



Church Services MAY 2004

May 2nd	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Family service and baptisms</i>
	Loxley	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
May 9th	Loxley	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Family Communion and baptism</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
May 16th	Charlecote	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Family Communion and baptism</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
May 23rd	Hampton Lucy	8.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	Charlecote	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Loxley	11.00	<i>Matins</i>
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	<i>Evensong</i>
May 30th (5th Sunday)	Hampton Lucy	10.00	<i>Joint Parishes Communion for Pentecost</i>

Diary – MAY 2004

Sun 2	START Confirmation Group at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Tue 4	WI Group Committee Supper Meeting at Meer Hill, 7pm
Wed 5	Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
Wed 5	Joint Churchwardens' Meeting at Thelsford Farm, 4.30pm
Thu 6, 13, 20, 27	Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Sun 9	START Confirmation Group at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Mon 10	Loxley WI Committee Meeting at The Manor, 2.30pm
Mon 10	Afternoon Tea at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm (N.B. later date)
Mon 10	Loxley Parish Council meets at the school, 7.30pm
Tue 11	Praise and Play at Hampton Lucy church, 2-3pm
Thu 13	Loxley WI joins Newbold Pacey & Ashorne for the Resolutions Meeting at Ashorne Village Hall, 7pm
Fri 14	Fun Quiz Evening at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sun 16	START Confirmation Group at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Wed 19	Hampton Lucy Parish Council meets in Village Hall at 7.30 followed by Annual Parish Meeting at about 8pm
Thu 20	Ascension Day service with Bishop Colin at Barford Church (see Parish News), 7.30pm
Sun 23	START Confirmation Group at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Mon 24	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Wed 26	'Growing a Healthy Church' with Roger Moore (see Parish News), 7.45pm. Venue to be announced.
Sat 29	Flower Festival in St Leonard's Church, Charlecote, refreshments in the Village Hall
Sun 30	Flower Festival in St Leonard's Church, Charlecote, refreshments in the Village Hall
Sun 30	Cycle ride to Lighthorne from Hampton Lucy church, 11am
Sun 30	START Confirmation Group at the Vicarage, 7.30pm
Mon 31	Flower Festival in St Leonard's Church, Charlecote, refreshments in the Village Hall

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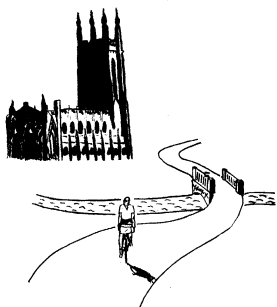
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Fun Quiz Evening

The Hampton Lucy Village Hall Management Committee will be hosting a **Fun Quiz Evening** on Friday, 14 May beginning at 7.30pm in the hall. The cost is £2 per person and tickets will be available from committee members. There will be a bar and 'nibbles' will be provided. Do try to join us for a light-hearted evening. DR



Country Cycle Rides

If you enjoy cycling through the beautiful Warwickshire countryside, why not join one of the monthly cycle rides organised by Tim Bugg (Tel: 842353). The next ride is on Sunday, 30 May, starting at 11am from in front of Hampton Lucy Church and the destination will be Lighthorne. The pace is very gentle, the routes are very scenic along quiet roads, and lunch can be taken in a village pub. So, do come along and join us. A longer cycle ride in aid of the Hampton Lucy Church Millennium Appeal will be held on Sunday, 20 June (10am start). TB

Afternoon Teas in Hampton Lucy

As Monday, 3 May is a Bank Holiday, the next afternoon tea at Hampton Lucy Village Hall will be on Monday, 10 May from 3-4pm. The one after that will be on Monday, 24 May, also from 3-4pm.



The youth group members hosted a Passover meal for their families on Wednesday, 7 April. After several weeks' planning and several hours' cooking beforehand, we were treated to excellent food served by enthusiastic waiters and listened as the story of the Passover was told. The guests would like to thank all the young people for their hard work, and Alison Harrison for her major task of organisation. We look forward to the next project!

A Celebration of Flowers

Friends of Charlecote Church and the Stratford committee of the Children's Society are joining forces to hold a Flower Festival in St Leonard's over the late May Bank Holiday (29 to 31 May). The nave will be decorated with the colours of the Children's Society logo; the colours of the Lucy Family coat of arms will feature in the choir. The Lucy Chapel will be dressed in white for remembrance and the chancel will be a riot of colour in a celebration of God's gift of flowers. Coffees, ploughman's lunches and teas will be served in the Village Hall. If you can help man the church or serve refreshments, please let Carolyn Thorpe know as soon as possible (Tel: 840564).



Music to Inspire

There are still some tickets left for the concert on Saturday, 8 May at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church Hampton Lucy in aid of the Friends of Charlecote Church. If you would like to come, please ring Ian Thorpe (Tel: 840564).

Tennis Tournament and Village Barbecue

The Friends of Charlecote Church are organising a 'Friendly Doubles Tennis Tournament and Village Barbecue' on Saturday, 10 July; entries to be received before 26 June. The tournament will be held on various local courts and the finals and barbecue will be held at Pit Farm, Hunscombe from 6pm (by kind invitation of Simon and Jackie Robinson), where non-players will be very welcome. Tickets for the 'Tennis and Barbecue' will cost £15 (£8 for the barbecue alone; £4 for children under the age of 12) and can be obtained from either Jackie Robinson (Tel: 841760) or Helen Hoggarth (Tel: 840916). HH

PARISH LETTER



The Youth of Today!

How do you know what's in the Bible is true? (9- & 11- year-old boys)

How did Moses' mum feel? (7-year-old girl)

I've got earache. Can we ask Jesus to heal it? (9-year-old boy)

Those nasty men are hurting Jesus (3-year-old)

God will never forget me; that's my favourite promise (youth group member)

Our Lent groups this year spent time looking at worship and how we encounter God. We were thinking partly about whether children should be admitted to communion before

confirmation. Do they have enough experience or understanding of God to enable them to take part with meaning?

The issues are complex, but those of us who have the privilege of ministering alongside our children are only too aware that many of them have a clearer faith than we do at times. What's more, conversations I have in schools and at church show me that our children are not simply repeating things told them by adults, but that they are engaging with the issues at many levels. For many of them, faith is not just about stories of Jesus but a living and very real relationship with God.

When we accept children for baptism, the church makes promises about nurturing and growing their faith as they grow up. It's not just about whether they should receive communion; it's also about how we include them in the ministry and worship of our churches. How do we provide opportunities for our children to

encounter the living God? And what do we expect to happen when they do?

In Hampton Lucy School, I have got used to being surprised by the prayers. Year 6 children lead us in prayer each day, sometimes by choosing from a book and sometimes by using their own words. This is not 'provisional' ministry until they learn more and grow up. This is the real thing. Indeed one reader commented to me (and to the congregation!) that they were more practised in leading intercessions than the adults in church.

I want to have more opportunities to minister alongside our young people and to learn together with them. We may need to change a few things, we will certainly need to be open to the challenges they bring.

But as we do so, I believe that God will meet us in new and exciting ways, and that he will surprise all of us, vicar included. Children are **not** the church of the future. They are the church of today. SE



PARISH NEWS

Meet the Bishop

Bishop Colin has agreed to lead our Ascension Day service this year (Thursday, 20 May) in conjunction with our other cluster parishes. The service will be held in Barford Church at 7.30pm, followed by an opportunity to meet the Bishop over coffee, ask him any questions you may have and tell him our news. The Bishop enjoys meeting people in an informal setting, and this is an ideal opportunity to chat to him about almost anything! All are welcome. SE

Growing a Healthy Church

We are delighted that Revd Roger Morris has agreed to come and meet the PCCs and congregations of the three parishes on Wednesday, 26 May at 7.45pm. Roger has considerable experience in leading rural churches and in encouraging mission and is director of the Diocese's Forum for Parish Development and Evangelism. He is full of good, practical ideas and this should prove to be an enjoyable and challenging evening. Please put the date in your diary, and come along if you possibly can.. SE (Venue tba)

News from the Cathedral

At our meeting of Cathedral Liaison Officers, we were introduced to our new Chairman, Canon Roger Turner from St John's Church, Kenilworth. He is a very fine man, with great interest and enthusiasm for all church activities. The speaker on this occasion was the Rev Roger Morris whose remit is helping churches to thrive, that is to grow vigorously and healthily, to be successful and profitable 'in people'. He said every parish needs something to help people grow in the Christian faith. We are planning a 'Springboard' weekend, a diocesan initiative. But in advance we need to think, plan and pray to discover what is the vision in our parish for us. The Rev. Roger Morris said "We need to change. Something that doesn't change is dead. We need refreshment, the opportunity to rest and be, we need a mixed style. There is spiritual hunger". With contact, nurture and commitment, building relationships, we hope to extend a warm welcome and meet the needs of those around us. So look out for news of the Springboard weekend! AB

Living Life to the Full

Christian Aid Week begins on 9th May and the money raised will be used to improve people's lives in more than 50 countries worldwide. One of the places where Christian Aid has recently begun working is the former Soviet Republic of Tajikistan which is situated in central Asia, north of Afghanistan. It was part of the Soviet Union, until 1991 but subsequently the economy collapsed and there has been a bitter civil war. Tajikistan is now one of the poorest countries in the world outside Africa: one in three workers is jobless, and vulnerable people such as children and the elderly have little or no support. Children are particularly at risk if they are orphaned. Fifty thousand were orphaned during the war, and many more have parents who have been forced to leave home and seek work in Russia. Huge state orphanages provide schooling and shelter, but they are overcrowded and poorly resourced. Life in the hostels is bleak and dangerous so Zumrad, an organisation supported by Christian Aid, runs youth clubs to improve the lives of vulnerable children and give them emotional support. The children enjoy climbing and camping expeditions, as well as workshops in which they make their own rucksacks and tents. Zumrad provides a safe place where children find genuine care and can develop higher hopes for the future. It is one of ten partner organisations in Tajikistan supported by Christian Aid. A £25 gift to Christian Aid buys the materials for ten young people to make their own rucksacks for a camping expedition. As in many other poor countries, money raised in Christian Aid Week is being used to help people live life to the full.

By supporting Christian Aid Week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world. DF-L

Loxley WI

We are now 16 in number and have really enjoyed our spring programme. Our annual New Year dinner at Houndshill was, as usual, excellent. Venue, service, food and company could not have been bettered. February saw us journeying around Warwickshire with Mr Winterburn and viewing some very unusual spots. What a lot of interesting snippets we learned about our county. Then in March we were off on a Grand Tour. Not literally, of course, but Mr Sutherland's account of the privations suffered by travellers in the 18th and 19th centuries made us realise that a couple or three hours' delay, as experienced these days, are as nothing compared to carting a whole household and goods and chattels by horse and coach across Europe. Mr and Mrs Lee visited us in April and told us about their painstaking but rewarding searches through records, deeds and wills to find out the history of their house and its previous occupants. Their most enthralling account took us back over 700 years. Our summer season starts when we join friends in Ashorne for the Resolutions Meeting, followed by the Members' meeting and then in July, country music and dancing - but more of that anon! RM

A WI Birthday

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI celebrated its 85th birthday in style at the April meeting. A buffet supper was followed by entertainment from 'Music Unlimited', a group of singers who romped through songs from musicals ending with Richard Stilgoe's hilarious tribute to 'Calendar Girls'. Two members were awarded bursaries to Denman College and the evening ended with cutting the wonderful cake, made and expertly decorated by Jean Drinkwater. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 5 May in Hampton Lucy Village Hall. CT



Some of the Hampton Lucy villagers who tackled the tough job of sprucing up the village hall

Hampton Lucy Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place in the village hall at about 8pm, after the normal Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 19 May. If you have any grumbles, or better still, constructive suggestions for improving our parish, do come along and have your say. AS

Upper Avon Navigation

The possibility of modifying the River Avon to enable broad-beam power boats to travel between Stratford and Warwick is to be discussed at the WCC Stratford Area Committee at 4.30pm on Wednesday, 12 May in Stratford. The County Council Scrutiny Committee will then meet in June to decide whether or not to support the navigation plan. If you wish to comment upon these proposals you can obtain a form either from Alan Scaife (Tel: 841105) or by downloading it from: -

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/avonnavigation

All comments should be sent to: Regeneration Projects, Avon Navigation, PTES, PO Box 43, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4SX.

Calling Loxley Dog Walkers

Summer "is icumen in", days are longer, and nights are lighter. Children 'play out' and the playing field is seeing more seasonal use. So, dear dog owners, when walking your pets on the playing field, please remove and deposit their droppings in the bins provided. When away from the playing field, please take the droppings home with you and dispose of them there. It's a perennial problem but please, let's try to beat it this year! In anticipation - thank you!

Local Transport

Don't forget that the Wellesbourne and District Lions Club has an almost-new mini-bus for hire. The bus is fully equipped, and has 15 seats and a diesel engine. The minibus is available to all but the driver must be 30 years old or more. There are special rates for charities, youth groups etc. Contact Paul (Tel: 841730) for bookings.

Fund Raising

The Wellesbourne and District Lions Club's Raft Race is this year supporting Acorns Childrens Hospice, a wonderful charity helping in the most tragic of circumstances. Why not get a raft entered? Sunday, 20 June is the date and Lion George Cowie is the contact (Tel: 841411).

From the Registers

14th March	Baptism	Sophia Noriega	St Leonard's, Charlecote
21st March	Baptism	Jamie Glaisher	St Nicolas's, Loxley

Plant Sale

At Townsend Hall, Shipston on Stour on Saturday, 15 May — in aid of Shipston Home Nursing Trust