



Church Services

OCTOBER 2004

Oct 3rd	Charlecote	8.30	Holy Communion
	Hampton Lucy	10.00	Family Service
	Loxley	6.00	Evensong (see <i>Parish Letter</i>)
Oct 10th	Loxley	9.30	Holy Communion
	Charlecote	11.00	Family Communion
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Evensong
Oct 17th	Charlecote	8.30	Holy Communion
	Loxley	11.00	Family Communion
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Holy Communion
Oct 24th	Hampton Lucy	8.30	Holy Communion
	Loxley	11.00	Matins
	Charlecote	11.00	Matins
	Hampton Lucy	6.00	Evensong

Diary – OCTOBER 2004

Sat 2	Hampton Lucy Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, 7.30pm prompt
Wed 6	Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI meets in Charlecote Village Hall, 7.30pm. The speaker will be Christian Leech, Manager of Warwick Racecourse. All are welcome.
Wed 6	'Springboard' Thanksgiving Service at Walsgrave, 7.30pm
Thu 7, 14, 21, 28	Trotters Toddlers Group meets in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 1.30-3pm
Sun 10	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30-9pm
Mon 11	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm
Tue 12	'Praise and Play' at Hampton Lucy Church, 2-3pm
Wed 13	Joint PCC meeting in Charlecote Village Hall, with Linda Wainscott, 7.30pm
Thu 14	Loxley WI meets at The Manor, 7.30pm. Mrs Frances Freeman will cook and tell us about 'Kitchen Gadgets'.
Thu 14	Three Parishes Prayer Meeting at the Vicarage, 7.45pm
Thu 21	Christian Fellowship meets at Charlecote Village Hall, 3pm. The Speaker will be the Revd. Geoffrey Eddy.
Sun 24	Youth Group meets at the Vicarage, 7.30-9pm
Mon 25	Afternoon Teas at Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 3-4pm

Advance Notice

Nov 1	Loxley Parish Council meets at the school, 7.30pm
Nov 6	Charlecote Churchyard , winter clean-up from 9.30am

From the Registers

4th Sept.	<i>Wedding</i>	Stephen Perry and Faye Holland	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy
5th Sept.	<i>Baptism</i>	Edith Elizabeth Alun-Jones	St Peter's, Hampton Lucy

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THE GRAPEVINE

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The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

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The Hampton Lucy Autumn Ceilidh

Loxley Parish Plan

A first community meeting, held on Thursday, 16 September was attended by some 30 Loxley residents. Following a discussion of the objectives and procedures for the Plan the meeting had a lively exchange of ideas and listed the problems and development needs of the Loxley Parish. Household questionnaires will be prepared to reflect the points raised by the meeting. These will be distributed to all homes in the Parish at the end of October, with separate questions being asked for the household in general, for young people and for teenagers. Questionnaires are totally confidential and all residents are urged to complete them as thoroughly as possible. A list of the main topics raised in the questionnaire will be distributed asking for volunteers to form focus groups that will examine key problems in detail and prepare action plans.

The next meeting of the informal Planning Group will be at Loxley Hall at 8pm on Thursday, 30 September and everyone in Loxley will be welcome. MN



Hampton Lucy Harvest Supper

Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday, 2 October in the Hampton Lucy Village Hall at 7.30pm prompt. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Posters around the village give all the details. This is usually a sell-out event, so please make sure you have booked your place. DR

Wine & Wisdom Evening

A Wine and Wisdom evening will be held in Charlecote Village Hall on Saturday, 13 November, at 7.30pm. Tickets (£7) from Helen Hoggarth (Tel: 840916).

Free Tests of Electric Blankets

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is offering to test electric blankets free of charge to 'Over 60s' living in the county. The tests will take place at Age Concern Pop-in Centre, United Reformed Church, Stratford-upon-Avon on Friday, 22 October and at Leamington Library on Tuesday, 2 November. Other venues within the county will be visited on other days. The tests will be conducted by appointment only and bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Furthermore, the number of appointments is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings can be made by calling Freephone 0800 413332. This number will be staffed between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday and an answerphone will operate at all other times.

Footpath Cleared

The footpath which runs west from Sal's Grave (where the Hampton Lucy to Hatton Rock road bends right and climbs towards Hatton Rock) past Ryon Hill Park to Stratford has just been cleared of nettles etc., and is well worth a walk. The views from the top are magnificent. Please try to walk our paths or we will lose them. If you know where there are other blockages please either let me know or have a go at them yourselves if you have the time and energy. It's much better exercise than going to a gym! Alan Scaife (Tel: 841105).

Charlecote Churchyard Winter Clean-up

Would all able-bodied parishioners please come and help tidy the churchyard on Saturday, 6 November, from 9.30am? In the event of wet weather, we'll try again on Saturday, 13 November.

PARISH LETTER



Focus on ... Loxley Church

I have the advantage of worshipping in all three of our parish churches each week. There's nothing to stop anyone else joining me, but it's much more likely that we choose one place as our regular place for worship and venture out to the other villages less often.

In fact, I have been surprised at how little people do choose to travel to worship, but that's probably because I'm used to town settings where it is much

more common. When we lived in London, it took 45 minutes to travel each way to and from church, and that was normal!

It's not always easy to keep track of what's going on in the other churches, so for the benefit of Hampton Lucy and Charlecote worshippers, here is a snapshot of Loxley Church.

If I had to sum up Loxley Church in one word, for me it would be 'tranquillity'. The simplicity of the building, the setting and the music all lend themselves to a reflective, peaceful style of service. You might not instantly think that at 11am when there's a Family Communion, of course. This is the most popular service of the month, with provision for children to worship alongside adults. The congregation wants to help this service grow, and plans are afoot to involve the school more, and to use the

talents of the teenagers to help lead and plan.

If that doesn't sound like your cup of tea, or if you're not comfortable in the Hampton Lucy Family service, then one of my favourite hours of the week is the evensong at Loxley on the first Sunday. This, and the other services there, offers an oasis of calm in a busy world; time for reflection and space to think. The format is traditional but not over-formal. It's certainly worth travelling for, even when the sun is out and getting in the car at the end of the afternoon is an effort.

Service patterns are on the back of *The Grapevine*. I would encourage you to travel to worship if the service where you live is at an awkward time or you don't like it. It might be better elsewhere! And you never know you might discover God at work in the other villages as well as your own. SE



PARISH NEWS

Church and School

The postponed joint PCC meeting with Linda Wainscott, Director of the Diocesan Board of Education, will now take place on Wednesday, 13 October at 7.30pm in Charlecote Village Hall. The PCCs will be discussing the role of Sarah as chaplain to the schools, and the ways in which we can build on the strong links we have in Loxley and Hampton Lucy. Please note this is for all PCC members – could you let the appropriate secretary know if you are unable to attend.

Morning Prayer

Every Monday morning at 9am, there is an opportunity to join with others for a quiet 20 minutes or so to pray together in Hampton Lucy church. We follow a simple outline, and pray either silently or out loud as we wish, for the needs of the villages, the world and individuals. Do come and join us – we start just after the school drop-off time at 9 o'clock.

Youth Group

It's not Fair!

The average British person spends £50 a year on chocolate.

*A cocoa farmer in Ghana earns £50 a year...
...and has never tasted chocolate.*

Made you think?

If you're 11-14 years old, come and think some more as we taste 'Fair Trade' chocolate (if there's any left after Sarah's been at it!), have some fun and see how you can make a difference. All wrapped up with worship, questions, campaigning and friends.

Dates for the term

The Youth Group meets from 7.30—9pm @ Vicarage on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Sunday Oct 10th It's not Fair!

Sunday Oct 26th Banana Box

More details from Sarah Edmonds or Alison Harrison.

From Little Acorns...

Age Concern West Midlands through its network of groups and organisations has started a brand new project across the West Midlands region. The OAK (Older people Advice Knowledge base) Project aims to get information and advice out to a wide range of older people who are the hardest to reach in the rural community and are often isolated and vulnerable. The project aims to improve access to social welfare advice and information, and advice for older people now as well as planning for the future by building a knowledge base to understand the needs in the longer term.

Mary Harris of Age Concern Warwickshire said it was an exciting opportunity to develop advice services on a whole range of topics for older people and to inform them of the wider services provided by Age Concern Warwickshire. These include insurance services, home safety checks, daily living support and hospital discharge, befriending service and the 'Activage' programme. The parish network is going to be vital in ensuring the success of this project but there will be opportunities to get involved at all levels. Please contact Mary Harris (Tel: 01926 458100) for further information.

Hampton Lucy Church

The repair and re-instatement of stonework at the West Entrance and the South Aisle is to commence on Monday, 4 October. Messrs Boden and Ward Stonemasons Ltd., Flore, Northants are the contractors. They are familiar with the church having previously replaced decorative stonework and re-built the chimney to accommodate the new heating system. The work to be undertaken includes the repair and reinstatement of decorative stonework around the entrance arch; replacement of worn entrance steps, and the replacement of the defective South Aisle Balustrade. The work is expected to be finished within eight weeks and heralds the completion of Major Works Contract – Phase 1. GJB

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).

Hampton Lucy Church Choir

New members would be welcomed in all voice parts to join this mixed, all-adult choir to sing at the three evening services each month. We envisage two weekday evening rehearsals per month. Singers should have clear voices, be able to sing without vibrato and have some sight-reading ability. Please see the notice in the church entrance for more details or phone our new organist and choirmaster, Robert Stagg (Tel: 01788 810208).

Financial Help for Local Students

Details of the Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation appeared in the September *Grapevine*. This is a reminder that requests for Grant Application Forms should be sent to the Clerk of the Trustees, Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation, Edmund House, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa CV32 6EL. JLL

Loxley School

The school opened for the 2004/5 school year on Monday, 6 September. This year, Mrs Griffin is joined by Mrs Thackway for Key Stage 2 while Mrs Tuckwell and Acting Head Mrs Steward work together with Key Stage 1. Mrs Hull will be coming in for games and PE sessions while Mrs Cox and Mrs Howard continue as classroom assistants. Best wishes are offered to both Loxley and Hampton Lucy Schools for a happy and successful school year. RM

Doorstep Sellers

Doorstep selling is when someone sells you goods or services in your home or on your doorstep. It can be convenient to buy on the doorstep but you can be pressured into buying something you do not want or that is not good value for money by a salesperson using clever selling tactics. If this happens you are not always protected by the law. The Office of Fair Trading has produced a new leaflet called *Your Doorstep, Your Decision*, which describes some of these psychological tactics and gives advice on how to deal with them. It also tells you your legal rights. If you would like a copy of this booklet please contact Trading Standards Advice Line, Old Budbrooke Road, Warwick CV35 7DP (Tel: 01926 414000 or email ts-advice@warwickshire.gov.uk). The booklet can also be viewed on <http://www.oft.gov.uk/Consumer/Doorstep+selling>

Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI

Carolyn welcomed us all back after our summer break. We were pleased to welcome visitors from Loxley W.I. as well as friends of members who joined us for Simpson's 'Fish Evening'. Philip, from Simpson's, created a wonderful display of fresh fish. He described his day, beginning at 5am. He also provided some ideas for serving their fish and he ended the evening with us buying some of his display.

Plans were made to visit the theatre at the end of October to see 'My Fair Lady'. Also, members are reminded to collect small items to help us fill shoe-box parcels for Operation Christmas Child. Helen Sill will be responsible for organising this event. The next meeting is in Charlecote village hall on Wednesday, 6 October when the speaker will be Christian Leech, Manager of Warwick Racecourse. As this should interest a wide range of people, we invite guests (male and female) to this meeting. The charge for guests will be £2. HS