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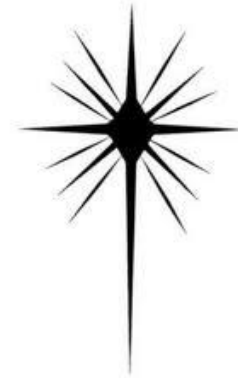
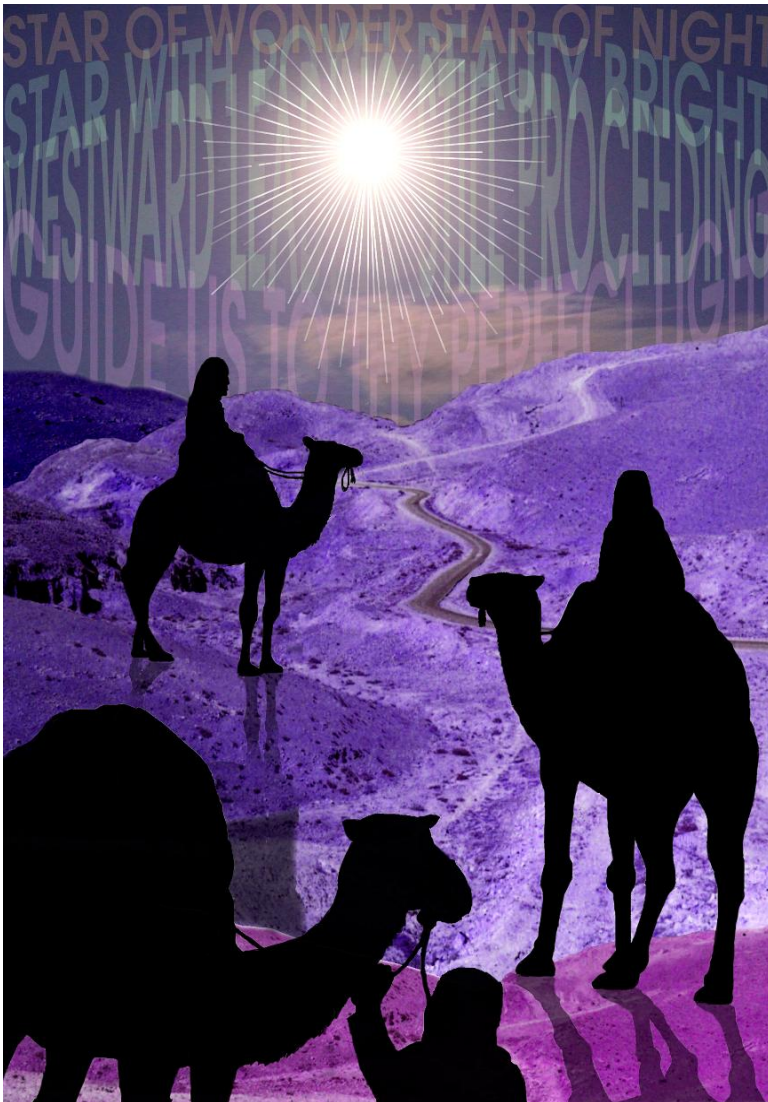
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THE HERALD

Epiphany



**We have seen his star
in the East and have
come with gifts to
worship the Lord.**

Matthew 2.2

Prayers ... for the Church

You are worthy, our Lord and God to receive glory and honour and power.

On January 6th we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the Holy Family; join Christians throughout the world in prayer that the Holy Spirit may bring love and peace to all families. On January 25th we celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul; pray for the work of missionaries and for a deepening of understanding among all Christian people. Continue to pray for the mission of Julian Welby, soon to become the new Archbishop of Canterbury and for the continuing leadership of the General Synod of the Church of England. Ask that our United Benefice may grow in its mission under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers ... for the World

Offer special prayers for displaced persons throughout the world that they may be delivered from their suffering and restored to the security, which is their right. Mention especially any group for whom you feel a personal sympathy. As we struggle to understand and to take precautions against global warming, pray for those whose responsibility it is to guide our efforts to use the gift of our world wisely.

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St Andrew's Fellowship

The Fellowship meets at 2pm, on the second Tuesday of the month in Hampton Scout & Guide Community Hall, and is open to everyone.

Anyone who would like to know more about the Fellowship will be very welcome to attend our next meeting on 8 January or contact Ida Roberts on 01386 421362.

From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

Seeking



The New Year has arrived amidst the Christmas celebrations. Enter then the wise men from the East who brought their presents for the new born King of the Jews. What would they give the baby Jesus?

Deciding on presents is not easy. There is nothing worse than seeing a present rejected, re-gifted or cast out. It needs wisdom to match the gift to the recipient. The wise men obviously chose well in the three gifts they brought; gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was the traditional gift for a King, frankincense for a priest, myrrh for one who is to die. “We saw his star in the East”, they said, “and have come to worship him”. And when they found him “they fell down on their knees and worshipped him”.

The wise men set out on a journey to find Christ. We too are on a journey through life. As we welcome 2013 as one more step on that journey, how near are we to him? The light that moves us towards him can sometimes seem to fail and we have to ask the way. Being part of a Church can support us on this journey and encourage us to listen to the word of God. And having found Christ how are we to Worship and adore him if it is not with other seekers.

Sometimes we will need guidance. A course about the Christian faith can help us to deepen our understanding. It may be that you will make a New Year resolution to read the Bible daily to inspire you. Or it may be a case of making time for God in prayer. Whatever you decide to do the New Year provides an opportunity to improve upon the previous one. Do you have the wisdom to do that and have a vision for the journey?

Our faith guides us to Christ. We need to grow in that faith as we go through the years on the journey to him. And when we find Christ what present will we give? The greatest gift we have is our self.

“If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what can I give him – Give my heart.”

Mark Binney

Priest in Charge of Hampton, Bengeworth, Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green

Prayers ... for the people around us

Pray for your neighbours, for any special needs you know they have; include the Friendship Club and everyone engaged in arranging social activities throughout our United Benefice. Mention our local businesses that serve us and provide employment for all

Benefice Service Times

Much consideration is currently being given as to how Mark can be spread over the four churches under his ministry without killing him, having him arrested for speeding or leaving any of the churches without a regular Eucharistic service. We are already heavily dependent upon our retired priests taking many of the services but, following at least one resignation, they cannot and should not be expected to carry any increase in work load: they are, after all, supposed to be retired. Therefore modifications will have to be made to the current patterns of worship: some may be adjustments to the start time of a service, some may have to be of a different type and some will have to be cut from the rota completely.

Mark is making every effort to retain as many of your services as possible but, even with the current number of retired clergy making themselves available week after week, sacrifices will have to be made and your churchwardens ask you to be flexible and understanding in your approach to these changes. Each PCC will have the chance to debate and, hopefully, agree these changes: as soon as the next Services Rota can be completed copies will be displayed in each church together with identical information appearing in the church magazines and on the weekly Pew Sheets.

Please hold in your prayers all those involved in effecting the necessary changes, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and that we may all feel enabled by the fruits of their labour.

Prayers ... for our community

At this New Year ask for guidance for our local government representatives and for the people who work in these local services, especially those who care for the elderly and the lonely who are often overlooked. Mention everyone at the Christian Centre and their efforts to serve others in all sorts of need. Pray for our schools and colleges as they re-assemble for the new term, that their time may be enjoyable and fruitful.

Hampton Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be after the 10am Communion Service on 2 January.

Offers of Cakes, Handmade Cards and other suitable items for sale will be gratefully received before the service. If you would like to offer help or require additional information, please contact Gabrielle Falkiner (41302) or Shirley Lynch (553392) or Phillippa Henly (421224)



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)



1st March 2013



St Andrew's Church, Hampton - 2.30pm

The Women's World Day of Prayer started in the USA in 1884.

When Mary Ellen James called for a day of prayer in 1887, she was not planning a great worldwide movement, destined to become the largest ecumenical movement in the world organised and led by women. She was simply reacting, as a Christian, to the society in which she lived. The wife of a Presbyterian minister in New York and the mother of seven children, Mary Ellen was aware of the problems faced by many women around her, particularly new immigrants to America - the awful slums with their poverty, unemployment, poor housing, and lack of health or educational facilities. Something had to be done.

Two years later, two Baptists called together a Day of Prayer for the World Mission. The Day of Prayer initiated by these two women expanded to neighbouring countries, then on to Europe and other continents.

Since 1927 the day is known as Women's World Day of Prayer and is held on the first Friday in March. The theme chosen this year is 'I was a Stranger and you welcomed me', and the material for the service has been prepared by the women of France.

Production Failures - Update

The December Magazines print quality, for most of you, was poor and yet again Matt Hodges, Area Service Manager for Midshire Communications, was summoned to the Parish Room to explain why the printer as still not producing the correct colour reproduction.

After much head scratching, consulting his own computer and chatting to the manufacturer of the printer, Matt decided to replace the development units on the three colour streams: this seemed to rectify the issue immediately and was proved by running off the remaining 45 copies of the Magazine. From the quality of the reproduction it would indeed appear that we really have a '**PROBLEM SOLVED**' situation at last: however the 300 unit January magazine run will prove it one way or the other!

Again I can only offer my apology over the poor quality standard on the last four issues. Be assured that I will continue trying to maintain the quality set by the previous editor. Roy Buffery – Editor of the Herald

Hinton on the Green – St Peter’s Church

By the time you that you read this, the festivities and celebration of Christmas will all be over. Hinton PCC hopes that you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank all who attended our various Christmas services, supported the Church (and the new PCC) in 2012 and look forward to welcoming you all at the services in 2013.

Christingle Service – 9th December 2012

Liz Davies took on the task of organizing and teaching 15 children how to make their Christingles prior to the service. Liz very clearly explained to the children the meaning and symbolism of each of the Christingle elements, including testing them on their knowledge. We welcomed Ava and Beth who have recently moved to the village and they enjoyed themselves and made some new friends. “Well done” to all of the children who managed to answer all of Liz’s questions. Correctly too!!



Also, well done to Liz for organizing it all. As you can see from the pictures, the children especially enjoyed the candlelit procession lead by Reverend Mark Binney. The candlelit church looked pretty as a picture and the children singing “Away in a Manger” whilst holding their Christingles was very moving.

The collection raised at the service was £41.00 and will be donated to The Children’s Society to help vulnerable children across the country.

Christmas Cake Raffle

Hinton resident Lyn Attwood donated an absolutely gorgeous, home-baked and decorated Christmas Cake to be raffled in aid of church funds. During our cakes & coffee after the service, the raffle took place. The raffle raised £42.00 and was won by our very own PCC Treasurer: Sheila Marshall. Sheila was especially delighted as she had wanted the cake since first seeing it at the St Peter’s Church November coffee morning. Many, many thanks to Lyn for this very generous donation.

Nativity Play and Carol Service & Crib Service

These were held on Sunday 23rd December 2012 and Monday 24th December 2012, but because the Herald deadline date was before these events took place, we will tell you all about them in the next Herald.

Coffee Mornings

The very popular coffee mornings, held on the last Tuesday of every month, will resume again in the Spring (when it is easier to get the Church warm). Look out for more information on the Church and village noticeboards and in the Herald.

Events for 2013

Hinton PCC will be planning a number of events during 2013 and look forward to seeing you all there.

If you have any ideas and suggestions for an event which you would like to see at the Church, please contact PCC vice-chairman Nick Frost by phone on 01386 47230 or by email nick@frostline.org.uk.

Well done to Everyone

You took notice of the advertisement for the STRICTLY HOMEMADE stall at Hampton Farm Shop, in the November edition of the Herald, and what a result! Ann Evans would like to thank everyone who helped, donated goodies and supported the stall last weekend.

The total raised amounted to almost £1,000 and together with other fundraising efforts since August this has enabled an amount of £1,600 to be sent to CLIC SARGENT Children's Cancer Charity. Over £3,000 has now been raised mainly in Hampton, thank you all.

Good news on little Lara (Ann's granddaughter), she has now completed the very intensive chemotherapy treatment and from now is on "maintenance" for two years, this means a lower dose and if all goes well with her blood tests etc. she will be able to attend school part time in February, thank you all for your prayers.

Regards Ann

Events Update – January 2013

Amendments and additions in **bold**. Unconfirmed and provisional in *italics*.

Coffee Morning	Wed	2 Jan 10.30am	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	8 Jan 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship Meeting	Tues	8 Jan 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
Church Open Morning	Sat	12 Jan 10am-Noon	Hampton
Bingo	Sat	12 Jan 8pm	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	15 Jan 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tues	15 Jan 6.45pm	Hampton
Hampton PCC Meeting	Wed	16 Jan 7.30pm	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	22 Jan 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	29 Jan 9.30am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Wed	6 Feb 10.30am	Hampton
Church Open Morning	Sat	9 Feb 10am-Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Fellowship Meeting	Tues	12 Feb 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall

News from Sedgeberrow

Bingo

The next Bingo session is on January 12th at 8pm in the Village Hall. Again we thank you for your support.

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament:

1 Thessalonians

'The way we conceive the future sculpts the present, gives contour and tone to nearly every action and thought through the day.' (Eugene Peterson).

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul helps his readers to understand the importance of the Second Coming of Jesus to the Christian Faith. It is the earliest of his letters, written when Paul was staying in Corinth during his second missionary journey in 49–51 AD.

Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia, as well as a flourishing centre for trade and philosophy. The city was committed to the Greco-Roman gods and Emperor Worship, and contained a sizable Jewish population. After founding the church 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 through this letter. They were not expecting persecution, so Paul explains that this is normal Christian experience. He also challenges those members of the community who were bringing the church into disrepute by living off wealthier Christians rather than earning their own living.

However, the most prominent theme in letter is the second coming of Jesus. It is mentioned in every chapter of the book. The Thessalonians were unclear about the timing of the day of the Lord. Some members of the church had died, and they weren't sure what would happen to them at Christ's return. Some thought that they would miss out on the second coming. However Paul assures them that when Jesus returns, the dead in Christ will rise and be caught up with the living to meet the Lord. 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. Let's make Paul's prayer for the Thessalonian Christians our own, as we too await Jesus' return: '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?'

Bible Readings – January 2013

6 January Epiphany	Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12	20 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	Isaiah 62.1-5 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11
13 January Second Sunday of Epiphany	Isaiah 43.1-7 Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22	27 January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Luke 4.14-21



Sedgeberrow CE First School

A Happy New Year to everyone and we hope you all had a peaceful Christmas.

Our new F.O.S.S. committee (Friends of Sedgeberrow School) organized a wonderful Christmas Fayre last term, which raised a magnificent sum of £1300! Thank you to everyone who attended. The money will go towards funding an outdoor stage for the children to use.

F.O.S.S. also put on a wonderful whole school party lunch for us to end the term with and are full of great fund-raising ideas for the future.

Through F.O.S.S. Sedgeberrow CE First School is now participating in the Rag Bag textile re-cycling scheme which provides regular fundraising and raises awareness about re-cycling. The textile bank is located out the front of the school and everyone is welcome to make use of it. Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag available from the school office.

We can accept the following items:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Soft Toys
- Blankets
- Underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc.
- Household textiles to include towels, bed linen, curtains etc.

We cannot accept the following items:

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Carpets
- Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing

www.sedgeberrowfirstschool.ik.org

From the Registers – November

Baptisms	4 Nov	Jessica Louise Pritchard	Hampton
	18 Nov	Elizabeth Patricia Webb	Hampton
Funerals	5 Nov	Diana Burgess	Hampton
	30 Nov	John Kemp (Memorial Service)	Sedgeberrow



Successful learners. Success for life.

The New Year is always a special time in a primary school. At St Andrew's we celebrate the period of Epiphany by looking forward to new beginnings and the potential opportunities that lie ahead. With the prospect of an extension to our main building, to replace temporary classrooms after nearly 25 years, 2013 is going to be an exciting year at St Andrew's!

We enter January offering several new school clubs to our pupils. Gardening, Cookery, Knitting, Cross-country and Football clubs are available this term. This is in addition to our incredibly popular Breakfast and After School Club, all of which run until the Easter holidays. We offer all of our clubs in consultation with the children, offering the activities they want to take part in out of school hours.

Our end of term events were extremely well attended. We had over 320 attendees at our Key Stage One performance during December, a packed out St Andrew's church for the Key Stage Two Carol Service and we celebrated together at the school Christmas service in St Andrew's Church, followed by a thoroughly delicious lunch provided by our parent / teacher association – SASSA.

St Andrew's School Supporter's Association held a highly successful Christmas Fete on 7th December and raised over £1000. This will go towards phonics resources, which will be fund-matched by the government to provide our Year One class with books and equipment to support the teaching of spelling.

Website: <http://www.st-andrews.worcs.sch.uk/>

The Herald is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month prior to the publication date. Items for inclusion should be received by 5th of the month prior to the publication date or by special agreement.

Articles are submitted on the understanding that they may be edited to fit the available space. The Herald is edited by Roy Buffery.

Articles can be submitted by email to: editor@hamptonchurch.org.uk
or sent to the editor at 11 Hillside Close, Hampton, Evesham WR11 2PB
or left for the editor in St Andrew's Church.

Large Print editions of the magazine are available on request.

100,000 downloads for BRF Bible reading apps

While surveys show that daily Bible reading is an uphill struggle for many Christians, with time pressure, relevance and simply knowing where to start being key reasons, there appears to be no shortage of interest in trying new ways to solve the problem.

The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) launched their first daily Bible reading notes app, based on their New Daylight series, in February 2010. Two more apps have followed, based on their Guidelines notes (offering a wider breadth of theological viewpoints) and Day by Day with God, (daily reading notes written by women for women). Today, downloads of their three apps have passed 100,000, with readers spread worldwide.

To find out more about BRF Bible daily reading note apps for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch visit: www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk/iphone-apps/

Hampton WI

Our meeting on 13 December was our Christmas Social, when members enjoyed a convivial evening, with a Bring and Share Supper, and were entertained by some of the Committee, who performed a humorous sketch about a retirement home. Our meetings are held at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. Please contact Joyce Davey on 01386 443755 for more information.

Prayers ... for those who are unwell

Ask for courage, patience and comfort for sick people and those who care for them. Include by name from our own parishes Mitchell Banks, Dave Beasley, David Canning, Lara Cole, Pamela Collins, Audrey Davies, Pam Eustace, Monica Garston, Harry Green, Ella Hampton, Sue Jones, Clifford Lewis, Beryl Lord, John Nymann, Joanne Painter, Iris Pinkstone, Graham Quinney, Rosie Rencher, Alan Roberts, Phillippa Shepherd, Celia Sheward, Joan Simpson, Pat Smith and Mabel Thompson.

Prayers ... for those who have died

Pray for those whom you particularly remember who have passed into everlasting life, with Pat Baylis, Diana Burgess, Garth Delve, Neil Emms and John Kemp together with those who mourn.

*To the one who sits in the throne and to the Lamb be blessing
and honour, glory and might*

Services for January 2013

1st	Sunday 6	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
		10am	Family Service	Hampton	
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton	
		4.30pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Hampton	
		Wednesday 9	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
2nd	Sunday 13	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton	
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow	
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton	
		4pm	Holy Communion	Hinton	
		Wednesday 16	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
3rd	Sunday 20	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
		10am	Welcome Service	Hampton	
		Wednesday 23	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
4th	Sunday 27	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton	
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow	
		11.15am	Family Service	Hinton	
		Wednesday 30	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

Services for February 2013

1st	Sunday 3	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow	
		10am	Family Service	Hampton	
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton	
		4.30pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Hampton	
		Wednesday 6	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
2nd	Sunday 10	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton	
		11am	Family Service	Sedgeberrow	
		4pm	Songs of Praise	Hinton	
		Wednesday 13	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
			7.30pm	Eucharist with Ashing	Hampton

Please note that the above information is as indicated to us at the time of submission and is believed to be correct. However changes may occur and the reader is advised to consult the weekly Pew Sheet for the latest information.