

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 19th November 2017 – 2nd Sunday before Advent**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 19 th November		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
10am	Alternative Worship	Fairfield
11am	RBL Remembrance service	Bengeworth
3pm	Songs of Praise	Austen Court
Monday 20th		
10am	Bible Study	The Vicarage
Tuesday 21st		
9am	Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
Wednesday 22nd		
10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
Thursday 23rd		
7pm	Youth Group	Bengeworth
Sunday 26 th November – Christ the King		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
10am	Fresh Expressions Worship	Fairfield
11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
3pm	Holy Baptism	Bengeworth
6pm	Iona Candlelit Service	Hinton

FOR OUR PRAYERS from our four Churches

For those who are housebound, sick and elderly:
Janet Bailey, Mabel Bailey, Sarah Clements, Shirley Ann Davis; Roseanna Denning, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Margaret Goodman, Terry Grinnell, Olivia Hancock, Jess Hawkins, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Joyce Lampitt, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, James Lynch, Janice & Roger Sinclair, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Graham Williams, Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died
Doris Pughe (in Leighton Buzzard), Winifred Payne & Violet Smith

- We keep in mind...**
- + Those in Iran and Iraq caught up in the devastating earthquake last week;
 - + Those responsible for negotiating the UK's future relationship with the European Union;
 - + Zimbabwe and her people; for peace and a better future;
 - + Our prisons; inmates and staff; families of offenders; those trying to make a fresh start in their lives;
 - + Our local Care Homes and their staff; giving thanks for recent opportunities for us to share worship with them;

Please note...

Pew-sheet Notices and Prayer Requests: Please send these to the Benefice Office by 9.00am on Thursdays. **Tel** (01386) 446381 **Email** office@hamptonchurch.org.uk

Gluten free Communion breads are available in all of our churches. If you require one, please mention this to the 'welcomers' or one of the Churchwardens

Caring Hands

Please keep your donations coming – needed now more than ever. Basket at back of Church for food and toiletries for those in need. *(Thanks to Pippa for delivering our gifts to the Centre)*

Benefice News Extra

See the back of 'The Link'! On this sheet, we plan to offer a wider view diet of news for our churches and beyond. If there is anything you would like to see included on it, please get in touch with the Benefice Office.

Hampton Open Church

Saturday 9th December..... 10am – 1pm
Stalls & Refreshments + quiet spaces
All Welcome

Toy Service at Hampton

This year, we will be holding a Toy Service for Christmas Gifts for Local Children.

If you would like to provide a gift, please speak to me, or bring a gift wrapped with a tag to fill in later + Christmas Card.



Please make sure you have the age & gender of the Child noted somewhere where it can be removed & the tag applied.

The gifts need to come to church on **3rd December**. They will be delivered to the Children's Centre during the following week so that they can go out in good time for Christmas. On behalf of the Children's Centre, thank you for your generosity. **Elaine.**

St Andrew's Church.

Church deep clean for Christmas
Wednesday 29th November.....11am
Please speak to Carolyn, Margaret or the office if you can help.



Our Benefice is part of the Asum Group of parishes

Large print hymn books are available and can be found on the bookshelf at the back of Church



St Andrew's is fitted with a loop system. To use this please switch hearing aids to 'T'

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from around and beyond our Churches

Don't miss...



Churches Together Christmas Celebration

On Saturday 25th November at 2:00 pm
at St Peter's Church, Bengeworth

The Salvation Army's Somerset and Severn
Divisional Band will be leading,
along with the United Churches Choir.
Tickets are £2.00 from the Salvation Army
charity shop or on the door.
All proceeds to Caring Hands in the Vale.



Making a Difference

Gifts for local Children and Young People: Bengeworth Church is taking the lead in collecting gifts for our local Children's Centre to distribute to needy families at Christmas. We are gathering these gifts together at our Toy Services on Sunday 3rd December - both 10am at Bengeworth and Hampton.

The Children's Centre are especially grateful for gifts to suit older teenagers and under-4s. More details from Marie Bomyer 01386 421559 or Elaine Major



Hinton Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 25th November,
2pm to 4pm



Gifts & Crafts; Bottles galore; Cake
Stall and refreshments.
Everyone welcome!



(Congratulations to Team St. Peter's who recently raise £1500 at their Race Night!)



Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

Last call for our shoe boxes!
Charlie Binney is kindly offering to
gather and then deliver our Please
bring your box to church TODAY
or deliver to Hampton Vicarage by tomorrow.

In other news....

Church Cleaner



St. Andrew's are giving the Church a deep clean for Christmas. If you would like to join the happy band on **Wednesday 29th November after 11am** to make this happen please contact Carolyn, Margaret or the office.

The post of Church Cleaner may become available after the new year on an employed basis. If you are interested please telephone the office to register your interest.

Care Home Ministry Update

The next service at **Austen Court Care Home** will be another Songs of Praise, **today** 19th November, at 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

This ministry seems to be very much appreciated by residents and staff alike - so a big thank you to our team of volunteers.

Please let Nick or Elaine at the Benefice Office (01386 446381) know if you would like to come and support our ministry in our local care



Foundation Governor for St. Andrews School

We need a volunteer who is willing to represent the local Churches in the governing of the CoFE school at Hampton. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Michael Hunter (41490) or Elaine Major (40722)

SPLASH! An Asum Group monthly event for children between 4 and 11 years - Next date: **3rd December, 3.00 - 4.30pm at All Saints Church, Evesham** Contact: Rosie 01386 442111



USPG West Midlands Regional Day
Friday 24th November, 12 noon till 4pm (free lunch!), at the CoFE Birmingham Diocese HQ, B3 2BJ. Come and hear inspiring stories from our global partners. RSVP Rebecca on 020 7921 2220

NB If you have **any foreign coins** loitering in cupboards, drawers or old suitcases please bring them to church as both Christian Aid & St. Richards Hospice will take them :)



Food for Advent



Bengeworth Parish Lunch on Saturday 2nd December from 12.30pm, in church.
A good meal amongst friends.

All welcome - please book with Sandra Cockram on 01386 01386 832676



Did you know? Our Pewsheets and the Newsheet Extra are available online (2 pages in one document each week Friday lunchtime at www.hamptonchurch.org.uk - click on 'Downloads'