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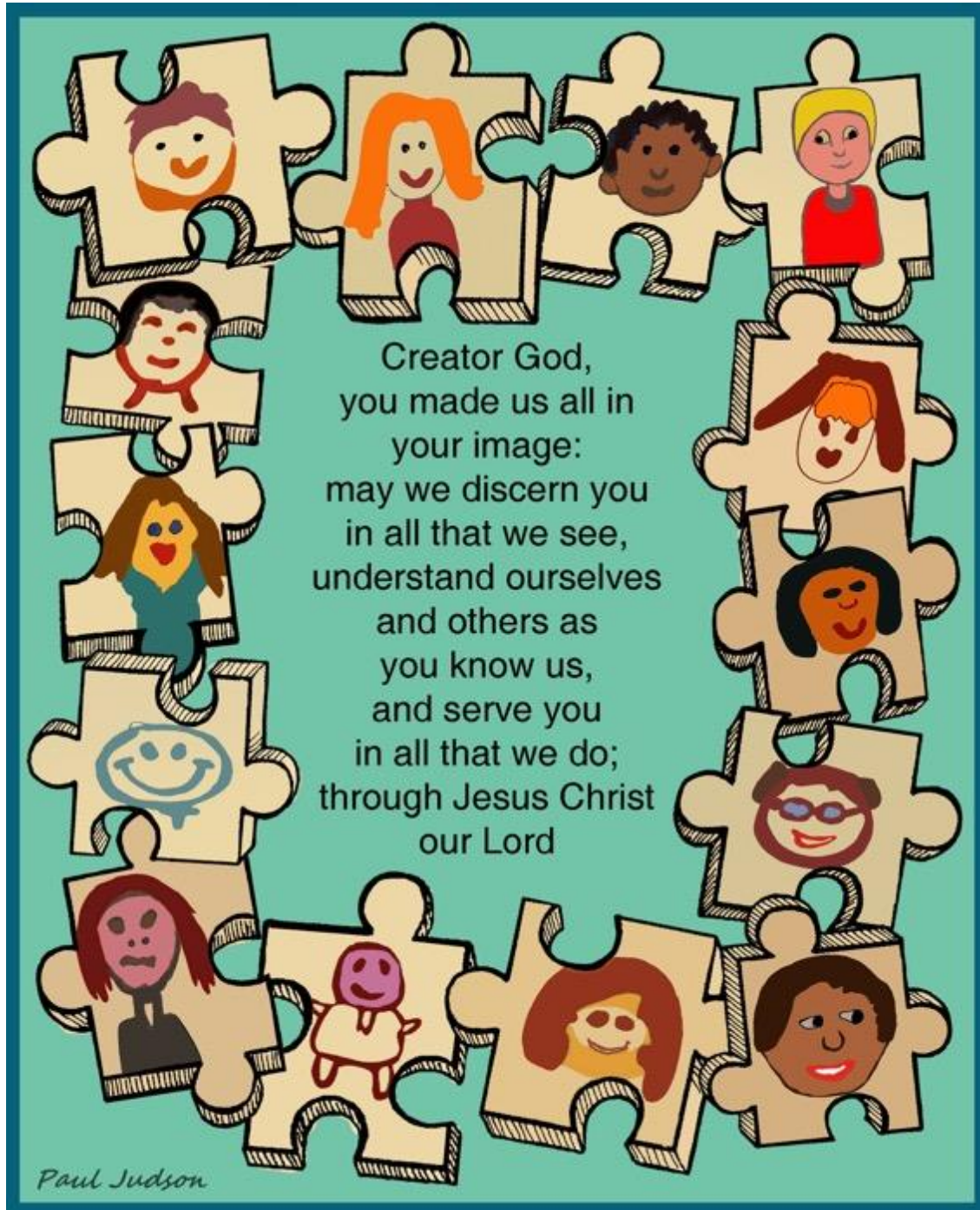


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A message from the Diocesan Secretary, Andy Todd

Hope-Filled Realism



Having faith sometimes means holding together things which might seem difficult to reconcile.

For example, it can be very hard to face difficult realities honestly, but also continue to have hope because we have confidence in the power and grace of God. Doom-laden despair and misty-eyed optimism can both be equally unhelpful. Hope-filled realism is, I would suggest, a far more authentically Christian response.

During May, June and July a series of conversations is taking place between representatives of every church in the Diocese and some of the diocesan team. We'll be looking together at each church's situation – where things are good, where there are struggles – the hopes, opportunities and frustrations. Fundamentally those conversations will be seeking to be honest. Many parishes have spoken of the importance of naming reality, not trying to airbrush over or ignore

issues, or simply putting a brave face on things. The conversations will inform decisions about future direction.

I know that quite a few church communities will be feeling anxious about the future, and it's important to name that honestly. But that is not the end of the story. However things may seem to us, our faith teaches us that Jesus is Lord; he is committed to us, and has given us a mission and power to accomplish that mission. That power may not look like we expect it to – we might just see the challenges, but admitting those challenges and acknowledging we have come to the end of our human resources is often precisely the point at which God's resources can begin to do their work.

That is why, as well as being honest, I'm confident those conversations will be full of gratitude for all that God has already done, and hopeful for all that He can do, through – in St Paul's words – "his incomparably great power for us who believe" (Ephesians 1:19).

Thank you for all you do for your churches. May you be blessed with the gift of hope-filled realism in the weeks ahead.

Andy Todd

In our Thoughts and Prayers

A Prayer for The Middle East

God of mercy, look with compassion
on all who are affected by the present conflict.
Grant insight to hardened hearts,
comfort to the fearful,
protection to those in danger,
and hope to those who are despairing,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Refugees

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and
hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your
Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

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

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

Jack Massey, Dawn Heath and John Baldwin

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 or telephone
on 07946 281 759. It is hoped that the former number (01386) 446381 will be
available again once the transfer can be made.

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



St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

There is no coffee morning in July, as we are having a Church Fete on 19 July. Our next Coffee Morning is on Thursday 28 August at 10.00am.



Sedgeberrow Church Fete



Saturday 19 July at 2pm

12 - 2.30pm

Everyone Welcome

Tombola

Raffle

Teas

Games

and lots
more stalls

Cakes

New Cuppa, Cake and Chat Group

Hampton Farm Shop

Every Tuesday 2pm - 3pm

£2.50 a cup

This group aims to give those in the local community who are new to the parish, a chance to come together for an informal chat, and make new friends with help from people from the Church community.

Or just come along to enjoy the company of others.

Rev. Shellie Ward and Elaine Major LLM



Events Update – July / August 2025

Benefice Eucharist	Sun	29 June 10.00am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	1 July 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Cuppa and Chat	Tues	1 July 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	6 July 10.00am	Hinton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	8 July 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Cuppa and Chat	Tues	8 July 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Open Church	Sat	12 July 10.00 – 12.00	Hampton
Summer Fete	Sun	13 July 10.00am	Hinton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	15 July 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Cuppa and Chat	Tues	15 July 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Stay and Play	Tues	22 July 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Cuppa and Chat	Tues	22 July 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Summer Fete	Sun	27 July 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
2 C's Afternoon Tea	Sun	27 July 2.30 – 4.30	Scout & Guide Hall
Stay and Play	Tues	29 July 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	3 August 10.00am	Hampton
Stay and Play	Thurs*	7 August 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	10 August 10.00am	Hinton
Stay and Play	Tues	12 August 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	17 August 10.00am	Sedgeberrow
Stay and Play	Tues	19 August 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Benefice Eucharist	Sun	24 August 10.00am	Hampton
Stay and Play	Tues	26 August 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Asum Group Eucharist	Sun	31 August 10.00am	St Egwins, Norton

* **Stay and Play on Thursday 7 August (this week only), instead of 5 August**

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Romans

'Paul's letter to Rome is the high peak of Scripture...all roads in the Bible led to Romans, and all views afforded by the Bible are seen most clearly from Romans'
(J I Packer)

Paul probably wrote his letter to the Christians in Rome around AD 57 at Corinth, on his third missionary journey. The original recipients of the letter were predominantly Gentile, although Jews would have constituted a substantial minority of the congregation.

Paul set out to explain the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God's plan of salvation, as the Jewish Christians were being rejected by the larger Gentile group in the church. Paul begins by showing that both Jews and Gentiles are sinners in need of salvation. He shows how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus eternally affects both world history and every person.

This salvation, secured by Jesus, must be received *by faith*, as the example of Abraham shows. As salvation is not just about starting the Christian journey, Paul goes on to show how believers are freed from sin, law and death. This is made possible both through their union with Christ in His death and resurrection and by the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The theme of the book centres on the Gospel of Christ, which brings us into a right standing with God through faith: *'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*' (Rom. 1:16,17).

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Last Sunday of the month

Next Two C's – 27 July & 31 August 2025 from 2.30 – 4.30

St Peter's Church, Hinton on the Green

News and Upcoming Events

Summer Fete - Sunday 13th July

Don't miss it – our *famous* Summer Fete is back!

Don't forget to come to our *famous* Summer Fete in Hinton on the Green on 13 July at noon.

Bring your dog and enter the dog show; buy some BBQ food or have tea and cake.

There is something for everybody with a raffle, tombola, games, strawberries and ice cream, teas, bar, and a super cake stall amongst many others. Spend your Sunday afternoon in our lovely Churchyard enjoying an old-fashioned event!

Would you like a stall or can you help with organising and help us make it even better! Message Clare Davies on 07814188077



🧠 Quiz Night - Saturday 4th October

Grab your cleverest friends and join us at **Sedgeberrow Village Hall** for an evening of fun and facts. **SAVE THE DATE.**

(Sadly the church doesn't have room for quiz tables – but our brains are too big for pews anyway!)

🧹 Village Litter Pick - Can You Help?

Let's clean up Hinton!

We're looking for a local litter-pick leader. Could it be you? - contact Clare Davies 07814188077

(No council funding anymore, but plenty of village spirit!)

ST ANDREW'S TOTS

HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL

Every Tuesday in term time, at 9.30am

Last one this term – 15 July, Return 23 September

For further information:

Margaret Thomson 01386 47541 or look at our
Facebook page



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9.30 am on Tuesday* mornings during the School Holidays

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Dates:

Tuesdays 22, 29 July

*Thursday 7 August

Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 August



For further information: Margaret Thomson 01386 47541

A Smile

A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Evesham Festival of Words



Greyfriars Bobby

Saturday 5th July 2025 7.00 – 9.00pm

Join us for a heartwarming one-man adaptation of the classic tale based on the true story of a Highland Terrier and his unwavering loyalty to his master, Jock.

A sentimental caper for animal lovers young and old, but equally appealing to lovers of live theatre.

This is a production by Don't Go Into the Cellar with actor Jonathan Goodwin, who has previously performed A Christmas Carol and Wilde About Oscar for the Festival. Don't Go Into the Cellar perform at venues across the UK from theatres to manor houses and festivals.

Their shows offer an original take on traditional Victorian and Edwardian literature – perfect for people seeking good old-fashioned theatrical entertainment.

Venue: The Henrician Victoria Avenue WR11 4QH

Tickets: £13.00, (plus £1.00 booking fee)

Book online via www.henrician.org

Hush Hush! A Bletchley Story

Saturday 10th August 2025 2.00 pm

In a nondescript mansion house, in a nondescript town, a group of extraordinary men and women worked to provide intelligence that would help to win the war. But shhhhhh, you'd better keep it under your hat, because as far as the rest of world is concerned, Bletchley Park doesn't exist.

Peggy Valentine arrives at Bletchley in 1940, 18 years old, headstrong and gifted. Finding herself in a world of boffins, soldiers and debutantes, Peggy has to shoulder the burden of high pressure war work whilst navigating a new world of feuds, friendships and growing up in a frame of absolute secrecy.

But what of the world beyond Bletchley? As the war rages on in Europe, the stakes are raised for Peggy and her friends as they work to protect their loved ones fighting abroad. Mikron invites you to enter a world of secrets, songs and cyphers as we get to know the heroes of Hut 3.

Venue: Raphael's, Hampton Ferry, WR11 4pb

*This event will take place outside whatever the weather. Bring your own chairs. No need to pre-book. **There will be the usual Mikron 'pay what you feel' bucket collection at the end of the performance.** If you would like to eat at Raphael's, please book with them direct – 01386 45460. Note, own food cannot be eaten on Raphael's premises.*

What else is happening round Evesham in July and August

- **Brush off the chill of winter and Swing into Summer with Bands in the Park 2025!**

Peaceful music will be played every Sunday for Summer from May 25 onwards in Abbey Park. The popular free-of-charge music festival, Bands in the Park, is **back** for Summer 2025!

The festival will run every Sunday from 2:30-4:30pm in Evesham's scenic Abbey Park. There will be a dynamic blend of music and community spirit as more Swing, Silver and Brass bands perform throughout the season.

The series runs from May 26th to the end of August, excluding two weekends. The schedule includes:

- **July 7th:** Arrow Valley Brass Band
- **July 14th:** Stour Concert Band
- **July 21st:** Worcester Concert Brass
- **July 28th:** Alcester Victoria Band
- **Evesham River Festival – July 12th**
- **Battle of Evesham Festival – 1st to 3rd August**

This event features a variety of activities, including fireworks, raft races, live music and more.

This is the main event celebrating the 760th anniversary of the Battle of Evesham. The occasion will be marked by a Grand Parade; battle re-enactments; jousting; archery demonstrations; living history camp displays, and a range of stalls catering for medieval and modern tastes.

In addition, there will be a programme of talks by historians and others throughout the weekend. Sir Tony Robinson will be speaking at 2.30pm on Saturday 2 August and at 1.30pm on Sunday 3 August, an event entitled '**A Cunning History** – a talk by one of England's favourite Knights'.

Evesham Festival of Words is proud to be sponsoring the Presentation Marquee where all the talks will take place. Tickets for all the author events can be purchased at www.shop.battleofevesham.co.uk

- **Evesham Angling Festival – 23.,24, 25 August**

The UK's premier fishing competition, with anglers from across the county set to visit **Evesham's Crown Meadow**.

- **Pershire Plum Festival – 23, 24, 25 August**

Visit Pershire in August for the event, which has won the best event/festival in Worcestershire award four times. Stalls, rides, a classic car show and more.

Sudoku Solutions (from p18)

Community Choir

Easy Sudoku

3	6	2	4	8	1	9	7	5
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Medium Sudoku

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9	8	5	6	3	2	1	7	4



Evesham Community Choir

SUMMER CONCERT

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Saturday 19th July, 7pm.

Evesham Methodist Church

Tickets £10

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In Person: Choir Member.
By Phone: 07716 110812.
Email: ecctickets@gmail.com.
Online: bit.ly/19-07-25.

From the Registers – May 2025

Burial of Ashes		
27 May	Dawn Heath	Sedgeberrow

Can you help knit a Poppy (or few)?

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

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

Contact Lisa James on 07866654923 for further details.



Reflecting Faith: Saying Hello

The Revd Dr Jo White considers

Last month we considered how, when we are invited by the priest to come and receive Holy Communion, our immediate response is one of being overwhelmed with the enormity of what we are being offered. We recognise how unworthy we are, to even be in God's presence, never mind taking Him in our hands and making Him part of ourselves.

Now, for the next few months, let's consider some other key moments in our church services. Let's start at the very beginning.... Just saying hello!

How do you say 'hello' to the people you meet? We don't use the same words, gestures and tone to each person, nor on each occasion.

When we meet a very senior person in our workplace; we tend to be deferential and formal. By the time we have worked together for some months, we will still hold them in high regard and with respect, but we are probably more relaxed in their presence.

As for members of our close family, there's a time for huge hugs and explosions of laughter, such as at the arrivals desk of the airport, but such a greeting is probably not so appropriate when we meet them in a formal restaurant for lunch.

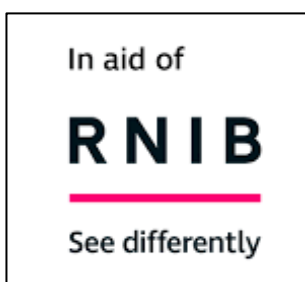
So it is on a Sunday morning, when we meet with the members of our church in the setting of a church service.

By meeting together for worship, we have come deliberately into a consciousness of God's presence. It's not that He hasn't been with us on the way there, but this is a specific and intentional thing.

So, when the person leading the service says 'hello' at the start of the service, they are not just welcoming you as an individual but rather acknowledging that we are meeting together in the presence of God, to worship Him.

This is special. This is amazing. This is huge.

This month: When you next go to a church service take note of the leader's opening words and your expected response to them. What is your acceptance to that wonderful invitation?



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We can hardly believe how quickly this academic year has flown by!

The summer term has been packed with activity, particularly outdoors, where every class has enjoyed weekly forest sessions. From building fires and cooking, to minibeast hunts and nature exploration, the children have embraced a wide range of woodland adventures.

Back in school, our daily act of worship continues to focus on core Christian Values that resonate with everyone, regardless of faith. Last half-term, we explored the value of TRUST — a vital quality that must be earned and is essential for forming strong, lasting friendships. The children reflected thoughtfully on what trust means and how it impacts our relationships.

In June, St Andrew's marked World Oceans Day with great enthusiasm. Across the school, pupils were captivated by the wonders of ocean life and inspired to think about how we can protect our planet. Geography lessons included locating the world's oceans, science sessions explored ocean conservation, and children from each year group created stunning turtle artwork inspired by various artists. To round off our World Oceans Day celebrations, pupils came together for a high-energy 'recycling relay', competing in their house teams. Each class raced to sort rubbish into the correct bins — plastic, cardboard, paper, and metal, combining speed with sustainability! Congratulations to Oak House, who claimed first place, with Ash House coming in as close runners-up. We hope the day left a lasting impression about the importance of ocean conservation and continues to inspire our young environmentalists for years to come.

This term, Reception also enjoyed a lovely visit to St Andrew's Church. The children showed great maturity throughout the service and particularly enjoyed joining in with the hymns. A big well done to all of Reception — your fantastic behaviour made your teachers very proud!

Year 5 had an unforgettable time on their Bell Boating adventure along the River Avon. With sunshine on their side, pupils honed their teamwork, paddled in unison, and balanced bravely while moving around the boats, all in preparation for their regatta races on Monday 23rd June. It was a fantastic day filled with fun, learning, and lots of laughter.

On Friday 4th July, we held our annual Sports Day. The children showed outstanding determination and sportsmanship in every race. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, and staff who joined in the fun, their enthusiasm helped create the supportive, family atmosphere that makes St Andrew's so special. Well done to all who took part! (continued overleaf)

Also this term, Year 5 travelled back in time with an engaging visit from the Battle of Evesham Trust. Four costumed visitors brought history to life, giving pupils a detailed look at the events of 1265. The children explored maps, learned about the key figures, and analysed the movement of armies to understand how Simon de Montfort found himself in such a tricky position! It was such a fascinating day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St Andrew's and our vibrant school community. We wish all our families a happy, restful summer holiday!

Joel Turvey – Headteacher

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Sudoku – Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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SERVICES FOR JULY 2025

6 July – Third Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hinton
Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: [1-6], 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20			
Wednesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
13 July – Fourth Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	11am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow w. Hinton
Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37			
Wednesday 16	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
20 July – Fifth Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	10am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-end			
Wednesday 23	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
27 July – Sixth Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11: 1-13			
Wednesday 30	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2025

3 August – Seventh Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hampton
Ecclesiastes 1.1: 12-14, 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21			
10 August – Eighth Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hinton
Genesis 15: 1-6; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40			
17 August – Ninth Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Sedgeberrow
Jeremiah 23: 23-28; Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56			
24 August – Tenth Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hampton
Isaiah 43: 8-13 OR Acts 5: 12-16; Acts 5: 12-16 OR 1 Corinthians 4: 9-15; Luke 22: 24-30			
31 August – Eleventh Sunday of Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Asum Group Eucharist	St Egwins, Norton
Ecclesiastes 10: 12-18 OR Proverbs 25: 6-7; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 7-14			

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