Day event.

Edward VIII never delivered a Christmas broadcast, but King George VI continued the tradition, using it to encourage people during the second world war. Queen Elizabeth II broadcast her first Christmas message in 1952, again from a room at Sandringham, and five years later agreed that her Christmas message could be televised – live. She proved to be a natural broadcaster.

But times changed, and in 1960 the message was pre-recorded from Buckingham Palace, which meant that it could be sent to Commonwealth countries for broadcast at a convenient time. However, the 3pm UK broadcast continued every year – except 1969, when the Queen wrote a message instead, believing that the Royal Family had received enough exposure with the TV documentary *Royal Family*, which had aired in the summer.

But the tradition was resumed the following year. The Christmas message is now also available each year as a podcast and can be seen through Facebook and YouTube.

Quiz answers (from p17)

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| 1. The Grinch | 2. 12 | 3. Indian Ocean | 4. Germany |
| 5. The Soviet Union | 6. Rudyard Kipling | 7. 1984 | 8. Miami, Florida |
| 9. The Snow Queen | 10. Home Alone | 11. Pig's Head and Mustard | |
| 12. Edward Johnson in USA in 1882 | 13. In 6 th Century | | |
| 14. Four | 15. Extruded strands of silver | 16. The Polar Express | |
| 17. Apples | 18. Stollen | | |
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The 'Wonder' of the Shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem

The Ven. John Barton considers that first Christmas night...and how it might guide us in our proper reaction to Jesus' birth...

Shepherds in first century Palestine would have been attuned to the wonders and ravages of nature: star-lit nights, cold and heat, storm and calm, and the unwelcome attention of predators, both animal and human. They would have been more aware than we of human dependency on the seasons, and more respectful than us of the precarious nature of existence. Fear, as well as appreciation, would have shaped their religious sensitivities.

Some think the shepherds near Bethlehem may have been guarding sheep for the Jerusalem Temple, which used them as part of the sacrificial ritual of Judaism in those days. Yet the kind of work shepherds did and the hours they had to keep barred them from orthodox religious observance; they were regarded as uncouth and untrustworthy and were not allowed to give testimony in law courts.

It was typical of St Luke (the only New Testament writer to refer to the shepherds) to put them in the forefront of his narrative. Luke is the writer who favours the underdog: tax collectors, sinners, women, old and poor people and non-Jews all figure favourably in his account. Deliberately he sets before us shepherds as the first Christmas worshippers. They already knew how to *wonder*.

The 19th Century scientist Michael Faraday wrote: "Let us consider... how wonderfully we stand upon this world. Here it is that we are born, bred and live, and yet we view these things with an almost entire absence of wonder..." This is no plea for anti-intellectual faith, but rather for the discovery of an extra dimension. Wonder is the prime ingredient of worship, and we need to recover it and use it. It takes practice.

So, in the astonishing story of heaven-come-to-earth in Bethlehem, of divinity in a cowshed, it is *shepherds* who receive the revelation. Not priests, not presidents, not philosophers. "An angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified." For all they knew it might have been bad news. "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord'."

The response of the shepherds was to go and see. Not to question or even to reason. The main constituent of their belief was already *wonder*. They were accustomed to marvelling, for they were surrounded by a world of marvels. So, they went to look. And as they looked, they marvelled. Later, they were to return "glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard."

Reflecting Faith: To the Glory of god

The Revd Dr Jo White considers

Everything about the church building is intended to tell us something about God. But it doesn't end there. We put into the building things that are important to us and again reflect not just our specific denomination but our ways of worship.

Imagine visiting someone in their home whom you are just getting to know and have a look around at the decorations, photos, wall hangings, books, music etc. What are their hobbies? How do they enjoy spending their time? Who is important to them? Well our church interiors are like that.

In most church buildings each week there will be a display of flowers. Venues vary from being large and elaborate to simple and homely and so do such arrangements. Of course, much depends upon finance and the availability of flowers as well as the interest and skills of the arranger.

Flower arrangements 'should' be in keeping with the church season or the occasion that is being celebrated. During Advent (Latin meaning 'coming') while we anticipate the birth of Christ at the Feast of Christmas most places of worship show restraint in their arrangements and often decline to use any coloured flowers using only evergreen leaves.

Then nearer to Christmas itself everything changes and either flowers are added to the original evergreens or they start completely new. Colours change to red for love and Christ's death and passion, white and gold for importance, royalty and celebration: with green alongside for the hope of new birth and spring.

This month: *Have a look at the flowers used in a church near you. What do they 'say'? Perhaps there will be poinsettias, lilies or even irises. Each has a different story to tell of the glory of God.*

ST ANDREW'S TOTS

HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL

Every Tuesday in term time, at 9.30am

Last one this term – 17 December

Return - 14 January

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St Andrew's CE First School

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The second half of our Autumn term is well underway and the children thoroughly enjoyed engaging topic launches.

Recently, our wonderful PTFA organised a brilliant school disco which the children enjoyed. There were some amazing dance moves on show! Thanks to their efforts in fundraising, we have been able to invest in our forest school resources and provision. The PTFA have donated £3,000 to support training for an additional forest school leader and to purchase resources to use when in the forest. Every class now has a scheduled forest school session each term. Our Nursery and Reception children continue to have weekly forest school or balance bike sessions. It has been brilliant to see the children accessing this wonderful space, which we are so lucky to have, with activities planned which are linked to their curriculum learning such as Stone Age axe making and lighting cotton with flints.

To mark Armistice Day, our pupils observed a silence to remember and honour those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and the British soldiers killed or injured since 1945. It also reflected our respect for everyone who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their tomorrows for our today. Our Year 5 pupils sold poppies and poppy related items in exchange for a suggested donation. All proceeds were donated to the Royal British Legion.

Also in November, St Andrew's celebrated Children in Need. On Friday 15th November, in exchange for a donation, the children undertook a welly walk! A big thank you to Miss Doctor and Mrs Instone who arranged the welly walk. We raised a WHOPPING £4,200 for such a worthwhile cause.

As Christmas quickly approaches, we are getting ready for our celebrations, with rehearsals their nativities and Christmas carols for their concerts.

Finally, everyone at St Andrew's School wishes our local community a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Joel Turvey – Headteacher

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Robin facts or fiction?

Everyone loves a robin, but why are they on the front of so many Christmas cards? It probably arises from the fact that postmen in Victorian Britain wore red jackets and were nicknamed 'Robins', so the robin featured on the Christmas card is an emblem of the postman delivering the card. In 1861 the postmen's uniform was changed to blue, but red has remained as the traditional colour of the Royal Mail, reflected in its vans and post boxes.



However, there are several legends that actually link the robin to the Christmas story. One of these is that Mother Mary was worried baby Jesus would get cold as the embers were dying in the fire. The other animals didn't help but a plain, brown coloured robin assisted by flapping his wings so the embers glowed again. He then picked up some dry sticks and tossed them into the fire, however, as he did so a flame suddenly burst forth and burned the little bird's breast a bright red. Mary praised the robin for all he had done, saying 'From now on, let your red breast be a blessed reminder of your noble deed. You will be known throughout the universe as the messenger of the Christ child, the true herald of Christmas...and you will be part of the message of Christmas until the end of time and will always be known as the Christmas Robin'. (Shortened version of that written by Henry Livingston Jr. 1748-1828, proposed uncredited author of The Night Before Christmas).

Interesting Robin facts:

- Males and females are similar in coloration.
- Nearly 75% of robins will die before they are a year old, but after that their life expectancy increases.
- Male robins exhibit highly aggressive territorial behaviour, many ending in fatalities.
- Some sports organisations are nicknamed 'The Robins', typically teams whose home colours predominantly use red.
- Due to artificial lighting robins will often sing at night.
- The robin has twice been declared Britain's national bird, the first time in 1960 and the second in 2015, but it's not yet been made official.
- There is an increase in robin numbers during the winter months with migrants from Scandinavia, Russia and Europe joining resident birds when the winters become too cold and food scarce in those places.
- National Robin Day in the UK is on Saturday 21st December.

RECIPE – Lebkuchen

Traditional German cookies dating back all the way to the 14th century and the town of Nuremberg. These heavily spiced chewy cookies are a cross between a biscuit and a cake

INGREDIENT

- 250g plain flour
- 85g ground almonds
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 200ml clear honey
- Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
- 85g butter
- pinch each ground cloves, grated nutmeg and black pepper
- 1 tsp baking powder

For the icing

- 100g icing sugar
- 1 egg white, beaten

METHOD

- Tip the dry ingredients into a large bowl.
- Heat the honey and butter in a pan over a low heat until the butter melts, then pour into the flour mixture along with the lemon zest.
- Mix well until the dough is combined and fairly solid.
- Cover and leave to cool.
- Heat oven to 180C/fan160C/gas 4.
- Using your hands, roll dough into about 30 balls, each 3cm wide, then flatten each one slightly into a disc.
- Divide the biscuits between two baking trays lined with baking parchment, leaving room for them to expand.
- Bake for 15 mins, then cool on a wire rack.
- **To ice the biscuits**
- Mix together the icing sugar, egg white and 1-2 tbsp water to form a smooth, runny icing.
- Dip the top of each biscuit in the icing and spread with the back of a knife.
- Leave to dry out in a warm room.



The Everlasting Turkey

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me
I've bought a big fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be
heard

As we tucked into our turkey – a most delicious bird.

On the third day of Christmas people came from just next door,
The turkey tasted just as good as it had done before.

On the fourth day of Christmas came relations young and old
We finished up the Christmas pud and had the turkey cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes scurried,
But we were nice and warm inside, and had the turkey curried.

On the sixth day of Christmas, the Christmas spirit died.

The children fought and bickered – we had the turkey rissoles fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince
When he sat down at table – and was offered turkey mince.

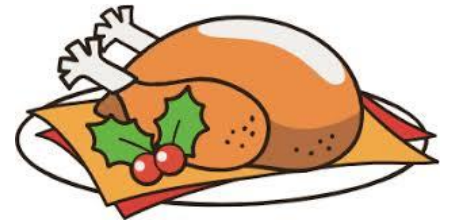
On the eighth day of Christmas, the dog had run for shelter,
For he'd seen our turkey pancakes and the glass of alka-seltzer.

On the ninth day of Christmas, by lunchtime dad was blotto,
He knew that bird was back again, this time as a risotto.

On the tenth day of Christmas we were drinking home-made brew,
Anything to help us face that steaming turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas our lovely tree was moulting,
And with chilli, soy and oyster sauce, the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day of Christmas we had smiles back on our lips,
The guests had gone, the turkey too – WE DINED ON FISH AND CHIPS!





Christmas Quiz

1. Name the fictional character created by Dr Seuss that stole Christmas?
2. How many different flavours are there in a standard tub of Quality Street?
3. Christmas Island, a territory of the Commonwealth of Australia, is located in which ocean?
4. Which country was the first to use the tradition of the Christmas tree?
5. On Boxing Day 1991, what was formally dissolved?
6. Which famous writer wrote the first ever King's Christmas message? It was for George V in 1932.
7. Bob Geldof and Midge Ure wrote the song *Do They Know It's Christmas?* In which year?
8. Where did Del and Rodney go on holiday in a 1991 *Only Fools and Horses Christmas Special*?
9. The 2013 fantasy film *Frozen* was inspired by which Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale?
10. What is the highest-grossing Christmas film of all time?
11. Before turkey, what was the traditional Christmas Day meal in England?
12. Who invented electric lights for the Christmas tree?
13. When was Christmas first celebrated in the UK?
14. How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
15. What was tinsel originally made from?
16. Which Christmas film features a boy who receives a magical ticket to the North Pole on Christmas Eve?
17. What were the earliest known Christmas decorations?
18. What is the name of the German yeast cake often served at Christmas?

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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2024

1 December – Advent Sunday				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Morning Praise – Toy Service	Hampton
		10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end; Luke 21: 25-36				
Wednesday 4		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8 December – Second Sunday of Advent				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
		10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
		11am	Morning Praise with Carols	Hinton
Baruch 5: 1-9 OR Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6				
Wednesday 11		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
15 December – Third Sunday of Advent				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Benefice Communion/Tree Memorial	Sedgeberrow
		4pm	Carols and Christingle	Hampton
Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18				
Wednesday 18		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
22 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hampton
Micah 5: 2-5a; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45 [46-55]				
24 December – Christmas Eve				
		4pm	Crib and Carol Service	Hampton Churchyard
		4pm	Crib with Carol Service	Sedgeberrow
		8pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hinton
		11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hampton
25 December – Christmas Day				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Isaiah 9: 2-7; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14 [15-20]				
29 December – First Sunday of Christmas				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	ASUM Eucharist	All Saints
1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26; Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-end				

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4 January – Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Benefice Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
		10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Wednesday 4		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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