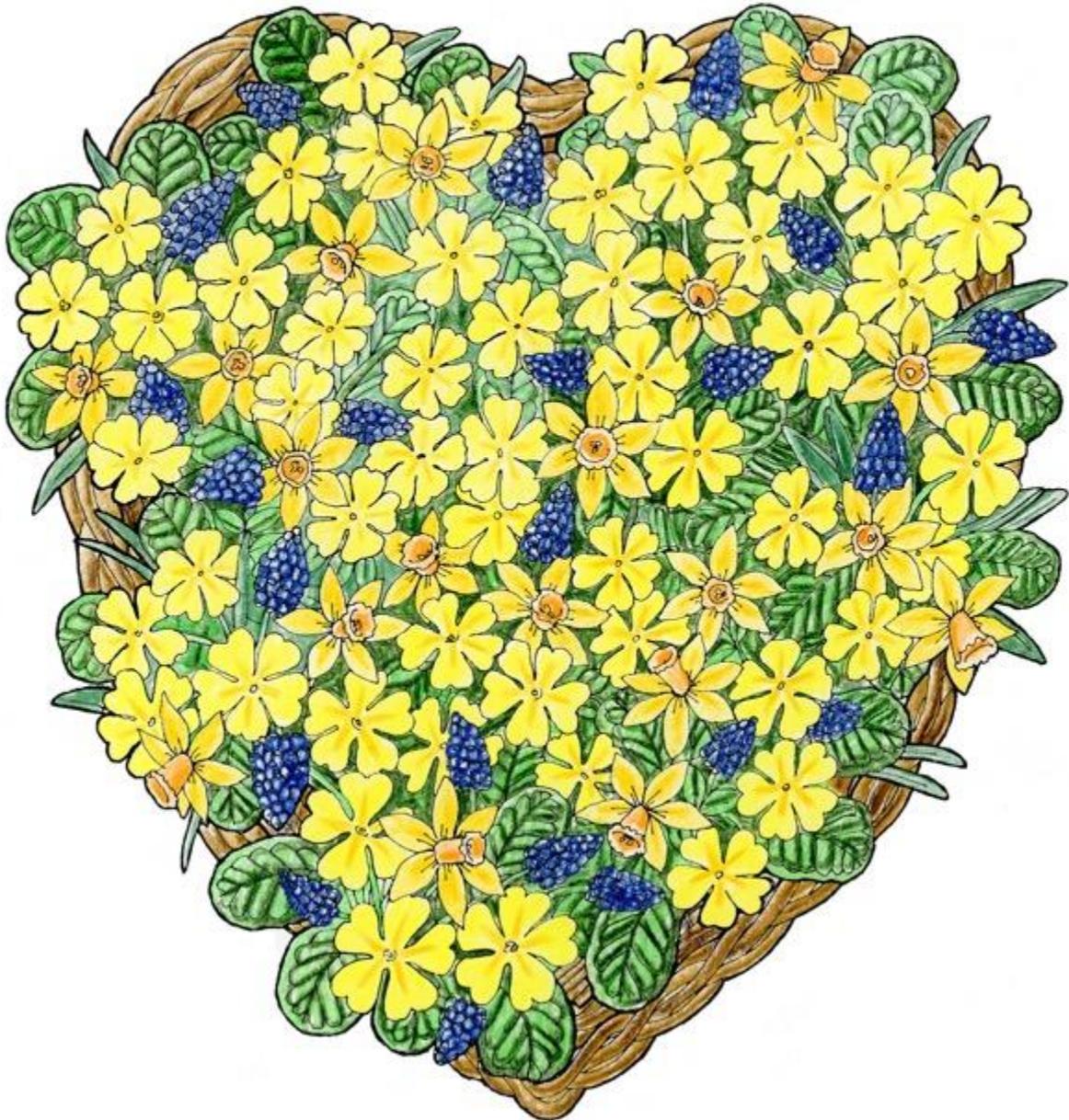




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An Article from Bishop Hugh

Dear friends

It has been three weeks since my installation service at the Cathedral, and I have been blown away by the warmth and generosity of the welcome that you have all shown me. From rural church communities and meals in the local pub; to worship in the oldest church building in Worcester, where children told us how to live 'in heaven on earth'; to visits to primary and secondary schools, where I was asked questions as diverse as 'What is your favourite Tesco's meal deal?' and 'What is the place of religion in politics?'. I've had a morning spent with clergy and LLMs on our response to the climate crisis; a lunch with our wonderful, retired clergy; an evening with ordinands training for ministry; and important conversations about how we build a diocese that puts children and young people at the centre of everything. All of this (and that's just a few of the highlights!) has given me so many opportunities to listen and learn, and to start to get to know this wonderful diocese.

And there's still so much for me still to discover; so many people to meet, churches to join for worship and hopes and worries for me to hear. If you'd like to see what I'm discovering as I get out and about, I'm putting out a brief video every week or so, and you can find it on Facebook or Instagram.

In all of this, the thing that has struck me most, is the deep faithfulness of the church across the Diocese. In all the joys, and in the midst of challenges too – and I'm hearing about them as well – there are people serving their schools, churches, workplaces and communities with astonishing generosity and commitment.

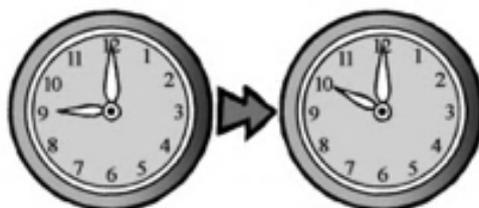
It has been such a privilege to start getting to know you all. I look forward to meeting many more people, churches and communities in the months to come – and do please invite me along.

Please keep praying for me, as I continue to pray for you.

God bless, Hugh

Don't forget that the clocks go forward at 2am on Sunday 29 March

This marks the beginning of British Summertime, which started when the Summer Time Act was passed in 1916 so that people in the northern hemisphere could make more use of the daylight hours.



In our Thoughts and Prayers

A Prayer for Guidance

Dear God...

We ask for your guidance in our lives. Help us to make decisions that align with your will and purpose. May we seek your wisdom and direction in all that we do. Let your guidance lead us on the right path. Thank you for always being there to guide us. Help us to listen and be open to your leading.

Guide us to recognize and follow the promptings of your Spirit, even when they lead us outside our comfort zones. Help us to trust in your timing and to be patient as we seek your guidance. May we be attentive to the ways you speak to us through scripture, prayer, and the people around us.

We pray for guidance for those who are facing major life decisions. Provide them with clarity and confidence in their choices. Thank you for the assurance that you are always with us, guiding and directing our steps. Help us to walk in your ways every day.

Amen.

Hampton

Church Building Work - Benefice Office and Vestry

"What is happening at the Church?"

St Andrews Church are so excited to announce that work on the vestry is well under way and after many years of plans, faculties, discussions, and sleepless nights we now have kitchen and toilet facilities in the church!

Although the kitchen and loo are now in use, the building work continues. Once this phase of the building work is complete, we will be inviting you all to a grand opening service so watch this space!

As you can imagine this is a very expensive project ,so your support for our fundraising events is very welcome ***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.

ALMs celebration service held at Worcester Cathedral

A service of celebration for Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) was held at the Cathedral on Saturday 24 January. 29 people from across the Diocese received a certificate from Bishop Martin to mark the completion of their courses, which equip them for specific roles in their parishes.

This year's ALMs have been trained to become children and youth work ministers, worship leaders or New Worshipping Community (NWC) ministers through the Myriad pathway. As ALMs they will work alongside ordained clergy and licensed lay ministers as part of the ministry teams in their individual parishes.

Representatives from each cohort took part in this joyous service including members of two New Worshipping Communities. Members of Create, a NWC at St Mary's, Kempsey which uses the Arts as a way of bringing people together, led the prayers, while the leaders of Activity church from St John's, Greenlands in Redditch which brings families to God through crafts, stories and music, taught the congregation one of the songs they sing there, with its associated actions.

Archdeacon Nikki Groarke gave the sermon at the service. She said:

"As I look out at you all this afternoon, I see an abundance of potential. In this cathedral there are masses of gifts... In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul makes it clear that the role of those with clearly identified gifts is to use them in their different forms to help everyone else discover theirs. Then, Paul says, the church will be built up and united, knowing Jesus fully, and being filled to live life maturely and confidently to the full.

As we celebrate the completion of your training today, and you are later authorised in your parishes to lead in worship in both traditional and new settings, and to invest in children and young people, this will be part of your calling. Not only to use your gifts, but to identify and encourage gifts in others...I am certain that when we are all working towards that individually, the church as a whole will reach its potential and flourish."



Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday - the fourth Sunday of Lent- offers families an opportunity to honour the women who have nurtured them. Lots of different streams and traditions have come together to make today's Mothering Sunday the special day that it is.



In the Middle Ages it was an occasion for everyone to visit their 'mother' church - the place where they had been baptised. Later, an opportunity for those who worked away from home to visit their mothers became added to the mix of reasons to make it a special day.

Today we honour all women who have in one way or another been special to us, and in church this is usually signalled by small bunches of flowers for every woman present.

Treating mums and grans to Sunday lunch, chocolates and flowers is also part of the present mix. And will there be a simnel cake to be seen - a tradition from ages past - with its rich layers of marzipan, and eleven balls of marzipan on top, reminders of the 11 disciples who remained faithful to Jesus?

Not everyone has enjoyed a wonderful or enduring relationship with their mum, so lest we get carried away on a wave of love and sentimentality, there is usually space in the Mothering Sunday church service to reflect on and pray for those whose relationships with their mother were not all they might have been.

Also, there are the families blighted by the lack of, or death of a child; families remembering a mum who died tragically young; women who never had a child but would have dearly loved the opportunity; all these and more are a recognition of the imperfections of human love, human life.

These imperfections can be brought in prayer to the God who mothers us. In the Old Testament, Isaiah speaks of God comforting His people like a mother hen. In the New Testament, both Matthew and Luke bear witness to Jesus expressing His desire to gather His people as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Yes, God has strong maternal qualities which He invites us to discover and enjoy! Have you discovered the mothering, nurturing, maternal qualities which God offers to all people? It's lovelier than flowers, more long-lasting than simnel cake, better than a visit from family, and it's free to everyone who wants it - it could be yours!



The Seven Deadly Sins: Anger

Canon Paul Hardingham with a seven-part series

'Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good one.' (Benjamin Franklin).

Who or what makes you angry? In the third of our 7 Deadly Sins, we are looking at *anger* (or *wrath*).

It describes uncontrolled feelings of hatred and resentment, and it can lead to resentment and grudges, quarrelling and damaged relationships. Jesus warns us about the consequence of anger: *'I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.'* (Matt 5:22).

Jesus Himself got angry, notably when He saw the Temple being exploited by the money changers (Matt 21:12-13). Such *righteous anger* is a measured response to injustice or evil, motivated by love not vengeance.

However, it is important for us to deal with unrighteous anger in our lives: *'In your anger do not sin: do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.'* (Ephesians 4:26,27). What practical steps can we take to do this?

Acknowledge your anger: What are the root causes of our anger? Often it comes from deeper feelings, like fear, inadequacy or the desire to control.

Control your anger: Stepping back before reacting can prevent anger from controlling us: *'everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry'* (James 1:19,20).

Seek to forgive: Practising forgiveness, not seeking revenge or holding grudges, will enable us to overcome anger: *'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.'* (Colossians 3:12,13). Christ died to take the wrath of God we deserve, that we might know God's forgiveness. *'People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing'* (Will Rogers).



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What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Jeremiah

Jeremiah is described as *'a true, honest, and God-revealing companion for the worst of times.'* (Eugene Peterson). He was a priest from the village of Anathoth, near Jerusalem. His ministry to Judah began in 626 B.C. and continued until after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

Jeremiah brought a message of judgment and hope: *'See, I have set you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.'* (1:10).

During Jeremiah's ministry, Judah had rejected the Lord for idols (2:13). They claimed to be God's people, yet they refused to heed God's word by refusing to be corrected and following false prophets who spoke what the people wanted to hear. Therefore, Jeremiah was the prophet of judgement. He called Judah to repent, but they refused (6:16-17). However, he also brought a message of hope. He preached that they should trust God (9:23-24) and that a faithful remnant would be restored to the land (23:3; 31:7-9).

Jeremiah was a reluctant prophet, who felt compelled to speak God's word (20:9). His life was characterised by sorrow, *'O my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me.'* (8: 18). His people continually refused to listen to him, rewarding his labour with rejection and persecution.

Much of Jeremiah's message remains relevant today, because we still fall into idolatry, whether it is wealth, talents or social standing. Sin requires repentance and restoration; obedience brings blessings and joy with it. However, Jeremiah also points to Christ, as the one who makes this possible. He showed great compassion for His people and shed tears for them. He suffered their ingratitude, but still forgave them.

St Andrew's Church - 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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Reflected Faith Series: Togetherness

Editor: The Revd Dr Jo White continues her series on aspects of Christianity.

Last month we began our Lenten journey with ashes on Ash Wednesday, reminding us of our beginning and our ending; soon we will conclude that time with Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Such a relatively short time for so great a distance. I'm reminded of this by the opening words used in Church of England services at the Palm Sunday services:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters His own city to complete His work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with Him in faith and love, so that, united with Him in His sufferings, we may share His risen life.



It's all about togetherness. Together as a small group of people in that one church where we worship. Together with 'the' Church across all denominations and throughout the world. Together with Christ Himself.

It's one of the reasons that we process on Palm Sunday. Ideally it will be a joyful and noisy procession with banners and rejoicing – reminding us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as much as into our own lives.

This month

It's in this joy wherein lies the contrast with our solemn and silent procession on Good Friday. We need them both. One on its own doesn't tell the full story. Just like a play on Good Friday without its follow-up on Easter Sunday leaves you hanging.

We all know that social media tends to only show happy occasions but that underneath all those meals and holidays and smiling faces there can be great heartaches and sorrows.

It's the togetherness of both of those emotions where the true depth of joy is to be found and not on the surfaces.

How do we greet Christ anew on Resurrection Sunday without the devastating loss of Good Friday, or that long week travelling in and out of the city walls? May you find real joy in togetherness this Eastertide!

Events Update – March 2026

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	3 March 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	3 March 2.00pm	Farm Shop
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	10 March 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	10 March 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Open Church	Sat	14 March 10.00 – 12.00	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	17 March 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	17 March 2.00pm	Farm Shop
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	24 March 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	24 March 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Schools Break Up	Fri	27 March	Hampton
2 C's	Sun	29 March 2.30-4.30	Scout & Guide Hall

In our Thoughts and Prayers

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

Gary Andrews; Mary Andrews; Harry Edwards; Phil Hammond; Jenny Lamb; Claire Lording; Joan Parry; Steven Rhodes; Carol Thould; Sheila Thould; Jennifer, Tony and Paul Waters; Shirley Lynch; Andrew Simpson; Sheilah Wright

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

Norman Kyte, Amanda Palmer, Susan Beasley, Susan Smith and Robert Fawke

Sudoku Solutions (from p16)

Easy Sudoku

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Medium Sudoku

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St Andrew's CE First School

Successful Learners; Success for Life



The last half-term was another action-packed learning extravaganza for every class. PCSOs Kin and Luke paid an exciting visit to Year 5 as part of their Crime and Punishment topic. They spoke about the important role PCSOs play in keeping our community safe, from supporting local residents to helping prevent crime. Year 5 had plenty of thoughtful questions, and the officers were impressed by how curious and engaged everyone was. The highlight for many was getting a close-up look at the police van, which certainly sparked even more discussion. A special well done went to our Community Leaders, who asked insightful questions about crime in the Hampton area and explored ways young people could make a positive difference every day. Their maturity and enthusiasm showed exactly what active citizenship looked like.

Recently, in science, Year 3 carried out an investigation to explore how absorbent different types of soil were. They tested clay, peat, chalky and sandy soils, and discovered that peat was the most absorbent. To ensure it was a fair test, the children used the same equipment for each soil type, including identical filter paper, scales and measuring cylinders, with the same amount of water.

In February, the children in in Apples learned all about firefighters. At the EAD table, they used a variety of tools to create patterns in paint, experimenting with texture and design. Outdoors, the children had great fun dressing up as firefighters and using the pretend hose to put out the fire, bringing their learning to life through imaginative play.

Also in February, the school held a wonderful Art History Day, during which several classes were inspired by the style and ideas of Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, particularly her use of maps, bold colours and symbolic imagery to explore identity and place. Pupils began by deciding what type of map they wanted to work with, choosing from the United Kingdom, the town of Evesham or even the school grounds. This choice encouraged them to reflect on the places that shape who they are and how they view the world around them. They then painted them using bright block colours, echoing Quick-to-See Smith's expressive use of layered, contrasting tones. These colours helped divide the maps into energetic sections and made each piece feel lively and meaningful. Finally, pupils added symbols to represent things that mattered to them, such as personal interests, memories, cultural connections or aspects of their everyday lives.

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New Defibrillator

You may have noticed that a Defibrillator has recently been installed at **Hampton Guide and Scout Hall**.

This was a joint initiative between the Church, the Hall Management Committee, and the Scout and Guide groups, who all contributed to the cost.

Whilst we all hope that it is never required, it is there for use by our community should the need arise.

The procedure for gaining access to the Defibrillator is as follows:



1. Immediately phone 999. The operator will give you the code to open the box.
2. The operator will give you instructions as to how to treat the patient i.e. GIVE CPR. If you are in any doubt how to give CPR, there is training available online and at local training centres. **A second person needs to collect the defibrillator.**
3. The defibrillator will talk to you and give you instructions on what you need to do.
4. If you are alone with the patient, you will need to summon help from a second person to collect the defibrillator. **DO NOT leave the patient alone while collecting it.**

This defibrillator is one of many units placed strategically across Evesham, the funds for which have been raised thanks to the efforts of Kerry Wood (newly qualified paramedic) and the wider team of volunteers.

If you would like to support Kerry and the team in raising money for the ongoing maintenance of this defibrillator and the purchase of further community defibrillators, then any donation, however small, would be very welcome. This could be a one-off payment or a small sum every month – every little bit helps!

If you would like to contribute, the bank details are as follows:

Account Name: EVESHAM DEFIBRILLATORS
Sort Code: 30-99-50
Account Number: 13233263

Evesham Festival of Words



Some Events to look forward to in 2026

'A Century of Popular Songs: 1860s to 1960s'

with Richard Churchley, followed by Afternoon Tea

Friday 3 April 2026 2.30pm - Raphaels Restaurant

Tickets £15 Includes Afternoon Tea. Booking essential. Online or Tel. 01386 45460

Raphaels Good Friday Charity Event. Always an enjoyable afternoon

Richard is a very talented musician. Audience participation optional!

'Behind the Scenes at the Movies'

with Stuart St Paul

Join us for a humorous and insightful behind the scenes look into the extraordinary and dangerous life of stuntman and fight choreographer, award-winning film director and best-selling author of 9 books, **Stuart St Paul**. And it all started at Wood Norton in 1973!

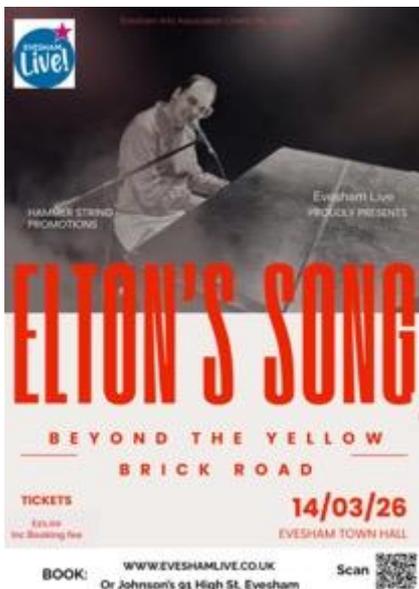
Wednesday 6 May 2026 7.00pm - Evesham Rowing Club, WR11 4ST

Tickets £12 Come early and treat yourself to a drink at the bar

Elton's Song: Beyond the Yellow Brick Road

Evesham Town Hall

14 March – 7.30pm



A tribute to Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, which is seen by many as one of the all-time classic albums, performed by a live band of talented musicians from Stratford upon Avon, Evesham, Stafford and Hitchin.

It was recorded in 1973 at the height of Elton and Bernie's success.

Recreated in this tribute are the unforgettable hits like Bennie and the Jets, Candle in the Wind, Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting, along with many others.

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online at www.eveshamlive.co.uk or in person from Johnson's, 91 High Street, Evesham

ArchaeoMargam Open Day Celebrates Landmark Discovery of Roman Villa

Margam Abbey Church in Wales has been celebrating the fact that a Roman villa, exceptional in both scale and preservation, has been identified in Margam, offering unprecedented insight into the region's Romano-British past.

The find is the result of ArchaeoMargam, a partnership between Swansea University's Centre for Heritage Research and Training (CHART), Neath Port Talbot Council, and Margam Abbey Church.



Geophysical surveys revealed the footprint of a substantial Roman villa complex, preserved with a clarity unmatched elsewhere in the region. The villa lies within a defended enclosure measuring approximately 43m x 55m, and additional structures, including a large aisled building, suggest a long and evolving history of settlement, agriculture, and possibly post-Roman leadership activity.

The discovery fills a major gap in Margam's archaeological story. While the area is known for its Bronze Age, Iron Age, medieval, and post-medieval heritage, almost nothing had previously been understood about its Romano-British occupation. The newly identified villa now provides a crucial link in the region's first-millennium narrative.

For Margam Abbey Church, the discovery carries deep spiritual resonance. The Revd Lizzy Tremble-Nicolls, Curate in the Port Talbot Ministry Area, said:

"The discovery of evidence of a Roman villa and Romano-British worship beneath Margam is profoundly moving for us as a church. It represents a unique blend of indigenous Celtic culture and Roman influence, and it tells a story of prayer and pilgrimage that stretches back nearly two thousand years."

Beverley Gulley, Church Warden and long-time supporter of Margam Abbey Church, reflected on the significance of the site:

"As the only nave of a Cistercian Abbey to survive the Dissolution and still be in use as a church today, Margam Abbey Church is a monument of unique importance to the region.

This is a deeply spiritual landscape and one that we are keen to know more about in partnership with people from across the region."

RECIPE – Welsh Ginger Cake

Ingredients

- 100g Butter
- 100g Dark Brown Sugar
- 60g Syrup
- 60g Black Treacle
- ¼ tsp Salt
- 150g Plain Flour
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- 2 tsp Ground Ginger
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 150 ml Milk
- ¼ tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
- 2 Medium Eggs
- 100g Chopped Dates
- 2 pieces of Stem Ginger (Chopped)
- Stem Ginger Syrup for top of cooked cake

Lemon Icing

- 100g Icing Sugar
- 4-6 tsp Lemon Juice
- Extra Chopped Stem Ginger

Method

- Place butter, sugar, syrup and treacle into a saucepan. Melt, but don't boil. Cool for 10 minutes
 - Sieve flour, spices and baking powder into the pan, and combine.
 - Mix the bicarbonate of soda into the milk, add the beaten eggs and mix into the pan
 - Fold in the chopped dates and chopped stem ginger
 - Pour into a 2lb loaf tin, and cook at 150°C Fan, for 40-50 minutes
 - Cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then brush with the ginger syrup
 - When cold, ice with lemon icing
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Sudoku – Easy

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Sudoku - Medium

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1 March – Second Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Genesis 12: 1-4a; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17			
Wednesday 4	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8 March – Third Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Exodus 17: 1-7; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42			
Wednesday 11	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
15 March – Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Exodus 2: 1-10 or 1 Samuel 1: 20-end; Corinthians 1: 3-7 or Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 33-35 or John 19: 25-27			
Wednesday 18	10am	Holy Communion with Ashing	Hampton
22 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45			
Wednesday 25	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
29 March – Palm Sunday			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14 – end of 27 or Matthew 27: 11-54			
Monday 30	7pm	Compline	Hampton
Tuesday 31	7pm	Compline	Hampton
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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2026

Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Wednesday 1	7pm	Compline	Hampton
Thursday 2	7pm	Maundy Thursday Supper	All Saint
3 April – Good Friday			
	9.30am	Stations of the Cross	Hampton
4 April			
4pm	Easter Egg Hunt and Family Service		Hampton
5 April – Easter Sunday			
6am	Easter Sunrise Service (with Breakfast)		Abbey Gardens
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Acts 10: 34-43 or Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Colossians 3: 1-4 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10			
Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
12 April – Second Sunday of Easter			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Asum Group Eucharist	Hampton
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-end			
Wednesday 15	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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



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