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THE HERALD



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From the Dean of Worcester, Stephen Edwards

A magazine can go through doors that you can't – words from a wonderful book I found in a charity shop many years ago. Published in the 1960s it has tips and suggestions for producing parish magazines which can be used in the Church's mission and ministry. Of course, it paints a picture of a world before computers let alone photocopying and social media. It speaks of sending copy to the local printers or for those more fortunate parishes, how to get the best out of the gestetner – its glimpse into a past age reminds me a little of helping my mother with the parish magazine in the 1980s and what seemed like endless folding and stapling.

Times change but the importance of good communication has never been so critical, and it is the local level sharing of news which is a lifeline to many communities. Parish magazines – in their diverse formats and styles, offer a significant gift to neighbourhoods and are a channel for churches to reach beyond those in the pews each week. I expect I am not alone in being sent copies, or cuttings from other magazines – people keen to share what they have read and often wanting to pass on information



they think I might want to see. We can assume that such sharing is common and perhaps encourage it with a note to forward or pass on to a friend or neighbour.

However, although the message remains as important, the context for that message has changed. No longer

can we assume that everyone will understand what we mean by the words, phrases, and activities which we so often take for granted. Alongside the notices and write ups of events, services and activities, we find more of an interest than we might imagine for stories about faith, invitations to learn, conversations exploring what it means to be a Christian.

As the year ahead comes into view, so do the possibilities of how this magazine, this newsletter, the message, might be shared and spread further. As we celebrate the season of Epiphany and think of the Church's mission in proclaiming the good news, now is the time to think about what that means in our context, our locality, for our generation.

The Very Revd Dr Stephen Edwards, Dean of Worcester

Hampton Benefice

New Year – New Service Pattern by Rev'd Nick Wright

Please check the worship plan carefully in the next few months!

The churches in our benefice are working with more limited ministerial resources these days. And the chances of our having a new incumbent before September at the earliest are slim! In addition, the churchwardens and worship leaders have agreed that this situation gives us an opportunity to try a different pattern of services – not least so that we can enjoy each other's company and feel more like a team of congregations.

So we have decided to experiment for the first six months of this year, as follows: Instead of only having a Benefice Communion service on fifth Sundays in the month (just when they happen to pop up in the calendar), we shall have a regular service for all the churches together on every first Sunday in the month. These 'all-together' services will move around the churches, starting in January at Sedgeberrow. And we get the extra advantage of welcoming a guest president and preacher to most of these gatherings!

On the second Sundays, the pattern will be adapted to reflect the venue of the first one. So, this month, Sedgeberrow will not host a service but will join forces with Hinton that day. And that will be reversed in the months that Hinton host the Benefice Service on the first Sunday.

To make things simpler all round, all of our main Sunday services will now start at 10am. This means Hinton will be in step with the other two churches.

We hope very much that this experiment will work well as an imaginative and sustainable way for us to offer worship together this year. The churchwardens and worship leaders will be meeting after Easter to review how things have been working out in practice. So, if you have any comments or suggestions to contribute, please let us know in the meantime.

As this year begins, we are conscious that there are many needs and anxieties around the world, together with the challenges that face our own government. So let's come together as often as we can to turn to God for help, wisdom and peace. May the Lord lead us all in trust and love through the year ahead and help us to 'sow good seed in time of adversity' (see Psalm 126).

Rev'd Canon Nick Wright

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In our Thoughts and Prayers

A Prayer of Thanks

Father God, thank you for your precious world. May we treat it with respect and take care of it. Thank you for the gift of people.

May we love and care for one another.

Thank you for sending Jesus to bring hope in the darkness. Thank you that because he died, our sins could be forgiven. Forgive us for the things we have done wrong, and help us to live as you would want us to.

Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to help us and to bring peace. We pray for your peace to be with those who are sad, or worried, for those who are unwell and those who find life difficult.

In Jesus name we pray, **Amen**

A Prayer for the New Year

As the new year begins, we look to You for our hope, joy, and peace. Give us the courage to do all that You ask of us. Please also make us brave to not do what isn't from You. Show us how to walk in grace and embrace Your love for us even more.

Amen

What does Love look like?

It has hands to help others.

It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like.

St Augustine of Hippo



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

Mary Andrews; Sue Burdett; Brenda Clarke; 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:

Heather Gibbs and Rodge Isherwood.

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE MORNINGS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY



Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 27 March at 10am

St Peter's Church, Hinton on the Green

The Plough Sunday Service will be in Hinton on 12 January at 11.00 am. 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”.

From Rosemary Cross:

December saw the last of our fundraisers for this year when we had a wonderful raffle. The hamper was splendid, and so was the amount raised. This money and the profits from our Bingo evening are going towards the work which the Church needed to keep it watertight. We were also very fortunate in receiving a generous donation, and a Grant from the Benefactors' Trust. I think everyone who attended will agree that the Bingo evening was a resounding success, and we also hope the winner of the hamper was a 'happy bunny'.

The daffodils are already coming out in Hinton as I write this, and there are still several days to go until Christmas. Don't forget to drive through the village in the springtime to see the many lovely daffs and the snowdrops and crocuses in the Churchyard. Quite a picture!

My New Year's resolution is to stop procrastinating – but starting tomorrow of course.

A Haiku is a kind of Japanese verse. It relies on having three lines consisting of 5, 7 and 5 syllables, and usually has a theme relating to life or the natural world.

With those rules in mind, here is my Winter Haiku! When you next take a coffee break you might like to try your hand at this little verse form.

Chill winds are blowing
And ice cracks on frozen pond
Little snowdrop waits

Note from the editor – I would be happy to receive any of your Haiku compositions for inclusion in the next magazine

A Book Review

Jenny Erpenbeck is a writer of whom you may know nothing. However, she is one of today's influential European writers. If you want something thought-provoking to start the New Year, then read her book '**Go, Went, Gone**'. It is not an easy read and may not be a comfortable one either. Taking a retired widowed professor as her protagonist Jenny weaves a powerful story of the lives of asylum seekers – people who have nothing and nowhere to turn. Although the scene is set in Berlin, Germany it could be any country facing a wave of people fleeing to a new life. Richard, the professor, living a comfortable but dull existence, finds himself distracted by the plight of the African asylum seekers he meets. Gradually he comes to know and appreciate them. With unassuming humility he does his best to help them, and friendships develop and grow. He is forced to look at the history of a previously divided Germany, the racist views of people he had previously counted as friends and the horrors of the Nazi regime.

From Rosemary Cross

From the Registers – November 2024

Baptism		
17 November	Kohen Mendham	Hampton
17 November	Harvee Green	Hampton
Funerals		
22 November	Jillian Emms	The Vale
25 November	Eric Salter	The Vale

Events Update – January 2025

Benefice Eucharist	Sun	5 January 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots Start	Tues	14 Jan 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Open Church	Sat	11 Jan 10.00 – 12.00	Hampton
Plough Sunday Service	Sun	12 January 11.00am	Hinton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	21 Jan 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	28 Jan 9.30am	Hampton
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	26 Jan 2.30 – 4.30	Scout & Guide Hall

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 - 25 January 2025



Do you believe this?

For 2025, materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy.

It is now 1,700 years since the First Council of Nicaea. Not many people know that.

Anyway – so what?

Because the Council of Nicaea, in 325, was the very first ecumenical council that the Christian Church ever held. A serious heresy had crept into the Eastern Church: Arianism, which taught that Jesus Christ was not divine, but only human.

To resolve the crisis, the Emperor Constantine called a council and summoned both the Western Church and the Eastern Church. Constantine knew that the Church had to get together and pull in the same direction. They did, and out of that Council came the Nicene Creed.

Get together and pull in the same direction. That is a good description of what Christ's Church on earth should be doing. That is the hope of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

For 2025, the theme of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity focuses on belief, in commemoration of the Council of Nicaea, held so long ago.

The Scripture passage chosen for the worship service is Martha's confession of faith in Jesus, as narrated in John 11:17-27. Jesus had said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. **Do you believe this?** 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

Jesus is the Messiah. He is divine. Mary believed in Him, and so did the Council of Nicaea in 325. And so do hundreds of millions of Christians today.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to 25th January – the 'octave' of St Peter and St Paul. This year's resources can be found at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>

United Prayer Meeting—Evesham Prayer Compass

14 January 2025



Zoom Meeting with theme of Prayer and Share
Contact eveshamprayercompass@gmail.com
to be part of the event.

Events at Worcester Cathedral

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2025 - 7.30PM

THE DRIFTERS BY CANDLELIGHT

For the first time ever, see The Drifters in the magical and remarkable setting of Worcester Cathedral, lit by a thousand candles! Join us on Friday 17 January 2025 to be part of this special event and experience the wonder of The Drifters by Candlelight as they perform all of their classic hits including - Saturday Night at the Movies, You're More Than A Number, Come on Over to My Place, Under the Boardwalk and many more!

The Drifters have been inducted the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, chosen to perform for the President of the United States and listed among the Greatest Artists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine.

Premium Tickets (£40.00*) - the first section of seating in front of the stage

Band A Tickets (£35.00*) - the second block of seating in front of the stage

Band B Tickets (£30.00*) - the third block of seating from the stage (this is some distance from the stage, so the view is not as clear)

No View (£10.00*) side aisle seats with NO VIEW of the stage.

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 – 26 January 2025 from 2.30 – 4.30

Smile Line - In place of cabbage

On Sunday after the church service, a woman told the minister that when she had sent her husband to buy a cabbage for lunch, he had fallen and broken his leg.

"That's terrible!" said the minister. "What did you do?"

"I opened a can of peas," she replied.

What's the Big Idea? - an introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Acts

The Acts of the Apostles was written by Luke, a physician-friend and fellow-traveller of Paul. It complements his gospel, both being written for Theophilus (Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1), in around AD 63, during Paul's first Roman imprisonment.

While Luke's gospel records what Jesus *began* to do and teach, Acts tells us about what Jesus *continued* to do and teach through the disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit (1:1-3).

Luke's aim is:

To present a history - Christianity has a firm historical foundation. The life and teaching of Jesus Christ are recorded in the Gospels; Acts provides an account of the spread of the Church, as the result of the work of the risen Lord and the Holy Spirit through the apostles.

To give a defence - We read speeches to both Jews (e.g. 4:8–12) and Gentiles (e.g. 25:8–11), showing us how the Early Church challenged pagan and Jewish thought, the Roman government and Hellenistic culture.

To provide a guide - We see basic gospel principles being applied to specific situations in the context of problems and persecution. These same principles are applicable for us today.

To depict the triumph of Christianity in the face of bitter persecution - The success of the Church carrying the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome and planting local churches demonstrates that it operates under the rule of the exalted Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' (1:8). Just as the Holy Spirit empowered the first Christians in their witness, so He will do the same for us today!

ST ANDREW'S TOTS

HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL

Every Tuesday in term time, at 9.30am

Return - 14 January 2025

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or look at our Facebook page



Reflecting Faith: Taking down the Christmas Tree Decorations

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the job of packing up Christmas

Last month we considered the decorations we put on our Christmas trees, both at home and in our churches.

Many churches keep their decorations – or at least their nativity scene - in place until Candlemas at the beginning of February, but most of us take our domestic ones down around Epiphany, on 6th January, when we recall the arrival of the Three Kings.

But how do we manage them for the rest of the year, after we have taken them down?

Our Christmas ‘baubles’ come in all colours, in matt and shiny, in all shapes and sizes. They can remind us of people, who also come in all shapes and sizes, colours and tones. Baubles are very fragile, like we are sometimes.

This year as you take down your decorations, have a good look at them and think about the care that you take to store them safely, so that they will not break.

How much more care do you take in looking after the people who make up your life? Your family, friends, neighbours, church, colleagues, local shop keepers, and so on?

It’s quick and easy to pick up the decorations and just drop them in a box, but without some gentle care, will they be okay for next year?

It’s too easy to pass folk by, and get on with what we are doing for ourselves, our own plans and goals; but aren’t people worth more than that?

Who do we know that would greatly benefit if we gave them just a bit more time, a bit more consideration?

This month: Have a look at your decorations and see if any of them need a bit of refreshing, some TLC, (tender loving care), just as we all do.



Call 999 if you see just one symptom of a stroke

The NHS has launched the first major update to its 'Act FAST' campaign in 15 years. It is concerned that too many people are waiting on average 90 minutes to ring for help when a stroke happens. That is far too long, doctors say, and the delay can mean the difference between life and death.

Health officials strongly urge the public to call 999 if they see just one symptom of a stroke, such as struggling to smile (Face), raising an arm (Arm), or slurring their words (Speech).

HOW TO IDENTIFY A STROKE

The FAST acronym (Face, Arms, Speech, Time) is a test to quickly identify the three most common signs of stroke.

- **Face weakness:** Can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye drooped?
- **Arm weakness:** Can the person raise both arms fully and keep them there?
- **Speech problems:** Can the person speak clearly and understand what you say? Is their speech slurred?
- **Time to call 999:** if you see **any one** of these signs.

Remember: Face or Arm or Speech, at the first sign, it's Time to call 999.

Acting FAST will give the person having a stroke the best chance of survival and recovery. Even if it doesn't seem like much, **any one** of these signs of stroke is an emergency, so always call **999 immediately**.

Monty Don, Chelsea Flower Show and Dogs

This coming Spring Monty Don is going to design a garden for dogs for the Chelsea Flower Show.

Monty Don's garden will include a well-kept lawn for doggie comfort, and a large tree for shade. For the dog's human friends, there will be spring-flowering bulbs.

The garden is the result of a collaboration of Radio 2 and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). It will also include a brick path inscribed with the names of the dogs belonging to the Queen (Jack Russell terriers Beth and Bluebell), the Channel's presenters, RHS ambassadors and Monty Don's retriever, Ned.



Monty says: "This is an irresistible opportunity to join with the RHS and Radio 2 to share my love of gardens and dogs at the world's greatest horticultural event."

Home Schooling

Back in the 'good old days', we didn't appreciate how much education was given at home...

Our mothers taught us **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

Our fathers taught us **RELIGION**: "You better pray that that will come out of the carpet."

Our mothers taught us **LOGIC**: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the shops with me."

Our fathers taught us **MORE LOGIC**: "Because I said so, that's why."

Our mothers taught us about **CONTORTIONISM**: "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

Our mothers taught us about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION**: "Stop acting like your father!"

Our mothers taught us about **ESP**: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

And finally, our fathers taught us about **JUSTICE**: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"



Please Save Your Used Stamps

Your used stamps are a great way to raise money for
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

Sudoku Solutions (from p17)

Easy Sudoku

3	9	2	7	6	8	1	5	4
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Medium Sudoku

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St Andrew's CE First School

Successful Learners; Success for Life



Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas surrounded by family and friends.

December is always a bustling time at St Andrew's as we celebrate the festive season. Our Reception and Year 2 students delivered a fantastic nativity performance, making their parents, carers, and staff so proud.



Additionally, Year 5 graced St Andrew's Church with their traditional Christmas Carol Service, and it was heartwarming to see so many parents attending to support our children. The readings from the Bible beautifully conveyed the story of Jesus' birth, and the children's singing was truly remarkable. Our Nursery children also delighted their parents and carers during their "Stay and Play Carol Concert" with their lovely voices.

We are incredibly grateful to the PTFA for organising a wonderful School Christmas Fete, which saw great attendance and helped raise funds for our fantastic school.

In December, several of our pupils assisted Mrs Simpson in setting up the Nativity scene, proudly displayed in the school entrance, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus.

Also in December, our Crew Club welcomed the Posada to St Andrew's Church. They sang two Christmas hymns, and celebrated with Elaine, Helen, Mr Turvey, Mrs Wisniewski and Sam Andrews who is the Church Warden and Children and Families Worker at Pershore Abbey. Thank you to Crew Club for welcoming the Posada to our Church.



In the last week of term, many of our students sported festive or winter-themed jumpers just for fun, showcasing a vibrant array of colours!

As we move into the new term, we're excited about what lies ahead. The New Year brings a special energy to the school, and at St Andrew's, we embrace the period of Epiphany as a time to look forward to new beginnings and the thrilling opportunities that await us.

Joel Turvey – Headteacher

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Calling for better hospice funding

Bishop Martin is calling for properly funded end of life care as part of the debate around ensuring a dignified death. He highlights a lack of funding for hospices as a key reason why individuals are not able to have a 'good' death and are seeking alternative options.

He said: "Hospice beds are being closed right now in the West Midlands, when the need for them is greater than ever. Hospices provide the highest quality palliative care, as well as Hospice at Home, bereavement services and other community support. However, only 20% of their costs are met by the NHS. Why is that? Why do we spend billions on healthcare, yet expect the dying to find help through charity? In Worcester, St Richard's Hospice is currently having to make staff redundant. The end result can only mean fewer patients able to benefit from their services, fewer people helped to die well, and more pressure put on hard-pressed GPs and hospitals."

With the Assisted Dying Bill currently going through Parliament, Bishop Martin is keen that MPs recognise that the route to a dignified death lies in the proper funding of palliative care, investment in mental health services, and the delivery of much-needed community support.

"As I've reflected on my own experience sitting with those who are dying, the opinion of medical experts, and international evidence, I have become increasingly uncomfortable with the prospect of legalising assisted suicide. While I am deeply sympathetic to those who are afraid of a bad death, I believe that a good death is possible without taking such a step.

"I remember as a young priest, visiting a terminally ill man in his home. He was in great pain and distress and asking to die. Two days later I came back to find that he had been fitted with a morphine driver. With his pain now under control, and good palliative (end of life) care now in place, he was sitting up talking happily with his wife and grandchildren. All talk of prematurely ending his life had gone.

"I support our Health Secretary, Wes Streeting, who wants us to properly fund end of life care. We already know how to help people to die well. We don't need parliament to pass a new law to help us to do this. But we do need proper funding!"



RECIPE - Mincemeat and Frangipane Turnovers

Ideal to use up that leftover jar of mincemeat in your cupboard!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 sheet ready-rolled puff pastry (320g)
- 1 egg, beaten, to egg wash
- A handful of flaked almonds
- Icing sugar, for dusting
- Cream or custard, to serve

For the filling

- 90g softened unsalted butter
- 80g golden caster sugar
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1 large egg
- 80g ground almonds
- ½ tbsp plain flour
- A pinch of salt
- 3 tbsp mincemeat



METHOD

- Heat the oven to 200C (180C fan)/390F/gas 6, and line two large baking trays with greaseproof paper.
 - Beat the butter, sugar and orange zest in a bowl until pale and creamy, then mix in the egg, followed by the ground almonds, flour and salt, to make a thick batter.
 - Unroll the pastry sheet and cut it into six even squares. Put each square on the baking trays, leaving a little space between them.
 - Spoon or pipe the almond filling on to one half of each square, leaving a ½cm border clear around the edges, then top each one with half a tablespoon of the mincemeat.
 - Brush two edges of the pastry with egg wash, then fold the square in half to make a triangle. Seal the edges tightly, crimping them with a fork, then brush the surface with more egg wash.
 - Top generously with flaked almonds.
 - Bake for 20-25 minutes, until well browned, then take out of the oven and leave to cool a little.
 - Dust with icing sugar and serve warm with cream or custard.
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Sudoku – Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2025

NB: NO Wednesday Communion On New Year's Day

5 January – Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Benefice Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
Jeremiah 31: 7-14 OR Ecclesiastes 24: 1-12; 1 Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: [1-9] 10-18 OR Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12				
Wednesday 8		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
12 January – First Sunday of Epiphany – Plough Sunday				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	Morning Praise for Plough Sunday	Hinton
Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22				
Wednesday 15		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
19 January – Second Sunday of Epiphany				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
		10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11				
Wednesday 22		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
26 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
		10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21				
Wednesday 29		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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2 February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hampton
Malachi 3: 1-5; Hebrews 2: 14-end; Luke 2: 22-40				
Wednesday 5		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
9 February – Fourth Sunday before Lent				
		8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
		10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
		10am	Morning Praise	Hinton
Isaiah 46: 1-8 [9-end]; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11				

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