

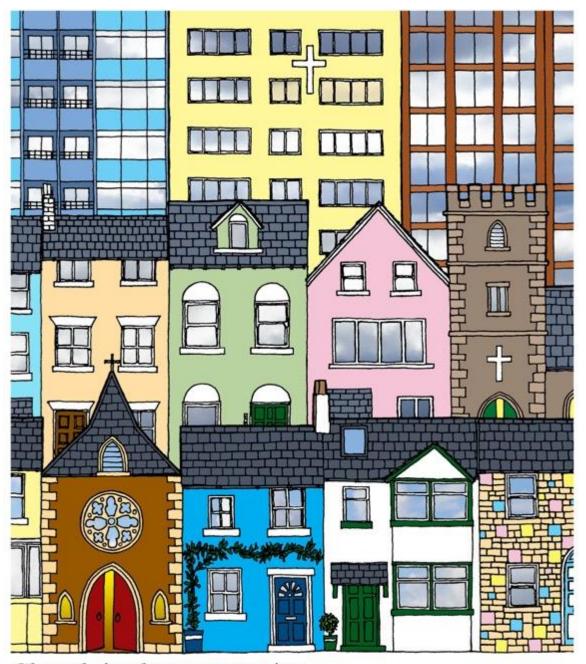




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## An article from the Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorrick

I hope you have been enjoying a blessed and joyous Eastertide. Lent and Holy Week get a good deal of attention, and rightly so. But the days and weeks of the Easter season can quite quickly feel like 'ordinary time' as we forget the exhilaration of that first Easter Day as the words 'He is Risen' were heard for the first time. The world would never be the same again, and our lives have been transformed by Jesus rising from the grave.

As we continue through this diocesan episcopal vacancy, thank you for your continued prayers for me, and for all those carrying extra responsibilities at this time. People often ask me how I am getting on, covering two roles instead of one. It is hard work of course, but it is also a joy for me to be asked to serve in this way, and to lead such a gifted and hardworking team of clergy and lay colleagues. It will still be a while before we see a new Bishop of Worcester in post, so do please keep praying for us all

The Crown Nominations Commission will be meeting on 9 May to shortlist potential candidates to be our next bishop, and interviews will take place on 12 & 13 June. I will be praying for the members of that group, and for those who will come forward for interview, as all seek to work together to discern who God is calling to serve the churches and communities of Dudley and Worcestershire. I hope you will join me in praying for all those involved, and for the Holy Spirit to guard and guide the whole process. We are sharing resources to help everyone join us in prayer and have also created a timetable on the diocesan website for individuals or parishes to sign up to commit to praying during a particular time slot during the shortlisting and interviews. Find this here: www.cofeworcester.org.uk/bishop-prayers There will be a dedicated prayer space in the Cathedral on the June dates, but you could just pray by yourself at home, gather a small group or host a prayer event in your church. If your chosen slot is already taken, please don't worry – the more people praying the better!

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for those you call to faithfully lead and shepherd your church.

As we seek a new Bishop of Worcester, help us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit's guidance, give us heavenly wisdom, and bless our diocese that we might enter a

new season of growth and fruitfulness as Kingdom People.

For your glory and in the name of Christ. Amen

# In our Thoughts and Prayers

#### A Prayer for Finding the next Bishop of Worcester

Candidates for our next Bishop of Worcester will be interviewed on 12 & 13 June. This process is being led by the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), which includes six people from our diocese who were elected from our Vacancy in See Committee alongside six representatives from the national Church, the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Oxford (sitting on our CNC in the place of the Archbishop of Canterbury).

Please pray for the whole Commission as they undertake this really important role. And pray for our next Bishop of Worcester, who will have already felt called by God to take up this post.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for those you call to faithfully lead and shepherd your church. As we seek a new Bishop of Worcester, help us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit's guidance, give us heavenly wisdom, and bless our diocese that we might enter a new season of growth and fruitfulness as Kingdom People. For your glory and in the name of Christ. Amen

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

Gary Andrews; Mary Andrews; Guy Barnard; Sue Burdett; Harry Edwards; Caroline Evans; Ann Fletcher; Bev Koskina; Joan Parry; Keith Payne; Caroline Rusher; Steven Rhodes; Marie Smith; Marguerite Smith; Carol Thould; David Warrington; Jennifer Waters

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

Doris Abbott and Cyril Edward Thompson

# The Benefice Office has moved!

Following the sale of the Vicarage, the Parish Office has now moved and will eventually be housed in an upgraded Vestry. Until the Vestry upgrade has been completed, the Parish Administrator, Caryl Mills will be working from home. To get in touch, please email her on **office@hamptonchurch.org.uk** In the first instance, until the telephone transfer has been completed, after which the existing number (01386) 446381 will again be available.

Caryl will be available at the church on Friday mornings, and a post box is available at the church for messages.

#### **Hampton Benefice**

#### **Safeguarding Information**

We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures

at: <u>http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding</u>.

Our Safeguarding Officer is:

Margaret Thomson 07917 726411.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Hilary Higton, can also be contacted on <u>07495 060</u> <u>869</u>.

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of someone, please don't delay, dial 999 and ask for the police.

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#### From the Registers – March 2025

Baptisms		
16 March	Betty Scarrott	
16 March	Sienna Davis, Jamesdean Davis, Tommy Davis	
Funerals		
4 March	Joan Harding	Sedgeberrow
19 March	Doris Abbott	The Vale
<b>Burial of Ashes</b>		
20 March	Clifford Lewis	Hinton
27 March	Pamela Stammers	Hampton

## St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

Our next coffee morning:

Thursday 22 May at 10am

Benefice Eucharist – Sunday 4 May at Hampton



Benefice Eucharist - Sunday 1 June - Sedgeberrow

Wychavon Election	Thurs	1 May 7.00am – 10.00pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	4 May 10.00am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	6 May 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Open Church	Sat	10 May 10.00 – 12.00	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	13 May 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	20 May 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Thurs	22 May 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
Schools Break Up	Fri	23 May	Hampton
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	25 May 2.30 – 4.30	Scout & Guide Hall
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	1 June 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
Schools Go Back	Mon	2 June	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	3 June 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall

## Sudoku Solutions (from p17)

#### Easy Sudoku

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

#### Medium Sudoku

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# St Peter's, Bengeworth, launch Community Café



Last month St Peter's in Bengeworth opened a Community Café inside the church, called 'The Point'. The café opens every Tuesday morning and aims to be a welcoming space for those who might not have been in the church before.

The café was originally the vision of the late John Darby, who was a member of St Peter's congregation. He was involved with the Street Pastors in Bengeworth and was very passionate about how to bridge the gap between the community and church which he recognised can feel quite alien to those who have not been to church before. He felt a café could

act as a steppingstone and be somewhere more familiar to invite people to. Andy Smith said: "Very sadly John passed away and so the idea for the café was put on hold for some time. We just had to trust in God that the right people would come along to help make it happen."

"Our Curate, Mike Edwards and his family, joined the church last summer. Mike, fortunately, was enthusiastic about bringing John's vision to life! A lovely lady called Karen, who is in our congregation, was also happy to help, so the two of them are now heading this up."

The café opened in March and has around 30-40 people visiting every week, a mixture of church members and the wider community. The café serves hot drinks and homemade cakes donated by the congregation. Its pricing structure is just 'pay what you can' and there is also the option to 'pay it forward' so everyone in the community can enjoy 'Good coffee, good company and good news' which is the café's strapline.

Andy Smith describes the café as 'unapologetically Christian' and explains that it is called 'The Point' deliberately to invite questions and encourage discussion as to why it is called that and indeed 'What is the point?'.

He added: "So far, it's been great and we're really glad we've been able to do this. It's been useful as a point of connection for all our different services and congregations. The café has really helped bring everyone together!"

"We have invested some money into it to buy new furniture and update our coffee servers and plates and make sure we have good coffee, like we say we do! We want people to feel warm and comfortable and that this is somewhere they can invite their friends to and just hang out, or find someone who has time just to sit and chat with them."

## St Peter's Church, Hinton on the Green

#### News and Upcoming Events

Another **Bingo evening** – another success. The PCC is really pleased to tell you that the second Bingo evening, with food and wine raised £435.00 towards the funds. What a relief to have a little bit in the coffers again. Thanks everyone who ran this successful evening and who attended (we were happy to see some new folk there) and to our sponsors, especially Beneco Energy who sponsored our loo.

There are many people who like to come to our **Summer Fete in Hinton**. It's just what a Village Fete should be – a relaxed affair in a country churchyard with food, drink, a brilliant raffle, entertainment and bargains to be had. The dog show will be returning too.

We hope the whole event will be even better this year. So, make a note in your Diary to come along on **13 July** at midday. You will return home happy. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget as the weather warms that those precious hedgehogs are emerging for the spring and summer. Take care with bonfires and with strimming and mowing. Vale Wildlife is always busy, but if you suspect something is wrong with a hedgehog I'm sure they would welcome your call. One red flag is a hog which is out during the day – unless it's a Mum with a family there will be something amiss, and your intervention needed. Birds are nesting too so leave that last bit of hedging for another time so as not to disturb them.

## 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 – 25 May 2025 from 2.30 – 4.30

#### 'I believe in …'

Have you ever wondered why we say 'I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church' in the Creed? Holy - well fair enough, we understand that and apostolic - well, that's to do with the apostles surely - but catholic – we're not catholics, so why do we say this? I thought I would look into this a bit more closely and explain why. It turns out that saying 'catholic' is a way of referencing the church universal and nothing whatsoever to do with Catholics with a capital C.

Those words one, holy, catholic and apostolic are known as the 'four marks of the church' and their origin goes back to writings from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. The word ONE indicates that the Church is one body and just as the human body is composed of many parts but unified in one whole so is the church. The word HOLY shows the holiness of the church which comes from the holiness of Christ the son of God. The church does God's holy work and God's holiness is present in the church. Next, we have that difficult term CATHOLIC. Catholics believe that it means the true church is Catholic but you will note that it is shown with a small c. For this word we need to look back at the translation of the word from Ancient Greek and we see that its meaning is that the church is universal, all-embracing and complete. The adjective is applied not only to the Church throughout the world but to each and every church, meaning that each is complete and entire. APOSTOLIC means that the authority of Bishops comes from the laying on of hands in a direct line from the apostles hence the term 'apostolic succession'. Not all churches found their beliefs on apostolic succession but the Anglican Church does. Apostolic also indicates that the foundation of the church is based upon the authority of the written scriptures of the Apostles. The origins and beliefs of the church came down the ages from the beliefs of the apostles.

Who would have thought that those four words, the 'four marks of the church', could tell us so much?

**Rosemary Cross** 

#### Calling all knitters!

#### Can you help knit a Poppy (or few)?

This year we would love to create a *Poppy Cascade* at St Peter's Church.

We will need about 6000 poppies – can you help make this happen?

Contact Lisa James on 07866654923 for further details.





# Evesham Festival of Words 'How We Made the Golden Age of Steam



## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 7.00 pm

TV producer David Parker's two-part series 'The Golden Age of Steam' broke audience viewing records when it was first shown on BBC4. Yet the series almost never got commissioned. Using superb home movie films of Britain's steam railways and the locomotives that ran on them, alongside testimony from some of the men and women who 'saved our steam', David will talk about what happened, why the series was 'touch and go' and how, having persuaded the BBC to support it, he was able to tell this remarkable story.

**Venue: Evesham Rowing Club, Abbey Road, Evesham WR11 4ST** *Tickets: £11.00* Come early and treat yourself to a drink at the bar. Book online via eveshamfestivalofwords.org or info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org or from Sue Ablett 0787 128 5606

# What else is happening round Evesham in May

• 3 / 4 May - The Evesham Regatta

This was cancelled last year, but this year rowing crews from across the county will descend on the town for the highlight of the Evesham rowing calendar.

• 4 May - Ashdown Camp Military Market

Collectors and enthusiasts will visit the market, which preludes the annual **'Wartime in the Vale'** later this year. A number of stalls will be selling old military vehicle parts and collectables.

• 17 / 18 May - Battle of Evesham Medieval Market

The first event on the Battle of Evesham calendar which brought in more than 30,000 visitors to the town last year. More than 130 stalls will be set up across Evesham, selling everything from shields to mugs and more.

- 25 May Bands in the Park VE Day Special
  Peaceful music will be played every Sunday for Summer from May 25 in Abbey Park.
- 30 / 31 May/1 June Evesham Food and Music Festival

Taking place on Crown Meadow, the three-day festival will have food from across the world. Visitors will also be able to enjoy live tribute music from the likes of Elton John, Amy Winehouse and more.

#### What's the Big Idea? - An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Ecclesiastes

'*Meaningless! Meaningless!*' This is how the book of Ecclesiastes begins (1:2), as it examines the futility of human experience 'under the sun'. The author is named as '*The Teacher*' (1:1, Hebrew *goheleth*), traditionally identified with King Solomon.

Although focusing on life in the physical world, the book ends with, 'Fear God and keep his commandments' (12:13).

Ecclesiastes reminds us of the limitation of human wisdom, which cannot find meaning and purpose without God:

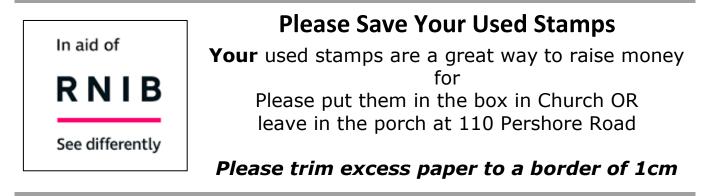
Our strivings 'under the sun' can only lead to disillusionment (1:5–11). Therefore, we need to accept the life God gives us and enjoy it to the full.

Wisdom is given to those who please God (2:26). Such wisdom cannot solve all problems (1:16–18), or secure enduring reward (2:12–17). We cannot control our immediate future, resulting in uncertainty (6:12), and there are difficult questions about life and death itself (9:1–3). In response, we need to understand our human limitations before God.

God has ordered all things in their time; things we cannot change or fully anticipate: 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven' (3:1–15).

However, the world is not fundamentally chaotic or irrational, as it is ordered by God: *'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.'* (3:11). We should remember our Creator when we are young before the infirmities of advanced age stop us from enjoying the good things of life (12: 1-8).

In summary, Ecclesiastes shows us how to live meaningfully and joyfully by placing God at the centre of our life, while trusting and obeying our Creator.



# **Reflecting Faith: Where to hold a Baptism**

The Revd Dr Jo White considers the practicalities of a baptism

For the last couple of months we've been thinking about baptism, it's place within church life and what it means to each of us on a personal level.

This month, let's look at the actual font where baptisms usually take place.

Over the years Christians have used a wide variety of 'fonts': the sea accessed from the beach, a swimming pool (hired for the occasion), a specially built permanent baptistry, many varied stone fonts, a stainless steel portable font and even the beach in Philippi, Greece where Paul is said to have baptised Lydia and her household. Imagine the sunshine, warmth, flowing clean water and a gathering of your family and friends from your local church who have all travelled there together to celebrate this special moment, and themselves renewed their baptismal vows!

Baptism is not only a personal acceptance of Christ, but a huge celebration for Christian family and friends. Think back to a time of success in your life such as passing an exam or getting a new job. Didn't everyone around you also celebrate? So it is when a new person wants to follow Jesus.

Baptism for older children and adults have always followed a period of instruction.

People as far back as the 3<sup>rd</sup> century weren't just grabbed off the street and immediately baptised and able to join in all the services. Rather, they were carefully taught about Jesus and what being a Christian means.

They were allowed to take part in the Sunday service up to the 'Peace' and then they had to leave and went to a separate building for teaching. In other words, they couldn't even watch the Holy Communion part of the service until they had been baptised.

Baptism symbolised their public acceptance of the Christian faith, and it was quite literally their first step in their life as a member of the church, as the actual baptism was carried out in a special building, outside but attached to the main church building. Baptisms were done by the Bishop on a certain day or days each year.

Where were you baptised?

Do you have any photos of that day?

**This month** have a look at the fonts in some local churches and see what shapes they are and any decoration they may have.

The font in St Andrew's Church dates from Norman times.



# **Remembering VE Day – 80 years on**

80 years ago, on 8 May 1945, VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. It was celebrated as a public holiday, and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.



In reality, Hitler had committed suicide on 30<sup>th</sup> April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4<sup>th</sup> May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander General Eisenhower on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Reims, France. Soviet leader Josef Stalin had his own ceremony, in Berlin.

The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7th May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day, and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital, and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people, and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

In the United States, VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61st birthday: he dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course, the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11th May, and on 25th May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were "inexcusably" massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later

# St Andrew's CE First School

#### Successful Learners; Success for Life



To celebrate the end of spring term, we held our Easter Treasure Hunt House Competition. This was the first event where the entire house worked together at the same time. Children were invited to attend school in PE kit with a house-coloured t-shirt. Houses came to the field, where hundreds of 'egg cards' had been hidden. They had five minutes to gather as many as they could (only one at a time) and return them to the nest in the middle of the field. Parents were invited to come along and support their child's house from the path alongside the school.

Before half-term, thirty five Year 5 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to go on a three-day residential trip to Cardiff. For many of them, it was their first time experiencing life in a city—an unforgettable adventure filled with exciting activities and lasting memories. One of the highlights was exploring the historic Cardiff Castle. The pupils climbed to the top of the Norman Keep, took part in a guided tour and medieval workshop, and ventured into the eerie WWII bunkers. Afterwards, they enjoyed a scenic boat ride across Cardiff Bay, followed by an evening of bowling and pizza with beautiful views of the water. On the second day, they visited the Senedd, where they stepped inside the Chamber of Decisions and even took part in their own debate. They heard from inspiring members of the Youth Parliament and learned about influential women throughout history. Another boat trip took them to the National Museum, where they discovered fascinating artefacts, fossils, and dazzling gemstones. That evening, they watched the sunset over the barrage and ended the day with treats in the park. Before returning home, the group spent the morning at Techniquest, where the children explored a wide range of hands-on science experiments and enjoyed an exciting live science show. A huge thank you went to all the adults who helped make the trip possible—and to the Welsh weather for being on their side!

Also, before the Easter break, Year 1 travelled back in time to explore over 250 years of history at the Black Country Living Museum. The children got hands-on with outdoor games from the past, including metal hoop and stick, and hopscotch. They explored back-to-back houses to learn about how people lived in earlier times. They strolled through streets full of traditional shops, including the sweet shop, general store, toy store, and hardware store. The pupils experienced a Victorian classroom, where they practised reading, writing, and arithmetic. It was very strict! Lunch was thoroughly enjoyed by all in the glorious sunshine. In the afternoon, they visited an old cinema to watch Mickey Mouse and then hopped on the bus back to 2025!

## St Andrew's CE First School (cont.)

Nursery Apples had a very exciting and busy final week! One of the highlights was their fantastic trip to Cotswold Farm Park, where the children had the chance to get up close with a wide variety of farm animals. They enjoyed petting the soft lambs, feeding the greedy goats, and watching the curious pigs snuffling around. They also learned about where different animals live, what they eat, and how they are cared for on the farm. Back in the classroom, Apples looked after their class egg, eagerly watching to see what would hatch. They also made nest cakes and explored all sorts of fun facts about eggs – from the animals that lay them to the different shapes, sizes, and textures.

On the final Friday before Easter, our Values Champions received their School Value Award. These children had been nominated by their teachers to receive a trophy for demonstrating values of Justice in their lives. Well done to them all!

Joel Turvey – Headteacher

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# **Cropthorne Walkabout**

The Cropthorne Walkabout is an annual event which falls on the Sunday and Monday of May Day bank holiday. It is run by volunteers to raise funds for the local community and the up keep of our lovely church which dates back to the 12th century. Every year the church is adorned with a flower festival which fills it with beautiful aromas and is a sight to see.



The Walkabout is a great day out for all the family. We have live music, a variety of stalls selling everything from fruit and veg, plants and flowers, tombola, ice cream, craft stalls and, of course, a beer tent as well as tea, coffee and cakes. There is a climbing wall for the kids, a miniature steam railway, a dog show, kids play area, Morris dancers and a lot more besides.



The highlight of the event is the open gardens. A lot of the local residents open their gardens so you can visit the lovely thatched cottages and houses which date back centuries.

So, come along and have a wonderful day out with us.

# Christian Aid Week - 11 to 17 May

For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has been working with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

This annual week invites Christians in the UK to help fundraise for the work by holding community events and taking on individual challenges. It has been called 'seven days of fundraising fun – your way'.



This year you might like to consider taking on the '70k in May Challenge'. It is simple to do: just travel 70k during the month of May, in whatever way you want. Invite your friends and family to sponsor you or even complete the challenge with you. More info at: https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week



# 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

Sudoku – Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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#### **SERVICES FOR MAY 2025**

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	<b>4 M</b> a	y – Third Sunday of Easter		
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hampton	
Ac	ts 9: 1-6 [7-	20]; Revelation 5: 11-end; John 21: 1-1	19	
Wednesday 7	10am	Holy Communion		Hampton
Thursday 8	11am	VE Day Service	Evesham War	Memorial
	11 Ma	y – Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton	
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow	
	11am	Morning Praise	Hinton	
A	cts 9: 36-er	nd; Revelation 7: 9-end; John 10: 22-30	)	
Wednesday 14	10am	Holy Communion		Hampton
	18 M	lay – Fifth Sunday of Easter		
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton	
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton	
	Acts 11: 1-2	18; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35		
Wednesday 21	10am	Holy Communion		Hampton
	25 M	ay – Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton	
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow	
Acts 16: 9-1	.5; Revelati	on 21: 10; 21-22.5; John 14: 23-39 OR	lohn 5: 1-9	
Wednesday 28	10am	Holy Communion		Hampton
Thursday 29	7am	Ascension Day - Holy Communion		Hampton
	SFRV	ICES FOR JUNE 2025		-
		– Seventh Sunday of Easter		
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		Benefice Eucharist	•	
Acts 16, 1	10am		Sedgeberrow	
		ation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end; John 1	7: 20-enu	llomaton
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion		Hampton
		8 June – Pentecost		
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton	
	11am	Morning Praise	Hinton (with)	
			Sedgeberrow	271
		9; Romans 8: 14-17 OR Acts 2: 1-21; Jol	nn 14: 8-17 [25-2 ⊤	_
Wednesday 11	10am	NO Holy Communion		Hampton

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