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## THE HERALD



*Mike Edwards has been formally appointed as Priest for All Saints, Evesham and St Andrew's, Hampton  
(see his introductory letter on page 3)*

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Hello I'm Mike Edwards

**YOUR NEW PRIEST, ARRIVING SUMMER 2026**  
**ALL SAINTS, EVESHAM AND ST ANDREW'S, HAMPTON**  
Well Hampton and Evesham Friends



After many months of chat, finally, after a full formal interview process, it's been announced that in August, I'll be joining you as your new Priest. If you don't yet know me, or we've met but haven't had the chance to talk properly, I thought it would be nice to let you know a bit about me.

I'm 36, married to Hannah (3 weeks older than me), with a little boy Oliver (5) and little girl Lois (2). Hannah is a trained baker with a degree from the National School of Bakery, but now works full time as a Food Technician at TDMS. She is incredible. This is Oliver and Lois' baptism at St Peter's, Bengeworth



**The Family**

In our family time, we love exploring various places, all 'about half an hour' away from Evesham – Pershore, Broadway, Stratford, Worcester, Malvern and more – or visiting friends and family, or returning to favourite spots like Abbey Park, and All Things Wild in Honeybourne.



On Fridays I get the special privilege of just being Dad, looking after Lois all day whilst Hannah's at work.



Our families enjoying Evesham's riverside - a regular haunt  
(continued overleaf)

## **When I'm not working**

I'm a Manchester United fan (former season ticket holder with my dad), I love cricket, reading, discovering good coffee, catching up with long-term friends, and our weekly Thursday evening Dungeons and Dragons game online with Ridley friends.

## **My Story**

I was born and raised in Southport, where I came to faith through the Elim Pentecostal Church at 16, then moved to Malvern in 2010 to study Theology and Youth Ministry at Regents Theological College. I stayed on to teach the programme I had just completed, undertake a Masters, and serve in a pioneer church for young people as an Elim minister.

In 2021 we moved to Cambridge so I could train at Ridley Hall, and in my final year study a Cambridge MPhil in Theology at Selwyn College, where I served the Chapel community. During training I was also diagnosed Dyspraxic ADHD, which had been a gift of self-understanding and increased my passion for neurodiversity inclusion. Ridley and Cambridge also gifted me with a deep love of the breadth of the Anglican tradition.

We were delighted to return to the Diocese in June 2024 to begin my curacy at St Peter's, Bengeworth – and now can't wait to get properly started in Hampton and Evesham.



*Playing Angel Gabriel for our Christmas video*

*Do pray for us as we prepare for this role, as we continue to pray for you. And finally, I can say, 'see you in the Summer!'*

*Yours in Hope and Joy*

*Mike, Hannah, Oliver and Lois*

*'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'*

## AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER

The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of **The Reverend Michael Edwards as Curate in Charge (to be Priest in Charge) of Evesham All Saints with Hampton St Andrew.**

Mike is currently serving as Assistant Curate at Bengeworth St Peter and has sixteen years of Ministry experience working with all ages, but especially Children and Young People, and as a Theological Educator. He is married to Hannah, a professional Baker, who now works full time in education, and they have two young children; Oliver (5) and Lois (2).

A date for Mike's Licensing will be announced shortly.

Please remember Mike and Hannah and their family in your prayers as they prepare to move.

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### Message from the Archdeacon of Worcester, Mark Badger Giving Thanks for Faithful Service

During June, Archdeacon Nikki and I will have the privilege of meeting with churchwardens from across our parishes as we undertake the annual visitations. These are always encouraging occasions, offering a chance to hear something of the life of each place, to give thanks for all that is offered in service, and to recognise the vital ministry of churchwardens at the heart of parish life. They culminate in the formal admission of wardens, but what stands behind that moment is a deep commitment to serve Christ and his Church faithfully in each community.

As I prepare for these gatherings, I find myself holding before me Bishop Hugh's call to us all, lay and ordained alike, that above all we are to be faithful, learning to love God faith-fully. Faithfully, because the



Christian life is shaped by steady commitment: in prayer, in worship, in service, and in love of neighbour. Across our diocese, I am constantly encouraged by the quiet, faithful witness of so many, often unseen, but deeply significant.

Faith-fully, because God invites us to a life that is rich and whole. This is not a narrow or partial calling, but one that touches every part of who we are and how we live, at home, in our communities, and across the generations.

As we gather for the Archdeacons' Visitations, I give thanks for all who serve. May this be a season not only of duty fulfilled, but of faith renewed, that together we may live more deeply, more joyfully, and more fully in Christ.

**Mark**

# In our Thoughts and Prayers

## A Prayer for Those in Pain

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
understood people's fear and pain  
before they spoke of them,  
we pray for those in hospital;  
surround the frightened with your tenderness;  
give strength to those in pain;  
hold the weak in your arms of love,  
and give hope and patience  
to those who are recovering;  
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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# In our Thoughts and Prayers

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

Gary Andrews; Mary Andrews; Harry Edwards; Sheila Donnahey; Nancy Gould;  
Jenny Lamb; Shirley Lynch; Richard Major; Elaine Major; Joan Parry; Steven Rhodes;  
Wayne Ryan; Marguerite Smith; Jennifer, Tony and Paul Waters; Sheilah Wright

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

Christine Canning, George Keane and Gordon Harvey

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## Church Building Work - Benefice Office and Vestry

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To contact Caryl in the office, please email on [office@hamptonchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@hamptonchurch.org.uk) or telephone on 07946 281 759. It is hoped that the former office 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.

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**ST ANDREW'S TOTS**  
**HAMPTON GUIDE & SCOUT HALL**

**Tuesdays in term time 9.00-11.00**

We look forward to welcoming all our families with children aged 0-5

### **A Local Initiative Supporting Adults with Reading Confidence**

Many of us take reading for granted, but for some adults, it can be a daily challenge. There are people in our local communities who struggle with reading, and this can make everyday tasks such as understanding letters, filling in forms or reading instructions feel overwhelming.

Read Easy South Worcestershire is a local charity offering free, confidential, one-to-one reading coaching for adults who would like to improve their reading confidence. Each learner is supported by a fully trained and DBS-checked volunteer, meeting regularly in The Hive library in a relaxed and friendly way. There are no classrooms, no tests and no cost, simply patient support at a pace that suits the individual.

Building reading confidence can make a real difference. It can help people feel more independent, self-assured and enable them to manage everyday life more easily.

You may not know if someone struggles with reading as it is often hidden. Sometimes, a gentle conversation or simply being aware that support exists can make all the difference.

Read Easy works well as a simple signposting option and we often find that friends, family members or others in the community are aware of someone who might benefit from this kind of support.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please contact our Coordinator, Lynn, on 07749 093 207 or via email at [swcoordinator3@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:swcoordinator3@readeasy.org.uk)

Together, we can help more people in our community discover the confidence and joy that reading can bring.

### **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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## What's the Big Idea?

### An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Colossians

*Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible.*

This month we return to look at the books of the New Testament. Many today are asking: 'How does Jesus uniquely reveal God to us?' This question lies at the heart of Paul's letter to the Colossians. The church in Colossae was a fruit of his three years ministry in Ephesus (52-55 AD). Paul went on to write this letter while in a Roman prison around 61 AD.

Paul was dealing with gnostic false teachers who denied that Jesus was fully God and man. They taught that enlightenment could be reached through special knowledge and rigorous self-discipline.

Paul attacked this false teaching by focusing on the supremacy of Christ: '*in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have this fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority*' (2:9-10).

He affirms that Jesus is:

Lord of all Creation, who sustains everything. As the exact representation of God, He is first-born over all creation (1:15-17) and there is no place for worshipping angels or any other power (2:18).

Head of the Church (1:18), to whom the Colossians should submit (2:6, 7) and not be seduced by vain speculations (1:16-18).

Supreme Saviour (3:11), who has defeated all spiritual powers on the cross (2:15), allowing them to share in the power of His resurrection (2:20). All are adopted into His family and so there are no special qualifications needed to experience God's favour (2:8-20).

In chapters 3&4 Paul demonstrates the practical implications for the Christian's daily life. We are challenged to abandon the old life and cultivate our new life in Christ (3:5-4:6). If we maintain Jesus as our Lord, He will prove truly sufficient for all our needs.

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### Your Used Stamps for the RNIB

Many thanks to all the people who go to the trouble of saving used postage stamps and bringing them to Church to be sent off to benefit the RNIB. They especially appreciate any foreign stamps that you may come across.

There is a box in Church, or they can be left in the porch at 110 Pershore Road Hampton. whichever is more convenient for you.

*Harry Edwards*

***Please trim excess paper to a border of 1cm***



## Reflected Faith Series: The Creed (Part 2)

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

Last month we considered where the Creed is placed within the service. This month let's think about what is in the Creed(s).

It's important to know that the earliest known Creed, which is still substantially used today was first found in a letter from around AD 341. This is known today as the Apostles' Creed because it is widely thought to have been originally written by the Apostles themselves.

Every phrase in it can be noted as derived directly from biblical texts and it is the compilation that has taken so much thought and discussion until we arrive at the versions, we use in churches today.

Because the Creed succinctly includes everything Christians believe, it unites us all in those truths; whichever Christian denomination you choose to worship within. So, establishing wording that expresses the faith of all Christians has been the challenge.

Protestants sometimes wonder at the phrase, 'the holy catholic Church' being included, but the word 'catholic' here has the meaning of 'universal' rather than denominational.

We are ALL united in our basic faith.

This is what makes us Christians and distinguishes us from other 'churches', whether they have the name of Jesus in their title or not.

Only Churches which acknowledge and include one of the recognised creeds can join the international organisation of 'Churches Together'.

Essentially, this is a sure way to know that you are at a Christian service.

In more recent years the Church has authorized several Affirmations of Faith which contain the key tenants of faith but are shorter and, if you like, simpler to understand.

***This month*** Because the Creed has to be universally accepted within established churches, deviations from the texts are not permitted. However, just for the joy of thinking ... what would you include in a statement of faith if you were drafting it? Which friends would you want to include on your 'committee'?

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### Smile Line - For the wicked

A little boy had been very naughty and as a punishment his mother told him he would go without his favourite vegetable. He sat down for a meal, and his mother served, carrots, corn, — — and ? "It's no use waiting," said his mother, " I told you, *no peas for the wicked.*"

## Events Update – June 2026

Schools Return	Mon	1 June	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	2 June 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	2 June 2.00pm	Farm Shop
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	9 June 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	9 June 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Open Church	Sat	13 June 10.00 – 12.00	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	16 June 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	16 June 2.00pm	Farm Shop
King's Birthday	Sat	20 June	
Fathers' Day	Sun	21 June	
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	23 June 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	23 June 2.00pm	Farm Shop
2 C's	Sun	28 June 2.00-4.30	Scout & Guide Hall
John Martin Service	Sun	28 June 6.30pm	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	30 June 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	30 June 2.00pm	Farm Shop



**Sunday 21 June – Remembering Dads on Father's Day. Including those no longer with us**

### From the Registers – April 2026

<b>Baptisms</b>		
19 April	Maisie di Franco	Hampton
<b>Funerals</b>		
8 April	George Keane	Hampton
14 April	Gordon Harvey	Hampton
<b>Burial of Ashes</b>		
18 April	Michael Newbury	Hampton

# Our British bumblebees

Did you know we have about 270 kinds of bee in the UK, including 24 types of bumblebees? Here are just eight of them:



**Early Bumblebee:** - Found throughout the UK. Rather small, with distinctive lemon-yellow bands on thorax and abdomen, and an orange tail. An important pollinator of our soft fruit.

**Common Carder Bee:** - One of our most common bees, and often still feeding in November. Fluffy, brown and orange, with sometimes darker bands on the abdomen.

**Tree Bumblebee:** - Found in England and Wales, and recently Southern Scotland. A fuzzy bee, with brown-orange hairs on its thorax, a black abdomen, and a white tail.

**Red-tailed Bumblebee:** - The female is very large, with a big red 'tail', while males are smaller.

**Garden Bumblebee:** - A scruffy-looking large bee, with a long tongue and face. It has yellow bands at the collar, rear of the thorax and at the first segment of the abdomen, and the tip of the tail is white.

**Buff-tailed bumblebee:** - The biggest of our bumblebees, with a yellow collar near the head and another on the abdomen. The queen has a buff-coloured 'tail', while the workers have white 'tails' and black hair on their faces.

**White-tailed Bumblebee:** - Similar to Buff-tailed bumblebee but tail always pure white and bands brighter yellow. Males have yellow faces and often extra yellow bands

**Heath Bumblebee:** - Three yellow stripes and a white tail, similar to Garden bumblebees, but smaller with a short tongue and round face. Males have bright yellow faces.

***Be kind to our bees. They are in steady decline across the UK.***

*For more information on Bumblebees, have a look at the Bumblebee Conservation Trust website [www.bumblebeeconservation.org](http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org)*

**If you are interested in Bees, a very enjoyable TV programme to watch is 'My Garden of a Thousand Bees, which can be seen on BBC iPlayer**

*Wildlife film-maker Martin Dohrn is bee obsessed. He has found over 60 species in his Bristol garden, from giant bumblebees to scissor bees the size of a mosquito, which he films with mind-blowing results. Dohrn can identify individual insects and forms a remarkable relationship with one leaf-cutter bee he follows through its entire life*

# St Andrew's CE First School

Successful Learners; Success for Life



The first half of the summer term has flown by, and the school has been a hive of activity. Pupils have remained engaged in their learning throughout the school day, with a wide range of extra-curricular clubs enriching their experience. Opportunities include dance, parkour, drama, karate, rounders and the ever-popular sign language club. In addition, guitar and piano lessons were available for children interested in learning to read and play music.

In May, St Andrew's were crowned Evesham and District Finals champions once again after an outstanding series of performances throughout the tournament. The team began with a 2-0 victory over St Mary's, with goals from Frankie and Josh, before defeating Bengeworth 3-1 thanks to goals from Josh, George, and Arnas. In a dramatic final match against Badsey, St Andrew's dominated play but fell behind to a deflected goal. With only minutes remaining, Josh won a penalty which George "The Iceman" Miller calmly converted in the final minute to secure a 1-1 draw and retain the trophy. The team showed excellent teamwork, determined defending, superb saves, and quality attacking play throughout the competition. Congratulations to all the players on a fantastic achievement!

Also in May, we welcomed Reverend Andy Smith and Reverend Michael Edwards (the new local Vicar at St Andrew's Church in Hampton) into our Year 3 class to talk all about "Fishers of Men". They also shared information about their day-to-day life as ministers, and Year 3 asked some excellent questions.

This half-term, Pears Class enjoyed learning all about the story *The Enormous Turnip*. Throughout the week, the children explored the story in lots of exciting and hands-on ways. They compared different sizes and used language such as *big*, *bigger*, *biggest*, *small* and *enormous* during their activities. The children also had great fun acting out the story together, taking turns to play the different characters and working as a team to pull the giant turnip from the ground. During outdoor learning, Pears became little gardeners, digging for vegetables and exploring the soil whilst developing their curiosity and fine motor skills. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning and using their imagination throughout the activities.

In Apples, the children enjoyed reading "Orange, Pear, Apple, Bear", which supported their learning about fruit while developing vocabulary and communication skills. The children explored different painting techniques, including bubble wrap printing and creating grapes with cotton wool, helping to develop fine motor skills. They also enjoyed investigating a variety of fruits in the curiosity box and practising naming them independently. Outside, the children took part in sensory and imaginative play with citrus-scented water, matched fruit

blocks to pictures, and strengthened hand-eye coordination by hammering golf tees into watermelon. During Forest School, they toasted bread over the fire and enjoyed it with strawberry jam.

At St Andrew's, we were excited to celebrate David Attenborough Day as we marked the incredible milestone of Sir David Attenborough reaching 100 years old. Throughout the day, the children explored his inspiring work, learning about wildlife, nature and the importance of caring for our planet. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to reflect on how one person's passion and dedication could make such a positive difference to the world around them.

We have lots more exciting things planned for the last half-term and we look forward to telling you about these in the next edition of the Herald.

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**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



**Sudoku Solutions (from p17)**

**Easy Sudoku**

2	5	3	7	6	9	8	4	1
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**Medium Sudoku**

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

## Evesham and District u3a



The members of the u3a in Evesham and District are celebrating their 25th Anniversary in 2026. From small beginnings in November 2001 they have grown to over 1200

members and now offer over 90 different interest groups - everything from Archaeology to Italian to Board Games as well as numerous walking and physical activity groups.

The u3a is open to all who are no longer in full-time employment.

Look us up on Facebook or find details of groups and activities on our website <https://evesham.u3asite.uk/> Why not come along to our Open Meetings that take place in the Methodist Church on Bridge Street on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm with an outside speaker followed by tea and biscuits.

For the Silver Anniversary Year, we are trying to contact founder members who may still be in the area. Were you or someone you know a member of the u3a in the early years? If you have any information regarding founder members, we would like to hear from you! Please contact Lorna Slaughter via the Contact page on the u3a Evesham website.

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### **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

### **THE 2C'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 – 28 June 2026 from 2.00 – 4.30**

# Evesham Festival of Words



## A Fun Filled Interactive Evening with a Ship's Figurehead Carver – with Abbie Cooke

With a BA (Hons), MSc and MBA, Abbie began in marketing before making a bold shift to maritime art, becoming Britain's only ships' figurehead carver. Her work includes commissions for Sir Roger Cook, former Lord Mayor of London, and HMS Belfast, where she was Artist in Residence, and she later became the principal supplier of UK art onboard Cunard's Queen Mary 2.

A university lecturer and passionate advocate for inclusion, Abbie founded Gig-Arts 20 years ago to support artists with disabilities, and during Covid created POP – Painting Online with Purpose – for young adults with severe learning disabilities. Abbie brings creativity, courage, and lived experience to the stage, inspiring audiences to embrace change and carve their own path.

**Saturday 27 June 2026 7.00pm - Evesham Rowing Club**

Tickets £13      [info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org](mailto:info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org)

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## 4th July 1776: the American Colonies Declare Independence

### Linda Hart and Max Hunt

Until 1760 those who lived in the thirteen American colonies were patriotic Englishmen. They appreciated the benefits of monarchy and thought of themselves as His Majesty's loyal subjects. Their language, culture, customs, traditions and habits were those of England.

But during the next fifteen years the British government demanded higher taxes from the American colonies and imposed a variety of commercial and political restrictions. The colonists objected and joined together in protest by creating a Continental Congress. Compromise and conciliation were tried to no avail. In December 1773 some colonists threw 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbour, claiming there should be "no taxation without representation". When Britain responded with the Coercive Acts, many colonists began to talk of independence, of a complete separation from the mother country.

**Linda Hart**, herself an American expatriate, tells a riveting story about the background to the Declaration of Independence. Along the way we meet the key characters: George III, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and Thomas Paine. Join us to mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Readings by **Max Hunt**.

**4 July 2026 2.30pm - Ecgwin's Club, WR11 4EQ**

Tickets £10      Includes tea/coffee and cake

[info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org](mailto:info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org)

## RECIPE - Gooseberry and Elderflower Cobbler

### Ingredients

- 250g self-raising flour
- 125g unsalted butter, chilled and chopped
- 80g golden caster sugar
- 80g rolled oats
- 500g gooseberries
- 2 tbsp elderflower cordial, plus 1 tsp
- Ice cream to serve (optional)



### Method

- Heat the oven to 170°C fan/gas 5.
- Put the flour in a large bowl with a pinch of salt, then use your fingers to rub the butter into it until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in 50g of the sugar and the oats, then add 4-5 tbsp ice-cold water and bring the mixture together into a dough
- Put the gooseberries in a baking dish, then sprinkle with the remaining sugar, 2 tbsp elderflower cordial and a pinch of salt.
- Shape the dough into around nine balls, flatten each one slightly, then sit them on top of the fruit, leaving a little space between each other.
- Bake for 30-35 minutes, until the topping is golden brown.
- Brush the cobbler tops with the remaining 1tsp elderflower cordial, then return to the oven for a final few minutes to make them shine.
- Serve with ice cream or cream (optional)

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### What is a Fruit Cobbler?

Fruit cobbler originated in the American colonies during the 18th century.

Early English and Dutch settlers found themselves without the proper suet or pans needed to steam traditional puddings. Instead, they placed fresh local fruits (like apples, blackberries, and peaches) into deep iron pots and dropped rough, pebble-like mounds of biscuit dough on top.

The name "cobbler" was recorded as early as 1839 in *The Kentucky Housewife*. Historians believe it comes from the verb "to cobble"—meaning to roughly piece something together—due to the rustic, uneven appearance of the baked biscuits resembling a cobblestone street.

## Sudoku – Easy

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	3				5			
			1			4	9	
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## Sudoku - Medium

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## SERVICES FOR JUNE 2026

Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>7 June – First Sunday after Trinity</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Genesis 12.1-9; Romans 4.13-end; Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26			
Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>14 June – Second Sunday after Trinity</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Genesis 18.1-15; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35 – 10. 8 [9-23]			
Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>21 June – Third Sunday after Trinity</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
	3pm	Holy Baptism	Hampton
Genesis 21.8-21; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39			
Wednesday 24	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>28 June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
	6.30pm	John Martin Thanksgiving	Hampton
Genesis 22.1-14; Romans 6.12-end; Matthew 10.40-end			

## SERVICES FOR JULY 2026

Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>5 July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end			
Wednesday 8	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>12 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Genesis 25.19-end; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23			
Wednesday 15	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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