



## Church Services

### SEPTEMBER 2004

<b>Sept 5th</b>	Charlecote	8.30	Holy Communion
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	Family Service and baptism
	Loxley	6.00	Evensong
<b>Sept 12th</b>	Loxley	9.30	Holy Communion
	Charlecote	11.00	Family Holy Communion
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Evensong
<b>Sept 19th</b>	Charlecote	8.30	Holy Communion
	Loxley	11.00	Family Communion
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Holy Communion
<b>Sept 26th</b>	Hampton Lucy	10.00	Scarecrow Family Service
	Loxley	11.00	Harvest Thanksgiving
	Charlecote	6.00	Harvest evensong
			with Festival Singers

### Diary – SEPTEMBER 2004

<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI</b> meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. Simpson's Fish Evening - a fish cookery demonstration.
<b>Thu 2,9,16,23,30</b>	<b>Trotters Toddlers Group</b> meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
<b>Thu 2</b>	<b>Three Parishes Prayer Meeting</b> at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
<b>Tue 7</b>	<b>Loxley PCC</b> meets at The Manor, 8pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy Building Committee</b> meets at 82 Tiddington Road.
<b>Thu 9</b>	<b>Loxley WI</b> meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. Mrs Joy Finnemore will speak on "Family History".
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>Ceilidh</b> in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>Dedication of bench to Cuthbert Brown</b> in Charlecote Village Hall, 12.15pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	<b>Loxley Parish Council</b> meets at the school, 7.30pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy PCC</b> meets in the church, 7.45pm
<b>Thu 16</b>	<b>Loxley Parish Plan Community Meeting</b> at the school. 7.30pm. All residents are invited to attend.
<b>Sun 19</b>	<b>Cycle Ride</b> from Hampton Lucy church to Lowsonford, 11am
<b>Wed 22</b>	<b>Hampton Lucy Parish Council</b> meets in Village Hall, 7.30pm
<b>Thu 23</b>	<b>Three Parishes Prayer Meeting</b> at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
<b>Mon 27</b>	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
<b>Tue 28</b>	<b>Charlecote PCC</b> meets in Charlecote Village Hall, 7.45pm
<b>Wed 29</b>	<b>Three Parishes Joint Churchwardens' Meeting</b> at The Manor, Loxley, 4.30pm

### From the Registers

<b>27th June</b>	<i>Confirmation</i>		St Mary's Warwick
		Katy Ayres, Daisy Kendry, Bethan Richardson, Gavin Terry, Emily Tuck, Daniel Webb, Bethan Williams	
<b>18th July</b>	<i>Baptism</i>	Andrew Thomson	St Nicholas's, Loxley
<b>31st July</b>	<i>Wedding</i>	Elizabeth Thomas and Timothy Hanson	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy

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# The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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One attraction of the tea party held by VEG at 'Avonside' in Hampton Lucy on 17 July was that the teas were served from the building that was once the Victorian schoolroom. The event attracted four relatives of the Maries family that lived in the village in the 18th and 19th centuries.



Although the weather was far from ideal for the Loxley Strawberry Fayre held on 10 July, one period of sunshine lasted long enough for people to enjoy their strawberry teas while sitting in the garden of The Hall.

## Cuthbert Brown

Cuthbert's family has generously donated a bench to Charlecote Village Hall in his memory. The bench will be dedicated on Sunday, 12 September, after church at 12.15pm. All residents of Charlecote are invited to come and have a glass of wine and see the bench. The Charlecote Books will also be "re-launched" on this occasion. HH

## Hampton Lucy Ceilidh

Another of the very popular Ceilidhs will be held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall on Saturday, 11 September from 7.30pm. Tickets, price £4 adult, £2 student, or £10 family (2 adults and 2 students) are available from Village Hall Committee members or from Hilary and John Dunkerton. There will be a bring-and-share supper and please bring your own drinks and glasses. We can recommend this as an evening of fun and good music, so please book your tickets now.

## Postman Weds

Nigel, who delivers mail in Charlecote and Loxley, was married to Kathy on 31 July. Both villages presented the happy couple with a number of gifts. Nigel has since written to each village to thank everyone for their generosity, the lovely wedding presents, and their kind wishes for his wedding day.

## Financial Help for Local Students

The Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation is an educational charity which provides grants to young people under 25 years of age who live in the parishes of Hampton Lucy, Charlecote, Wasperton, and Alveston and who may be at school or in further or higher education or other training programmes. The Trustees consider applications very carefully and as well as assisting individuals in meeting educational costs, make grants to local schools. The Trustees would like to hear from parents and from young people who may be in financial need. Provided applicants meet the relevant criteria the Trustees may award a grant or a series of grants towards the provision of education, training, additional classes or equipment e.g. for music, art, dance, or sports as well as help towards college or university. Requests for Grant Application Forms and other enquiries should be sent to the Clerk of the Trustees, Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, Edmund House, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa CV32 6EL. JLL

**Afternoon Teas** in Hampton Lucy Village Hall will resume on Monday, 13 September from 3 to 4 pm. Everyone is most welcome.

## Loxley Parish Plan

Loxley has been selected as one of a limited number of communities where the residents are being asked by the government to decide what needs to be done to improve life in their community and to propose how this should be done. Preparation of the Plan is informal and is to be done entirely by the people living in the area covered by the parish. An informal Planning Group has met and is starting the planning process. All residents are welcome to join the Group and a meeting for the whole community will be held in Loxley School on Thursday, 16 September at 7.30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the planning process and hear residents' ideas for improving (not necessarily changing) life in Loxley. In order to prepare a good plan it is important that the maximum number of residents participate in the study and all people involved with life in Loxley are urged to join this meeting. Please contact Mick Nightingale (Tel: 840418) if you have any questions or ideas.

**A Wine & Wisdom Evening** will be held in Charlecote Village Hall on Saturday, 13 November, at 7.30pm. Tickets at £7 each will soon be on sale from Helen Hoggarth (Tel: 840916).

## PARISH LETTER



### Putting Off Things

I've been meaning to go to the dentist for months now. I'm very glad he's there, and he's always very welcoming when I turn up, but I'd rather not think about him until I really, *really* need to go. Of course, I think everyone should have access to a dentist, and I would be up in arms if my local surgery was threatened with closure, but the longer I leave it before I go, the harder it is to go back.

Sound familiar? It's not only dentists who elicit that reaction in us. Churches do it too. We're very glad we've got local churches, and we certainly don't want them to close, but until we really need God, we tend not to give him a second thought. And the longer we ignore him, the harder it seems to make the contact again. Life is so full of other things to do. We work longer hours, travel further to friends and relatives, and Sundays are precious family times.

That's why the churches here are organising a weekend of food and fun at the end of September. It's to offer the whole community the chance to make contact again, to meet with neighbours and to find out a bit more about what goes on each week in church.

Loxley is having a special harvest thanksgiving on 26 September, which will offer the chance for the

congregation to say thank you over a glass of wine to all the many people who keep the church running from day-to-day.

Charlecote has a Harvest Supper on Saturday, 25 September with Harvest Evensong and the Festival Singers in church on Sunday at 6pm.

And Hampton Lucy has a whole weekend of scarecrow building planned. Get thinking now, and come with your family or group of friends to try and win the competition for the best scarecrow. The service on Sunday morning, 26 September, will have all the scarecrows in place in church, so look out for the posters and come early to get a pew or you may need to sit on a scarecrow's lap!

We do hope you will be able to join us at one of the events happening that weekend and take the opportunity to have fun, eat some good food and find out what the churches are really about. SE



## P A R I S H N E W S

### Churches' Celebration Weekend

#### 'Food for Thought' - 25 and 26 September

Look out for details of the special events and come along and join us at one of them.

**Charlecote** – Harvest Supper is on Saturday, 25 September with Harvest Evensong and the Festival Singers in church on Sunday at 6pm.

**Loxley** – Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday, 26 September at 11am. We are again collecting gifts of tinned foods for the Leamington Christian Mission. Please remember the homeless and those who have little for which to be thankful. "Whoever is kind to the needy honours God". *Proverbs* 14:31. Join us also to say thank you to those who help in church, and to thank God at this special time.

**Hampton Lucy** – Scarecrows Galore! Join us to build a scarecrow on Saturday. Prizes for the best dressed, most original and ugliest scarecrows amongst others. Start thinking up your ideas now and collect your props. Basic clothes will be provided, but don't feel constrained to produce a 'traditional' version! There will be harvest soup and a barbecue in the afternoon, and other traditional English entertainment. Scarecrows are all invited to the special Scarecrow Service on Sunday at 10am, where the winners will be announced.

*There will be a box in the church to collect any clothes you may want to donate for the weekend.* SE

### The Well Christian Healing Centre

The Well, in the Main Assembly Room at the Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa, is a place of Christian prayer for healing. Details are available in each church, with times when anyone can drop in for prayer for healing. You do not have to be a Christian, though all prayer is done in the name of Jesus Christ. The Well is led by Rev. Anne Hibbert and Tim Hollingdale. No appointments are necessary, though you may phone up in advance if you wish (Tel: 01926 888003) [www.thewellhealingcentre.org.uk](http://www.thewellhealingcentre.org.uk).

### Christian Aid Week

A big "Thank you" to all who very kindly helped with deliveries and collections, and especially to all who gave so generously to achieve the splendid result of £1517.86 which has been sent to Christian Aid this year from all three parishes, including a good contribution from the residents of Hammond Green. This was almost exactly £100 more than was given in 2003. J F-L

## Can you help?

At Charlecote Park we are looking for volunteers to help with specific projects:

- Helping us to provide costumes for Education groups by researching designs and making costumes for the children to wear. We would also like someone to run a workshop in costume making for people in the village. As we are performing the Charlecote Pageant in 2006 you may want to be involved and make your own costume as part of the project.
- We are looking for volunteers to give guided garden tours or just to talk to the visitors about the different plants around the garden. If you prefer the parkland, we also need volunteers to walk in the park, to show the visitors the Heronry in West Park, to talk about the deer or sheep, and to help us set up photography or bird watching.
- We also need an archaeologist to help with a local group survey in our medieval village. A walker in the park has found Elizabethan pottery remains and it would be wonderful if we could find out more about both areas.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the property and come along and have a chat. Linda Griffin – Property Manager (Tel: 470277).

## Gently Flows the Avon

Those of you (the majority) who opposed the idea of powered navigation on our river will be pleased to hear that the WCC Environmental Affairs Overview and Scrutiny Committee voted 9:0 on 19 July to recommend to Cabinet that the County Council should not support the principle of opening up the river Avon to navigation between Stratford and Warwick or Leamington. This very probably means that WCC will formally adopt the same position, and that the pro-navigation lobby will be unable to claim local support for some years to come at least. Hampton Lucy Parish Council has been active in opposing navigation, and would like to thank all those within the parish and in the neighbouring parishes for their support. AS.

## Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

We resume our monthly meetings on Wednesday, 1 September at 7.30pm in Hampton Lucy village hall, with Simpson's Fish Evening - a fish cookery demonstration. This should be an interesting event and is highly recommended. Please feel free to come as either a visitor or a new member. July's meeting was great fun. We learnt how to make and make use of tassels. They varied in size and appearance but were easy to accomplish and the results were most satisfying. See you all on 1 September. HS

## Loxley Strawberry Fayre



Many thanks once again to the Gregory-Hoods for hosting the Strawberry Fayre in the grounds of The Hall. Despite weather conditions which were in no way ideal, everyone attending thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Profits were down this year, which was only to be expected, but we look forward to next July when, hopefully, it will be a perfect day! RM

## Hampton Lucy Church Fete



*The weather for the Hampton Lucy Church Fete was so atrocious that the whole event had to be held indoors.*

## Loxley WI

Loxley WI enjoyed a most successful summer season. June was our Members' meeting. Our speaker, who had been brought up in Egypt, gave us an insight into the role of women in that country. We viewed our July meeting with some trepidation but there were sighs of relief all round when our speaker assured us he did not expect us to Morris dance! He provided an entertaining and amusing evening telling us of events in which he had taken part. For our August supper, we returned to 'Houndshill'. Once again, the company and the meal were most enjoyable. Members have attended several events during the summer, including the World of Water, Brook House Gardens and trips to the theatre. Sulgrave Manor is on our calendar for late August. We shall start our winter programme with a talk on family history which will undoubtedly sow the seeds for another fascinating hobby with many of us! RM

## Other Events in the Area

### SWOOP

SWOOP (Safety in Warwickshire Opportunities for Older People) is holding a FREE safety and essential information event for older people, their carers, friends, relatives, supporters and advisors on Monday, 1 November at the Royal Spa Centre, Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa from 10am until 3.30pm. Further details from Nancy Singleton (Tel: 260803).

### Shipston Home Nursing

**Dance.** You are invited to "Dance" to the Dylan Kay Band featuring John Sargent plus special guests and a disco on Saturday, 25 September from 7.45 to 12.30 at the Townsend Hall, Shipston on Stour, in aid of Shipston Home Nursing. Tickets are £15, including supper, from Rebecca Mawle (Tel: 01608 674929).

**Christmas cards** in aid of Shipston Home Nursing will be available from mid-September. Details from Rebecca.

### Shakespeare Hospice

Stratford Friends of the Shakespeare Hospice will be holding their seventh Annual Auction on Saturday, 11 September. Contact Rosemary Livingstone (Tel: 204565) for further information.

## The Mobile Library

The Mobile Library and Information Service visits Hampton Lucy on alternate Wednesdays, e.g. 8 Sept., stopping opposite the Boar's Head from 10 until 10.30am. Please contact Jackie Taylor (Tel: 01926 413488) if you need any further information.

## Rural Housebound Service

The Rural Housebound Service is a partnership between the Library and Information Service, and Age Concern Warwickshire and offers a free library service to housebound people living in rural areas of the county. If you live within rural Warwickshire but are unable to visit your local library or mobile library and do not have family or friends who can regularly exchange library books for you, you may qualify for this service. Volunteers will bring your selection of books, stories on tape, music cassettes or jigsaws to your home once a month. You may request any item free of charge and we can also help you with any information enquiries. This is a free service. If you think you are eligible or know of someone who might benefit from receiving it, contact Debbie Sly (Tel: 01926 851031).

## Hampton Lucy VEG

The tea party at 'Avonside', Hampton Lucy on 17 July raised the magnificent sum of £260. VEG is most grateful for the generosity of all who supported the event. The money will be used mainly to buy more plants for further enhancing the appearance of the village. DR