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THE HERALD



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Recognising Different Callings

Message from the Dean of Worcester, Stephen Edwards

I was asked recently a simple question, 'what do you do as Dean?' It is deceptively simple but the answer – which admittedly I struggled to give in a simple and concise way – ended up being a rather rambling list of activities, appointments and encounters from the past few days. In one sense it was quite ordinary; in another it was fascinating in its diversity and breadth. The person who'd asked the question was quite taken aback by the variety and then wondered if I like the variability. I do. The cliché that there is never a dull day really describes life in the Cathedral, and I would also say that my experience in parishes has been exactly the same. Of course the variety and breadth of ministry is sustained by stability; at the Cathedral the rhythm of daily worship provides a foundation from which other things find their strength. Without it I would struggle to know who I am.

Our Christian calling is, ultimately, to be ourselves – alive, fully true to ourselves knowing that God calls us for who we are and delights in us. This assured love and wholeness from God enables us to fulfil his purposes and respond to this call on our lives. That call, our vocation, manifests itself in numerous ways, often developing as

we journey through life, and we encounter the Holy Spirit's call to offer our gifts in new ways.

We have just celebrated the call of those ordained as deacons and priests in the Cathedral, and across the Diocese we celebrate ministries, lay and ordained, new and old, traditional and pioneering – each releasing God-given gifts in the service of the Kingdom.

This month we focus our thanks on

those, paid and voluntary, who work with children, young people and families. We #RECOGNISE their gifts of time and skill, their care and



learning, their faith and commitment. As we grow as Kingdom People, we must ensure children and young people are given all they need to flourish as disciples of Christ and become active members of the church in this Diocese. Please join in celebrating and giving thanks for the ministry of those working with children, young people and families, as together we #RECOGNISE the Holy Spirit's call to each one of us to be ministers of the gospel in a church which gives us a foretaste of the Kingdom.

Stephen

In our Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers for Sea Sunday - 12 July

Lord, you are in charge of the wind and waves.

Please be with those who are working on the seas, especially in conflict-hit or dangerous areas.

Bless them with your presence, grace, and mercy.

Guide their ships safely through every storm and bring them back to those who long for their return.

Amen

Loving Creator

Today we give thanks for the men and women of the sea.

We thank you for their crucial work in transporting the food, fuel, and goods that sustain our daily lives.

Keep them safe from all danger, protect them in rough waters, and bless their families at home.

In your holy name, we pray.

Amen."



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

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

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

Raymond Kelly



There will be no Summer Fete this year

However, we will be looking to organise a special event in the autumn.

If you wish to join a team to think of a suitable event and prepare for it, please speak to Jane or Margaret.

All welcome to help raise funds for our lovely church.

St Andrew's Church – New Facilities

On 7 June we welcomed the Archdeacon Mark Badger to St Andrews to bless our wonderful new facilities.

We are so pleased with our beautiful kitchen, useful accessible toilet, the upper room for meetings, learning and discussion groups and the useful new vestry!

We hope that the community of Hampton will come and make use of these facilities for exhibitions, concerts and meetings. Our mission statement is '**Not Only on Sundays**'!!!

So we hope you will come in and see our beautiful church

Margaret Thomson (Churchwarden)



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 Highton, can be contacted on [07495 060 869](tel:07495060869).

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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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

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: 1 Thessalonians

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

1 Thessalonians is the earliest of Paul's letters, written when he was in Corinth during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1–18) in 49–51 AD. Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia, as well as being a flourishing centre for trade and philosophy. After founding the church (Acts 17:1–9) Paul was forced to leave, when he was falsely accused of speaking against Caesar. As the new Christians were left with little spiritual support, Paul wrote this letter to encourage them.

Paul addresses a number of issues throughout this letter. As they weren't expecting persecution, Paul reminds them that this is normal Christian experience (3:3–4). He also challenges those in the church who were living off wealthier Christians rather than earning their own living (4:9–12; 5:14).

However, the most prominent theme in letter is the second coming of Jesus. It is mentioned in every chapter of the book (1:10; 2:19–20; 3:13; 4:13–18; 5:1–11, 23–24). The Thessalonians were unclear about the timing of the day of the Lord (5:1–2). Some church members had died (4:13), and people weren't sure what would happen to them at Christ's return (3:10; 4:13). However, Paul assures them that when Jesus returns, the dead in Christ will rise to meet the Lord with the living (4:15–17). Therefore, believers don't need to fear God's wrath, but rather are assured of inheriting his salvation.

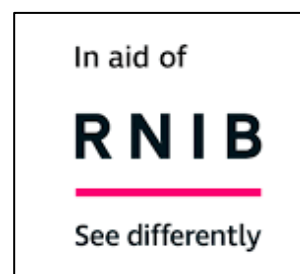
Living in the light of Christ's return calls for holy and blameless lives (3:11–4:8; 5:23). *'May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.'* (5:23).

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: Intercessions

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

Last month we reflected on the Creed within our service. This month, we consider what comes next.

In the Book of Common Prayer, the Creed and the sermon appear in a different order, but in both traditions intercessions follow. In Common Worship, they come straight after the Creed.

By this point, we may feel we have already prayed a great deal, so what makes intercessions different?

Intercessions focus entirely on the needs of others. They are public prayers, not centred on 'me' but on the wider world. They gather the concerns of the Church, the world, our community, those in need, and those who have died, along with those who mourn and as a whole congregation we bring them before God.

They are not, repeat not, a time to slip in a couple of adverts for next week's summer fair and a prayer for enough volunteers to come forward – please see Mrs Jones after the service - or to tell the congregation of someone's ill health or funeral arrangements!

These prayers usually follow that order, though sometimes in reverse. Either way, there is a clear pattern that helps the congregation engage. We may begin broadly with the world and move towards the local and personal, or start close to home and widen our view.

For example, with a theme such as farming, intercessions might include churches in rural communities worldwide, countries dependent on food production, government ministers responsible for agriculture and fisheries, local farmers and food workers, and those in need or recently bereaved within the community.

Style matters as much as content. These are the prayers of the people, so they should use language that feels natural and accessible. Often, simplicity works best.

This month

Listen carefully to the intercessions when you attend a service. Do they follow a clear, engaging pattern? Is the language accessible? Which prayers stay with you through the week? Who leads them, and from where?

Smile Line - Lists

I love to make a list. When I get to the shops and find that I have left it behind on the kitchen counter, I like to try and guess what I put onto it.

Bucket list

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list.

I have the bucket!!

Events Update – July and August 2026

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	7 July 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	7 July 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Open Church	Sat	11 July 10.00 – 12.00	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	14 July 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	14 July 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Schools Break Up	Fri	17 July 9.00am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	21 July 2.00pm	Farm Shop
2 C's	Sun	26 July No 2 C's	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Club	Tues	28 July 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Coffee Club	Tues	4 August 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Open Church	Sat	8 August 10.00 – 12.00	Hampton
Coffee Club	Tues	11 August 2.00pm	Farm Shop
V J Day Service	Sat	15 August 11.00am	The
Coffee Club	Tues	18 August 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Coffee Club	Tues	25 August 2.00pm	Farm Shop
Asum Eucharist	Sun	30 August 10.00am	All Saints
2 C's	Sun	30 August No 2 C's	Scout & Guide Hall
Schools Return	Wed	2 September	Hampton

THE 2C'S MONTHLY TEAS
NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH MEETING ROOM
Next Two C's – 27 September 2026 from 2.30 – 4.30

From the Registers – May 2026

Baptisms		
17 May	Lily Gazey	Hampton
17 May	George King	Hampton

250 Years since America Declared Independence

What is the story of America's Independence Day?

Independence Day in America marks the date back in 1776 when Americans broke away from being ruled by the British, who had been on the continent since the 16th Century.



Back then, America was divided up into 13 colonies:

New Hampshire; Massachusetts; Rhode Island and Providence; Connecticut; New York; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Delaware; Maryland; Virginia; Carolina and Georgia

People who lived there used to have to pay taxes to Britain, even though they didn't have anybody representing them in Parliament.

Eventually, the people had had enough of being ruled by London.

In June 1776, a group called the Colonies' Second Continental Congress came together in Philadelphia in order to put together a document to finally cut ties with Great Britain. (Philadelphia used to be the political capital of America - not Washington!)

The document was written and tweaked and rewritten until - after 86 changes - everybody was happy. The final version was finished on 4 July 1776 and the colonies declared themselves no longer part of the British Empire.

The very next day, the document - called the Declaration of Independence - was sent around to everyone.

The Fourth of July is celebrated is the birth date of the United States as we know it today

Fighting between the Americans and the British did carry on after this date, but a few years later the British Parliament also officially recognised America's independence.

The Declaration of Independence is now one of the most important symbols to American citizens of their freedom and of what makes their country the United States.



In 1870, Independence Day was formally established as an official holiday by Congress, but workers weren't paid for that day. In 1938, it became a paid national holiday across the whole country.

Now, Independence Day in the US is celebrated as the birth date of the nation as we know it today.

St Andrew's CE First School

Successful Learners; Success for Life



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.

In June, the children in Year 3 explored their topic of China by using natural materials such as sticks, leaves, bark, and stones to create dragons and pagodas. They showed great creativity and imagination, carefully selecting and arranging materials to represent features. The activity encouraged problem-solving, teamwork, and communication as children worked together and shared ideas.

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 and their fantastic behaviour made the teachers very proud!

Year 5 had an unforgettable time on their Bell Boating adventure along the River Avon. With both rain and sunshine, pupils honed their teamwork, paddled in unison, and balanced bravely while moving around the boats, all in preparation for their regatta races on Monday 22 June. It was a fantastic day filled with fun, learning, and lots of laughter.

On Friday 19 June, 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!

This term, our Reception children enjoyed an exciting trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park. The children loved seeing a wide variety of animals from around the world, including giraffes, rhinos, penguins and monkeys. Throughout the day, they demonstrated excellent curiosity and enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their knowledge about the animals they encountered. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life, create lasting memories and enjoy a fun-filled day outdoors with their friends.

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.

We also held our PTFA Summer Fete, which brought our school community together for an evening of fun and celebration. Children enjoyed a variety of games and activities, while families had the opportunity to browse stalls, enjoy refreshments and spend time together. Events like these play an important role in strengthening our school community, and we are extremely thankful to everyone who supported the fete and helped make it such a successful occasion.

Joel Turvey – Headteacher

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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 p16)

Easy Sudoku

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

Medium Sudoku

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



For the Bereaved & Lonely
Re-launch of 2C's Teas
Sunday 27 September
2.30 – 4.30pm
St Andrew's Church Meeting Room
All Welcome

Sea Sunday - 12 July

Sea Sunday is the day each year when churches worldwide come together to pray for seafarers, and to support The Mission to Seafarers' frontline ministry to them. Seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday offers an opportunity to pause, and give thanks for the men and women who keep our world moving.

The Mission to Seafarers works in ports across the world. In 2025 alone, it made over **48,000 ship visits, provided shore leave transport for more than 150,000 seafarers, and ran** programmes on family support and suicide prevention.

These moments of care — a visit on board, practical help ashore, or someone to listen — can make a profound difference to seafarers far from home.

For Sea Sunday 2026, the theme is '**Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarer**', inspired by *Matthew 25*. This theme celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge, and hope — a community offering both spiritual and practical safety to those who work at sea. It invites congregations to reflect on how they can stand alongside seafarers through prayer, hospitality, generosity, and justice.

Battle of Evesham Festival Weekend 31 July – 2 Aug

Once again, the Battle of Evesham Festival weekend includes a fantastic series of talks by historians and others, all taking place in the Presentation Marquee on the Crown Meadow. Headlining the weekend is **Professor Alice Roberts**, who will be familiar to all from her TV programmes. Her talk, DOMINATION: The Fall and Rise of an Empire, is on 1 August at 4pm.

Other talks include: The Welsh, before, during and after The Murder of Evesham; Simon de Montfort in his own words; Enchanting harmony and passionate unique performances, with Medieval Babes; Tyrants and Traders: Arthur and the Lost Kings; Sons and Daughters of Perdition: The Children of Simon de Montfort; and To Lose One Excalibur may be regarded as a misfortune. The weekend kicks off on Friday 31st July with UK Queen, Europe's favourite Queen tribute band.

Evesham Festival of Words is proud to be associated with this exciting programme.

Tickets for all the author events can be purchased at: shop.battleofevesham.co.uk. Multi-buy discount on certain tickets. See website for details.

Evesham Festival of Words

Top of the Wold: Tales from the East Riding, with Mikron Theatre Company



This brand-new play by Mikron, invites you to join the East Riding Mobile Library, in a celebration of community, culture, caravans and peas. Explore a region barely noticed by the nation it feeds. Can a mobile library – with its complex web of rural stops (and somewhat erratic engine) – pull together the Riding's finest yarns?

Hop aboard the most charmingly quirky mobile library you'll ever encounter. From the rolling Wolds, to the wild North Sea, discover a place where connection to the land is ingrained, culture is as organic as its produce, and the sea reminds us that we stand on the cliff-edge of a much bigger story.

Mikron never fail to delight, whether performing about the NHS, Butlins, Crufts, Women's Institutes, or Bletchley Park. We are delighted to welcome them back to Evesham.

Sunday, 9 August 2026 2.30pm – 4.30pm – Raphael's Restaurant (Outside)

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 that own food cannot be eaten on Raphael's premises.

info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org

Gardening in July

Sow Outdoors

Continue to sow salad crops, like chicory, lettuce, rocket and radishes for a supply that will take you into autumn. Beetroot can still be sown up until the middle of the month, giving a later autumn harvest.

Some carrot varieties can still be sown now, as can some turnip varieties. Sow brassicas and leeks directly outdoors, ready to enjoy during the winter.



There may be plenty to harvest in your garden in July:

Vegetables and salad crops – aubergines, beetroot, broad beans, celery, carrots, chillies, courgettes, cucumbers, French beans, lettuce, onions, potatoes, runner beans, shallots, spinach, spring onions, tomatoes.

Fruit – blackberries, blueberries, cherries, plums, raspberries, rhubarb, strawberries.

Companion Planting

You can also help deter pests in your vegetable plot by ‘companion planting.’ This means adding plants that act as natural pest deterrents, or attract beneficial insects that are the natural predators of less wanted visitors. For example, marigolds deter whitefly and attract ladybirds, which will help to control aphids.

Feeding

Many crops will benefit from an extra feed at this time, giving them extra vigour. Give fruit growing in containers a feed with a high potassium liquid feed. Tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers will all enjoy the nutrients in tomato feed

Weeding

When it comes to weeding, try to do little and often. Weeds are in full growing mode in the summer months, so set aside time as often as you can to remove.

Be Supportive

Some taller and climbing food crops, including tomatoes, beans and peas, need adequate support as they grow. This should be put in place when you plant them, but if you discover your tomatoes are leaning for example it’s not too late to create some extra support.

Stop Your Beans

It can be beneficial to ‘stop’ your climbing beans by cutting off the main shoot beyond the top of the support they are growing up. This should encourage a bigger crop on the sideshoots.

RECIPE – Peach Melba Frangipane Crumble

Ingredients

- 4 ripe peaches, sliced
- 250g raspberries
- 100g unsalted butter, chilled
- 100g self-raising flour
- 80g ground almonds
- 75g golden caster sugar
- 1 tbsp icing sugar
- 20g flaked almonds
- 15g cornflakes
- Vanilla ice cream, to serve

Method

- Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6.
 - Put the peach wedges in the baking dish, sprinkle with the icing sugar and 1 tbsp water and toss to mix. Bake for 10 minutes.
 - Meanwhile, rub the butter into the flour and ground almonds in a large bowl until it resembles chunky breadcrumbs.
 - Stir in the caster sugar and a pinch of salt.
 - Stir the raspberries into the baked peaches, then evenly cover with the crumble mixture. Scatter the flaked almonds and cornflakes on top, then bake for 30-35 minutes until golden and bubbling.
 - Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.
 - *Delicious!*
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Remembering Dolly – the cloned sheep

Thirty years ago, on 5 July 1996, Dolly the sheep was born at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh. She was the first cloned mammal.

Dolly had three mothers: one provided the egg, another the DNA, and a third carried the cloned embryo to term. Her existence was announced the following February, resulting in much media attention and no little controversy. There was a special report in *Time* magazine, and TV showed a commercial featuring Scottish scientists playing with sheep.

Dolly was widely featured as the scientific breakthrough of the year. Even though she was not the first animal cloned, she was the first cloned from an adult cell. The process was extremely inefficient, with Dolly the only lamb surviving to adulthood from 277 attempts in 1996.

Sudoku – Easy

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

Sudoku - Medium

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

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SERVICES FOR JULY 2026

Wednesday 1	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
5 July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity			
	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
12 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity			
	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
19 July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Genesis 28.10-19a; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 16-19			
Wednesday 22	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
26 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Genesis 29.15-28; Romans 8.26-end; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52			
Wednesday 29	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2026

2 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Genesis 32.22-31; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21			
9 August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33			
16 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Genesis 45.1-15; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15.[10-20], 21-28			
23 August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Exodus 1.8 – 2.10; Romans 12.1-8, 29-32; Matthew 16.13-20			

30 August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Asum Eucharist	All Saints
Exodus 3.1-15; Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-end			

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Wednesday 2	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
6 September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
Exodus 12.1-14; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20			
Wednesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
13 September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
Exodus 14.19-end; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35			
Wednesday 16	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

World Cup

Many across the world are united in watching the World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada. However, football is more than just a game; it can illustrate some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: *‘But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.’* (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. Christians grasp to the prize of eternal life, God’s gift to us of relationship with Jesus for now and eternity. However, there’s an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ’s love for us is underserved and not dependent on how well we’ve done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, training is vital! Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God’s life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say *no* to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our *godly muscles*, we are better able to choose to do what is right in God’s eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

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