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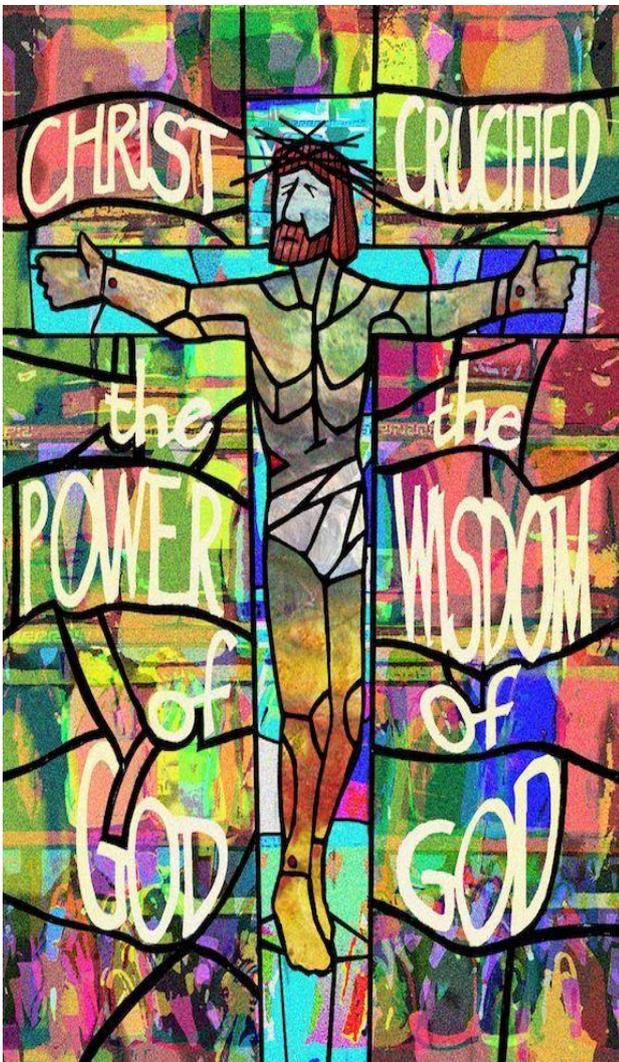
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Hinton on the Green

# THE HERALD

## The Celebration of Easter



### St Andrew's Church, Hampton

Maundy Thursday - Eucharist - 7.30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross - 10am

Liturgy for Good Friday - 2pm

**EASTER DAY**

Holy Communion 8am

Eucharist - 10am

### St Mary's Church, Sedgeberrow

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Service - 2pm

**EASTER DAY**

Holy Communion - 9am

### St Peter's Church, Hinton

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Service - 4pm

**EASTER DAY**

Holy Communion - 6pm



## Prayers ... for the Church

*The message of God's splendour is meant for everyone*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March we celebrate Saint David; pray for all the people of Wales, with special mention of the Church of Wales. On \Mothering Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) give thanks for the love that mothers give to their families and pray that families may respond with gratitude and love. Pray for families that are unhappy that they may come together in love. On Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Pray that we may all feel some of that joy and excitement in our lives and show it to the world roundabout us. Easter Day (31<sup>st</sup>) is the greatest of all Christian Feasts. Give thanks for Jesus' victory over death and pray that we may all feel the presence of the Holy Ghost amongst us today and always. Give thanks for the leadership of Archbishop Rowan Williams and pray for him in his return to academic life. Pray too for Julian Welby in his mission as Archbishop of Canterbury throughout the wider Anglican Communion. And at all times ask for God's blessing on our United Benefice.

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## Prayers ... for the World

Bring before God the needs of all people suffering from famine today especially those throughout Africa. Pray for a change in the weather that will make it easier for them to raise crops and for the agencies whose purpose it is to provide food and clean water where it is needed. Ask for guidance for governments and businesses who have the power to regulate finances for the benefit of all, so that everyone may enjoy the stability of ordered lives. Pray for the work of the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent in their efforts to serve wherever they are needed across all religions.

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## From Mark Binney, Priest in Charge

Lent is a time when we look at our spiritual life and make sure we are on the right track. It is not so much a negative time as a positive time when we check that we are not going astray. It can partly be summed up in Psalm 25.4 'Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths'.



It was in the wilderness that Satan tempted Jesus. Temptation is about choice and decision. To focus on God or follow our own selfish desires. Quite often it is when we do not make up our mind or commit our heart that we are defeated. For Jesus this was the time for decision and commitment. In the wilderness he would ask, 'Who am I? What am I called to do? How will I do it?'

We too are invited to ask the same questions. To reflect upon our spiritual life and consider making improvements. Giving up things for Lent is a training in self-discipline but we must avoid the temptation to self-righteousness. We can also do something positive by praying, Bible reading, the Lent course and extra services. In this way we prepare ourselves for Easter. Lent is an old English word for 'spring'. You might describe it as a spiritual spring clean. When we make preparations for anything important it usually involves cleaning. God sees us as we really are, just as we might view a dirty car! If a car needs a lot of cleaning so do we, but our sin is not so obvious.

During Passiontide we remember the suffering of Jesus on the cross for our sin. This is the solemn week from Palm Sunday to Easter. On Good Friday Jesus absorbed our sin and brought us forgiveness and reconciliation with God. Death will be followed by eternal life.

On the evening before Easter at the Vigil, a new fire is lit, symbolizing the new life which began at the resurrection of Jesus. The Easter candle is lit from it and symbolizes Christ the light of the world and burns at all the services from Easter till Ascension Day, and at baptisms in the rest of the year. At Easter we may renew our baptism promise. But first we have to make the necessary preparations as we look inwardly at our spiritual life and journey through the month of March to that glorious day.

Mark Binney

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

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## Women's World Day of Prayer

St Andrew's Church, Hampton

1st March 2013 at 2.30pm

Followed by Refreshments in Hampton Guide and Scout Hall

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## Hampton Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be after the 10am Communion Service on 6 March.

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)



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## Fund Raising & Fun – Quiz Night Saturday 8 March 7.00pm

A Quiz Night and Fish and Chip supper will take place at St. Andrew's Church Centre, Battleton Road, Fairfield, on Saturday 9 March. Doors open from 6.30pm for a prompt start at 7.30. Tickets for Tables at £36.00 are available from Shirley Lynch 01386 553392, Gabrielle Falkiner 01386 41302 or Elaine Major 01386 40722. Soft Drinks, Tea and Coffee will be available.

Please support this Fund Raising Event and have a great evening out.

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## New Church Electoral Roll

The electoral roll of the church is the formal list of church members and everybody (over the age of 16) who worships regularly should have their name on the roll. Only those on the roll may vote at the church annual meeting. Also those standing for election to the Parochial Church Council must have their names on the roll and for the six months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Each year before the annual meeting the electoral roll must be brought up to date. Usually that involves just making amendments to the roll but every so often a new electoral roll must be prepared. In 2013 every parish in the country will be preparing a new roll.

At St Andrew's the process starts on Sunday **3rd March** with the posting of the formal notice of the preparation of a new roll. At that time all those presently on the roll will find a letter from me in church enclosing an application form. Please check the information provided on the form and update if necessary before signing the form and returning it to me. Blank application forms for those who do not have their names on the present roll will be available in church.

I must receive all applications no later than **Sunday 17th March**. The new roll will be published on Sunday 24th March so that any errors can be corrected. At that stage no names may be added to the roll before the end of the annual meeting. Similar arrangements will be in place for Sedgeberrow and Hinton-on-the-Green but the details will need to be checked with the appropriate Electoral Roll Officers. Michael Hunter, Electoral Roll Officer, St Andrew's, Hampton

## Prayers ... for the people around us

Pray for the young people of our area; for their plans and their efforts to bring them to fruition; for their leisure activities and the friendships they make, that they may be lasting; for those at college and school that they may enjoy their studies and make progress in them; for those in the world of work, that they may find satisfaction in it and worthwhile careers; for those who are drifting that may find direction. Pray for the needs for the poor that they may find their way to a self-supporting and fulfilling life. Ask God's blessing on all aspects of the work of the NHS within our community

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## St Andrew's Tots

This group for pre-school children and their carers meets on Tuesdays between 9am and 10.30am, in Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall.

Don't hesitate to come on your own; it's a good opportunity to make new friends. There are toys, a craft table and, at about 10am, we have Story Time (or a Sing-song) then refreshments around the cleaned craft table. There is no charge as costs are covered by the PCC of St Andrew's church.

Please keep praying for us as we endeavour to offer hospitality to our community. For more information please contact Rhoda on 07932652646 or Charlie on 01386424235

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## Children's Society

Another year, another Christingle, different parish - the result is the same – a very generous congregation. A big, **BIG** Thank You to all who attended St Andrew's Church for the 2013 Christingle Service at 10 am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, as your gifts on the day, together with the candles which pop up from time to time in the weekly collections throughout the year, means that I have been able to send a cheque for £102.00 to the Children's Society on your behalf. A big 'Thank You' also goes to Elaine for a wonderful service and to all those who helped behind the scenes.

There was the usual presence of old foreign coinage so if anyone has a coin collection and would like 800 lire (genuine Italian coins), 1 dollar from Singapore, 10 cents from Canada, 51 cents from Malta or 2.22 Euro (22 cents of which comes from Spain) just let me know.

*Roy Buffery - Treasurer*

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# Hinton on the Green – St Peter's Church

## Happy Birthday to Viv Barnes

On 8th March, the village will be wishing a very Happy NINETIETH Birthday to Viv Barnes. Her parents used to run the village post office in the cottage immediately opposite the church gates, where Viv still lives. She has been a lifelong stalwart of St Peter's Church and made a significant contribution to its well-being. She has been tending the flower beds around the church for as long as anyone can remember. Viv has been a dedicated member of Hinton on the Green's bell-ringers for almost all her life and is widely known for her expertise. During Viv's bell ringing career, she has rung more than 50 "peals", mostly at Hinton. A Peel is when a team rings all the bells more than 5,000 times, each time in a different order, and takes about three hours to ring - and a great deal of stamina and expertise. Viv's first was in 1953, and her last was in 1983.

A band of Worcestershire ringers are aiming to ring a peel at Hinton (that's about three hours of continuous ringing) on 12th March, to mark Viv's birthday.



## Coffee Mornings are Back!

After a winter break, coffee mornings in the church will restart in March, on the last Tuesday of every month, at 10:30am. The first one will be on 26th March.

## Bring and Buy Sale, and Ladies "Pamper Evening"

Watch out for news of these in future Heralds. The Bring & Buy is planned for late April and the Pamper Evening in late May. Contact Rosemary Cross, 01386 443240, for more information

## Marry in Haste - Repent at Leisure!!

Not if you got married in Hinton on the Green... The PCC are planning a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for all those married in St Peter's Church. Some current villagers definitely seem to have the secret to a long and happy marriage!! Anyone who was married in the Church and would like to celebrate with us is encouraged to telephone Rosemary Cross on 01386 443240. Please phone Rosemary if you know of others who were married there and have moved away, or do not take the Herald, so that she can get in touch with them. More details in the Herald at a later date.

## DO YOU EVER MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? DO YOU EVER KEEP IT...?

Rosemary Cross never makes New Year's resolutions, but this year - 2013 - is an exception. Her resolution this year is to do something to beautify the Church in Hinton. If any other villager feels the same, then please get in touch with the PCC and we can all work together. Some suggestions:-

- to buff and polish the woodwork and brass
- to make a few new kneelers to replace the current worn ones

- to make a new cushion for the organist
  - to work a wonderful new Standard for St Peter or provide a suitable protective framework for the old Standard
  - to construct a new 'stable' for the crib
- Maybe you have some other ideas and skills you could offer? Please get in Touch with Nick Frost, Vice Chairman, Hinton on the Green PCC

## Bible Readings – March 2013

3 March Presentation of Christ	Isaiah 55.1-9 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9	24 March Palm Sunday	Luke 19.28-40 Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11 Luke 22.14 – 23.56 or Luke 23.1-49
10 March Sunday next before Lent	Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27	31 March Easter Day	Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 65.17-25 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12
17 March First Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8		

## Events Update – March 2013

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

St Andrew's Tots	Tues	5 March 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Wed	6 March 10.30am	Hampton
Church Open Morning	Sat	9 March 10am-Noon	Hampton
Bingo	Sat	9 March 8pm	Sedgeberrow
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	12 March 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Fellowship Meeting	Tues	12 March 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tues	19 March 6.45pm	Hampton
Hampton PCC Meeting	Wed	20 March 7.30pm	Hampton
St Andrew's Tots	Tues	26 March 9am	Scout & Guide Hall
Coffee Morning	Wed	3 April 10.30am	Hampton
Church Open Morning	Sat	6 April 10am-Noon	Hampton
St Andrew's Fellowship Meeting	Tues	9 April 2pm	Scout & Guide Hall
St Andrew's Prayer Group	Tues	16 April 6.45pm	Hampton
Standing Committee Meeting	Wed	17 April 7.30pm	Hampton

## Hampton WI

At our meeting on 14 February, Adrian James entertained us with a talk “**Down the Garden Path**” and, with the help of some wonderful slides, took us on a tour of four beautiful gardens, beginning with the Islamic gardens of the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Westonbirt Arboretum, Longstock Park Water Garden in Hampshire, and finally Bosvigo Gardens in Truro. Adrian concluded his talk with a selection of 'garden oddities', including the sculptures in the Barbara Hepworth Garden in St Ives, the Giant's Head (Lost Gardens of Heligan) and the decorated Great Hall (Cotehele, Cornwall).

At the meeting on 14 March, Chris Smith will take us on a journey from **Worcestershire to Beijing by Bicycle** and on 11 April we will have a talk about **Mary Queen of Scots** from Gillian White. During the year we are looking forward to some interesting outings, including a backstage tour of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford and a visit to the State Rooms and Library at Hartlebury Castle. Dates for these and other trips will be confirmed next month.

**WI** meetings are held at the Hampton Guide and Scout Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome. Please contact Joyce Davey on 01386 443755 for more information.

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### War Memorial Clock - Hampton

Stuart Carter, Evesham Town Clerk has advised that the clock mechanism has suffered a major gear failure. The estimate for the repair is quite large and as they have no spare money remaining in the current budget any work will have to be deferred until after April 2013 when the new budget comes into being.

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## News from Sedgeberrow

We have a Family Service on Mothering Sunday, 10 March, at 11am, when posies of flowers will be given out.

The first Coffee Morning of the year is on Thursday 28 March from 10am - 12noon. Please come along to meet friends and enjoy a chat with coffee/tea and cake.

The next Bingo is on Saturday March 16th at 8pm in the Village Hall

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](mailto: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.

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

### **An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 1 Timothy**

Paul's Pastoral Epistles (1, 2 Timothy & Titus) were written to young leaders in the local church. Paul wrote this first letter to Timothy around c. 63–65 instructing him to care for the church at Ephesus (1:3); to challenge false teaching (1:3–7; 4:1–8; 6:3–5, 20–21) and to oversee the life of the growing Ephesian church, incl. their worship (2:1–15); the appointment of leaders (3:1–13; 5:17–25) and their attitude to money (6:3–10, 17–18). This section includes the often misquoted verse, 'the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil' (6:10).

Paul writes to Timothy, 'my true son in the faith' (1:2). Timothy's father was Greek, while his mother was a Jewish Christian (Ac 16:1). Paul led him to faith in Christ during his first visit to Lystra. At the time of his second visit he invited Timothy to join him on his missionary travels, circumcising him so that his Greek ancestry would not be a liability in working with the Jews (Ac 16:3). Although somewhat timid and often unwell, Timothy was faithful servant of the Lord and Paul.

The primary purpose of the letter is to urge Timothy to deal with false teaching in the church. It also provided written authorisation to allow Timothy to carry out this task. The false teachers were primarily insiders, not teachers from outside the church. They taught a strong emphasis on Jewish myths and genealogies. They were legalistic about the about Jewish laws, while downplaying the importance of marriage. It would also appear that they taught that the resurrection had already come and Christians no longer needed to look forward to Christ's coming, judgment, and resurrection of the dead. They were so immersed in speculative controversies that they were neglecting the very core of the Christian faith. Not an unfamiliar situation today!

Therefore this letter teaches us that we should all be an example of faithfulness and not a stumbling block to those God has called us to reach. Like Timothy, we are called to build the church in a way that will bring glory to God. 'But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.' (1 Timothy 6:11, 12)

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**FASHION SHOW**  
**HAMPTON COMMUNITY HALL**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Tickets £5 to include coffee/tea and cake**  
**All proceeds to**  
**CLIC Sargent Children's Cancer Charity**

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## **Maundy Thursday – time to wash feet**

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before his death: the washing of his own disciples' feet. Jesus washed his disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion. Jesus and his close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as he, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

During the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet. This act has sometimes been followed literally in history as a good way of reminding rulers that they are here to serve their subjects.

In England, the custom of washing feet by the Monarch was carried out until 1689. Up until then the King or Queen would wash the feet of the poor on Maundy Thursday in Westminster Abbey. (You should, however, note that the feet were first washed by Yeoman of the Laundry before the monarch had to wash them and kiss them!). Food and clothing were also handed out to the poor.

In Britain today, the Queen follows a very traditional role of giving Maundy Money to a group of pensioners. The tradition of the Sovereign giving money to the poor dates from the 13th century, from the reign of Edward I.

At one time recipients were required to be of the same sex as the Sovereign, but since the eighteenth century they have numbered as many men and women as the Sovereign has years of age.

Every year on this day, the Queen attends a Royal Maundy service in one of the many cathedrals throughout the country. 'Maundy money' is distributed to male and female pensioners from local communities near the Cathedral where the Service takes place.

## From the Registers – January 2013

<b>Baptisms</b>	6 January	Gabriela Adrena Gonclaves	Hampton
	13 January	Oakley Stefan Holley	Hampton
	20 January	Shane Smith, James Joseph Smith,	Hampton
		Lacy May Smith, Shane Bernard Lee Smith, Ethan Jack Birch, Kieran Luke Birch	Hampton
<b>Deaths</b>	8 January	Alec Albert Dolphin	Hampton
	9 January	Kenneth Knight	Hampton
	10 January	Joyce Pickles	Hampton

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### Prayers ... for those who are unwell

Bring before God anyone you know who is unwell together with Dave Beasley, David Canning, Pamela Collins, Phil Cotterell, Audrey Davies, Pam Eustace, Monica Garston, Harry Green, Ella Hampton, Evelyn Hewitt, Girlie Humphreys, 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, Matthew Springett, and Mabel Thompson. Pray that they may find strength, patience and comfort.

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### Prayers ... for those who have died

Mention anyone you personally wish to pray for with Alec Dolphin, Kenneth Knight. Joyce Pickles, Eileen Simpson, Dennis Downey, Gordon Grove, Ivor Fortey and for those who mourn them.

*The heavens are telling the glory of God*

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### Services for April 2013

	Wednesday 3	10am	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Hampton
<b>1st</b>	<b>Sunday 7</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Eucharist	All Saints
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
	Wednesday 10	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Sunday 14</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Eucharist and AGM	Hampton
		11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
		6pm	Holy Communion	Hinton
	Wednesday 17	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

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## Services for March 2013

<b>1st</b>	Friday 1	2.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Hampton
	<b>Sunday 3</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton
		4.30pm	Holy Communion (Healing)	Hampton
	Wednesday 6	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Friday 8	1.30pm	Wedding	Hampton	

<b>2nd</b>	<b>Sunday 10</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton
		11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
		4pm	Holy Communion	Hinton
	Wednesday 13	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

<b>3rd</b>	<b>Sunday 17</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
		10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
		10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
	Wednesday 20	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton

<b>4th</b>	<b>Sunday 24</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton	
		10am	Eucharist	Hampton	
	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow	
		11.15am	All Age Worship	Hinton	
		2pm	Baptism	Hampton	
		6.30pm	ASUM Service	Bengeworth	
		Wednesday 27	10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		Thursday 28	7.30pm	Eucharist	Hampton
		<b>Friday 29</b>	10am	Stations of the Cross	Hampton
	<b>Good Friday</b>	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Hampton	
		2pm	Good Friday Service	Sedgeberrow	
		4pm	Good Friday Service	Hinton	
		Saturday 30	8pm	Eucharist	All Saints

<b>5th</b>	<b>Sunday 31</b>	8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
		9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	10am	Benefice Eucharist	Hampton
		6pm	Holy Communion	Hinton

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