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Diocesan Secretary, Andy Todd, has written this article on unexpected treasures for December editions of parish magazines.

What things do you most treasure? I wouldn't be at all surprised if they have little value in financial terms – things like a first painting or drawing brought home from school by a child, a letter from a loved one, or an irreplaceable photograph. Treasure is where your heart is.

The story is told of a prosperous businessman seen hurrying to a butcher's shop on Christmas Eve during the Depression of the 1930s.

'Buying your Christmas turkey?' a friend asked. 'No, hot dogs,' answered the businessman. He

explained how a bank failure had suddenly wiped out his fortune. He faced Christmas with no money for gifts and less than a pound for food. Next day, he and his wife and small child said grace before dinner and then ate hot dogs – a whole kennel of them, in fact: his wife had given each frankfurter toothpicks for legs and dental floss for tails, ears and hair. Their child was enchanted, and her infectious delight spread merriment among them all. After dinner they gave thanks again for the most loving and festive time they'd ever had.



'Now it's tradition,' the man said. 'Hot dogs for Christmas – to remind us of that happy day when we realised that we still had one another and our God-given sense of humour.'

Christmas can be many things, but it is certainly an invitation to rediscover the treasure of being really

human. What gives life meaning is not the accumulation of ever more material comforts, but a willingness to be open to those around: and that includes - unexpectedly perhaps - the vulnerable and marginalised in our society, not just family and friends. That kind of openness

is risky, but our model and inspiration is the God who comes in the form of a defenceless baby. No centre stage, crowds or applause for him. Just a scruffy outhouse and a few oddball visitors. This king, it seems, needs to be looked for in unexpected places; but when anyone welcomes him, and in him all the world's vulnerable and defenceless, they find the greatest treasure of all.

So, look for treasure in unexpected places, and may you find unexpected joys this Advent and Christmas season.

In our Thoughts and Prayers

Christmas Prayer Poem

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
help us to remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.
May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake. **Amen**



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

Gary Andrews; Mary Andrews; Sue Burdett; Michael Collings; Harry Edwards;
Caroline Evans; Ann Fletcher; Claire Lording; Amanda Palmer; Joan Parry; Keith
Payne; Caroline Rusher; Steven Rhodes; Marguerite Smith; Carol Thould; David
Warrington; Jennifer and Tony Waters; Sharon and Shirley; Rev Julian Bomyer

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

Judy Cameron, Patricia Nettell, James Lawson Thould

St Mary the Virgin, Sedgeberrow

The **Tree Memorial Service** will be on Sunday
14 December at 10am.

The **Carols and Curry Evening** will be on Friday
19 December at 6pm



Hampton Benefice

Benefice Office and Vestry

"What is happening at the Church?"

For many years we have been planning to put a kitchen and toilet into the church so that it becomes a more usable space for the community. At long last we have the funds to begin the work.

The floor needed levelling first, and now the toilet and kitchen are being installed. As you can imagine this is a very expensive project, so your support for our fundraising events is very welcome,

I will give you another update on the project in the next edition of the Herald.

Margaret Thomson - Hampton PCC

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.

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

Our Safeguarding Officer: Margaret Thomson 07917 726411.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Hilary Higton, can be contacted on 07495 060 869.

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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Last Tots this term is on 16 December. We return on 13 January 2026

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And there were shepherds...

In his gospel, Luke tells how the shepherds in the fields were keeping watch over their flocks when they were terrified by the sudden arrival of heavenly angels, surrounded by the glory of the Lord. And the message of the angel that night has rung down the centuries:

"I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
(Luke 2:10,11)

And so, the first people to greet the Saviour were not rich VIPS, but humble shepherds. And in turn, it was the shepherds who became the first evangelists: for they would have gone home to their families and neighbours that night with the amazing news of what they had seen.

Meanwhile, for Mary there followed a time of reflection. She gathered up in her mind all her impressions, and all that the shepherds had shared about the angelic visit. She knew it was treasure, and not to be squandered. Then she quietly pondered in her heart the meaning and significance of all that had happened, so that she would never forget.

Exuberant witness and quiet contemplation are not opposites. They are, in fact, good companions in the spiritual life!

So, this Christmas, let's be filled with the joy that the Saviour has also been born 'to us'. May our lives reflect the glory of His coming, even in a small way. May our interactions with friends, colleagues and families during this Advent season reflect the great joy that the angels brought that night, so long ago.

Can you work out these Christmas Anagrams?

Unwrap the letters to find the Christmas word or phrase

- 1 ENLIST
- 2 DISPATCH DRUMS GIN
- 3 DRY BAN
- 4 MANS WON
- 5 CAN CAN DYE
- 6 BADGE RINGER
- 7 MICE PINE
- 8 BLESSING KIT PAN
- 9 IVY TITAN
- 10 KING SCOT

Answers on Page 7

Christmas Island

There are two Christmas Islands in the world. The first is a dot in the Indian Ocean and even though it is in Australian territory, its closest neighbour is Java, 360km away. It comprises the summit of an oceanic mountain, rising to 36m above sea level and predominantly covered by tropical rainforest.

British and Dutch navigators first included the island on their charts in the early seventeenth century, and Captain William Mynors named the island when he arrived on Christmas Day in 1643, although he was unable to land. In 1688, when Captain William Dampier landed at the Dales (on the West Coast), two of his crew became the first recorded people to set foot on Christmas Island. Christmas Island was not settled until 1888, when the Clunies-Ross brothers from the neighbouring Cocos-Keeling Islands (some 900km to the south-west) established a settlement at Flying Fish Cove to collect timber supplies. The British Admiralty annexed the island on 6 June 1888, and phosphate extraction became the impetus behind the island's development.

Today the recoverable reserves of phosphate are nearly exhausted, and during the 1990's a shift in economy began to take place whereby other industries such as tourism edged their way in. A more recent population survey showed fewer than 2,000 inhabitants, only one third of whom are female. Almost three quarters of the population are from Chinese origins, but all are Australian citizens, and the Australian schooling system prevails. An interesting place indeed.

The other Christmas Island is one of the many islands in the Republic of Kiribati. Part of the Line Island Group, it is the largest coral atoll in the world with an area of 248 square miles. Its population is mainly Micronesian from the I-Kiribati archipelago, with a small group of Polynesians from Tuvalu and some expatriates. From the time of the Cold War, Christmas Island will be remembered for the nuclear bomb tests that took place off its coast. Britain's first nuclear test explosion at Christmas Island took place on 15 May 1957, and in November 1957 there were two further H-bomb explosions.

Those who served at Christmas Island are still fighting for compensation for the terrible consequences of the experiments for their health and of their offspring.

Here are the Anagram answers from page 6.

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| 1 Tinsel | 6 Gingerbread |
| 2 Christmas Pudding | 7 Mince Pie |
| 3 Brandy | 8 Pigs in Blankets |
| 4 Snowman | 9 Nativity |
| 5 Candy Cane | 10 Stocking |

Reflecting Faith: Listening to the Gospel

One of the highlights of the Christmas services is the reading of the opening passage from John's Gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word ...'

I love the poetry of the words and sentences, as well as their very meaning. In most churches everyone will stand for that reading, which emphasises its importance. But what makes it important?

Most gospel passages that are read in church include the words of Jesus Himself, handed down to us over the centuries, but here there are none. Rather, this is the defining statement of who Jesus is and where He came from.

The way that the gospel readings are valued by the Church can be seen in our church buildings over the years. In older churches you will find two lecterns, one either side of the central altar. The right-hand side is for the Old Testament and epistle readings, and the left-hand side lectern (as the congregation faces the altar) is for the gospel reading.

On the altar, the holder for the priest's book was physically moved to that side, so that as he read out the gospel, he would be facing the northern side of the church. Traditionally that was the colder, darker side, thought to be 'least' holy and therefore in need of the gospel most.

Nowadays all readings may be given from the same place at the front of church, though in some churches the gospel book will be processed with or without candles, into the centre of the congregation, to bring us all gathering around Christ's words.

It is because of this absolute importance of the gospels that people face the gospel, so as it is processed, they move their body and heads towards it. This will leave some people with their backs to the altar for that time, but it is the 'Word made flesh' that we honour. *The Revd Dr Jo White considers reading the gospel in Church*

This month: This year during the Christmas season, listen out for that wonderful passage from John Chapter 1, and consider how and where from it is being read and how that reflects the faith of the congregation you are within.

25th December, 336

The first recorded celebration of Christmas took place under the first Christian emperor, Constantine I.

The date coincided with the pagan festival of **Saturnalia**, where, paying tribute to Saturn, the Romans would take time off work, exchange gifts, and light candles. The traditions and celebrations of Saturnalia were upheld when the Roman Empire began to embrace Christianity.



What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Philippians

This letter was written to Christians in the Macedonian city of Philippi when Paul was in prison, probably in Rome (60-62 AD). His primary purpose in writing was to thank them for the gift they had sent him upon learning of his imprisonment. However, he also uses the letter as an opportunity to report on his situation; to encourage the Philippians to stand firm in the face of persecution and rejoice regardless of circumstances; to exhort the church to live in humility, fellowship, and unity; to commend Epaphroditus and Timothy to them; and to warn them about false teaching. This included Judaizers who were persuading the Philippians to submit to circumcision.

The central message of Philippians focuses on joy (the word occurs some sixteen times!). For Paul, joy isn't simply an emotional response to favourable circumstances. True joy is to be found through a relationship with the resurrected and glorified Christ. Death ceases to be an enemy, because through it we can more fully enjoy the presence of Jesus. This joy is also rooted in an expectation of the return of Jesus, which gives urgency to the task of sharing the gospel. So, Paul begins his letter by thanking the Philippians for their partnership together in the work of the gospel through the offerings they have sent.

Paul also powerfully appeals to the Philippians to be of *'one mind'* in pursuing humility and unity. He gives the example of Jesus himself *'who made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant'* (2:7) to the point of dying the death of a common criminal. *'Therefore'*, say Paul, *'God exalted him to the highest place'* (2:9). This 'Jesus attitude' is the one that all believers should share.

Sudoku Solutions (from p16)

Easy Sudoku

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Medium Sudoku

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Events Update – December 2025

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| St Andrew's Tots | Tues | 2 December 9.30am | Scout & Guide Hall |
| Coffee Club | Tues | 2 December 2.00pm | Farm Shop |
| Mince Pie Giveaway | Sat | 6 Dec 11.00 – 12.00 | Market Square |
| Toy Service | Sun | 7 December 10.00am | Hampton |
| St Andrew's Tots Party | Tues | 9 December 9.30am | Scout & Guide Hall |
| Coffee Club | Tues | 9 December 2.00pm | Farm Shop |
| Open Church | Sat | 13 Dec 10.00 – 12.00 | Hampton |
| St Andrew's Tots Church | Tues | 16 December 9.30am | Scout & Guide Hall |
| Coffee Club | Tues | 16 December 2.00pm | Farm Shop |
| Carols in Community | Thurs | 18 December 7.00pm | Farm Shop |
| Schools Finish | Fri | 19 December | Hampton |
| Christingle Service | Sun | 21 December 4.00pm | Hampton |
| Crib Service | Wed | 24 December 4.00pm | Hampton |
| Midnight Eucharist | Wed | 24 December 11.30pm | Hampton |
| Christmas Day Service | Thurs | 25 December 10.00am | Hampton |
| Asum Eucharist | Sun | 28 December 10.00pm | All Saints |
| No 2 C's today | Sun | 28 December | Scout & Guide Hall |

Toy Service — 7 December 2025



Toys wanted. Please bring wrapped toys to the Church, labelled with gender and age of potential recipient. If you wish to arrange a time to drop them off, then please contact the Office, or Margaret or Jane.

Mince Pie Giveaway

Evesham Market Square

Saturday 6 December 11.00 - 12.00

Mince Pie Donations needed. Shop bought only please.

Please leave in Church.



Coffee Club

Cuppa, Cake and Chat
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



Hampton Farm Shop
Christmas Market
Saturday 13 December
11.00 am - 3pm

There will be live music, mulled wine and mince pies! We are raising money for the Vale of Evesham school and would be extremely grateful for any prizes for the raffle / tombola that anyone is willing to donate!

If you would like a stall on the day please get in touch! 🌲



CHRISTMAS
Carols in the Community
Hampton Farm Shop
Thursday 18 December
7.00 pm



Evesham Christmas Concert



Join us for a magical evening of festive music at the Parish Church of All Saints on Saturday 6th December 2025 at 7:00pm!

There is no need to book... just come along, all welcome

Free admission

Donations to support the work of All Saints in the community are warmly welcomed

Launching Evesham Christmas Tree Festival

The annual Evesham Christmas Tree Festival takes place in All Saints Church from Sunday 7th - Friday 26th December.



Posting Dates for Christmas

We send an estimated 900 million to 1 billion Christmas cards in the UK each year. Royal Mail delivers around 150 million. On average, each person in the UK sends and receives about 17 cards.

This year the final Royal Mail Christmas posting dates are as follows:

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| Wednesday, 17 December | 2nd Class and 2nd Class Signed For |
| Friday, 19 December | Royal Mail Tracked 48 |
| Saturday, 20 December | 1st Class and 1st Class Signed For |
| Sunday, 21 December | Royal Mail Tracked 24 |
| Tuesday, 23 December | Special Delivery Guaranteed. |

(It is best to post as early as possible to avoid the last-minute rush)



Worcester Cathedral - Events

Christmas Fayre

4 DECEMBER – 7 DECEMBER 2025

Join us for the return of our Christmas Fayre.

Pop along from Thursday 4 December to Sunday 7 December and grab your Christmas goodies in the glorious setting of the Cathedral. 10am-4pm on Thursday, 10am-5pm Friday and Saturday and 12-4pm on Sunday.

You are also very welcome to join us for the opening service for Worcester's Victorian Christmas Fayre on Thursday 4 December at 4.45pm.

There will also be Shoppers Carols at 11am and 2pm on Friday 5 December.

*Well-behaved dogs on a short lead are welcome in the Cathedral during the Christmas period, including to the Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fayre. During particularly busy times we ask owners to be mindful of the limited space for the comfort of all of our visitors.



Christmas Tree Festival

4 DECEMBER 2025 - 6 JANUARY 2026

It's back and it's bigger than ever!

With more trees from charities, schools, businesses, community groups and others from across the region to enjoy.

Our sparkling Christmas Tree Festival will be open to visit from Thursday 4 December 2025 until Tuesday 6 January 2026 (excluding Christmas Eve* and Christmas Day**), during normal visiting hours - 10am-5pm Monday to Saturday and 12.30-3pm on Sundays.

*Open for visiting 9am-12pm on Christmas Eve.

** The Cathedral is open for worship on Christmas Day at 7.30 am, 8 am, 10.30am and 4 pm - usual visiting resumes on Boxing Day.

St Andrew's CE First School

Successful Learners; Success for Life

At the end of November, St Andrew's CE School and Nursery had an unforgettable morning as CBBC Newsround arrived on site to broadcast live from our ***Children in Need Sponsored Bounce!*** Excitement filled the School Hall as cameras, microphones and presenters set up to capture the incredible energy and enthusiasm of our pupils. Children from across the school, along with plenty of eager staff, took turns to bounce throughout the day, doing their part to raise vital funds for this fantastic charity. Laughter, determination and lots of Pudsey ears could be seen everywhere as each class joined in, cheering one another on and helping make a real difference. The live broadcast gave our pupils a wonderful opportunity to shine, showing the nation how dedicated and community-spirited St Andrew's truly is. We are so proud of everyone who took part and helped spread the message of kindness and support. A huge thank you to CBBC Newsround for visiting, and an even bigger thank you to our amazing children and staff for bouncing their hearts out for Children in Need! We raised over £4,200 for this amazing charity.

This half-term, we came together for our whole-school Celebration Assembly, where we recognised the hard work, achievements, and positive contributions of our pupils. Children were awarded Outside Achiever Certificates, celebrating their accomplishments beyond the classroom. We also presented our Class Values Awards, recognising those who had consistently demonstrated our core values in their daily school life. Our newly elected School Council representatives proudly received their badges, ready to begin their important role in giving pupils a voice across the school. To finish, we were delighted to present the Photography Trophy, which was awarded to Oak House for their impressive creativity and teamwork.

Also this half-term, Year 3 travelled back to the Mesolithic and Neolithic Stone Age during an exciting trip to Bishops Wood. Through hands-on activities, the children experienced life as early humans—building nomadic shelters from natural materials, trying hunter-gathering tasks, and creating sparks with flint stones. They also ground seeds into flour to explore the move from foraging to farming, and produced their own cave-style artwork inspired by ancient paintings.

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

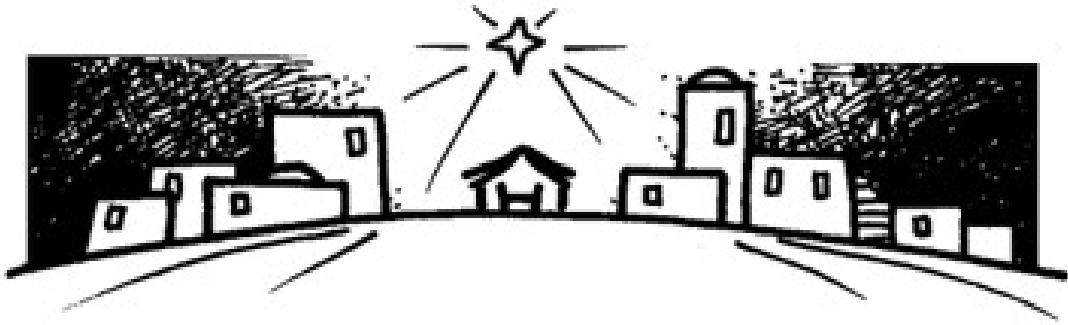
Finally, everyone at St Andrew's School would like to wish our local community a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Joel Turvey – Headteacher

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Christmas Services

Hampton

Sunday 7 December – 10am – Toy Service

Thursday 18 December – 7pm – Carols at the Farm Shop

Sunday 21 December – 4pm – Carols and Christingle

Wednesday 24 December – 4pm - Crib and Carol Service

Wednesday 24 December – 11.30pm – Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day 25 December – 10 am - Christmas Eucharist

Sunday 28 December – 10 am – Asum Eucharist (All Saints)

Sedgeberrow

Sunday 14 December – 10am – Carols + Tree Memorial

From the Registers – October 2025

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| Baptisms | | |
| 19 October | Hallie Gillian Millin | Hampton |
| Renewal of Vows | | |
| 25 October | Mark and Karene Goodhall | Hampton |
| Funerals | | |
| 6 October | Jesse Orchard | Hampton |
| 8 October | Jennifer Westwood | Hampton |
| 17 October | John Livingstone | Sedgeberrow |

RECIPE - Christmas Tiffin with Baileys

A very chocolatey sweet treat!

Ingredients

- **For the base:**
- 100g Butter
- 250g Milk chocolate
- 200g Dark chocolate
- 7 tbsp Baileys Irish Cream
- 100g Raisins
- 250-350g Biscuits/Shortbread, crushed into chunks
- 100-225g Maraschino cherries, halved
- **For the topping:**
- 50-100g White chocolate
- Optional: Extra dark or milk chocolate for swirling, and sprinkles or edible glitter



Method

- In a microwave-safe bowl, mix the raisins with a couple of tablespoons of Baileys and heat for about 30 seconds. Cover and set aside to absorb the liquid.
- In a saucepan over low heat, melt the butter with the dark and milk chocolate.
- Add the rest of the Baileys to the melted chocolate mixture. Stir in the raisins, crushed biscuits, and halved cherries until everything is well coated.
- Pour the mixture into a square tin lined with parchment paper and smooth the top. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour, or until firm.
- Melt the white chocolate and the other chosen chocolates separately. Blob the different types of melted chocolate over the set base and use a chopstick or knife to swirl them together.
- Sprinkle with decorations if desired, and place back in the fridge to set completely for at least another hour.
- Before cutting, let the tiffin come to room temperature slightly to prevent the chocolate from cracking. Warm a knife in hot water to achieve a clean cut



Sudoku – Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2025

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|---|---------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Wednesday 3 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 7 December – Second Sunday of Advent | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Morning Praise and Toy Service | Hampton |
| Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12 | | | |
| Wednesday 10 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 14 December – Third Sunday of Advent | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Parish Eucharist | Hampton |
| | 10am | Tree Memorial Service | Sedgeberrow |
| Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11 | | | |
| Wednesday 17 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 21 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Morning Praise | Hampton |
| | 4pm | Carol and Christingle Service | Hampton |
| Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-end | | | |
| 24 December – Christmas Eve | | | |
| | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 4pm | Crib Service | Hampton |
| | 11.30pm | Midnight Eucharist | Hampton |
| 25 December – Christmas Day | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Christmas Eucharist | Hampton |
| 28 December – First Sunday of Christmas | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Asum Eucharist | All Saints |
| Isaiah 63:7-9, Hebrews 2:10-end, Matthew 2:13-end | | | |
| Wednesday 31 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2026

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| 4 January – Epiphany | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Morning Praise | Hampton |
| Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12 | | | |
| Wednesday 8 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| 11 January – First Sunday of Epiphany | | | |
| | 8am | Holy Communion | Hampton |
| | 10am | Parish Eucharist | Hampton |
| Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-end | | | |
| Wednesday 15 | 10am | Holy Communion | Hampton |

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