

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 10th December 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 10 th December		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
10am	Fresh Expressions Worship	Fairfield
11am	All Age Service	Sedgeberrow
11.15am	Christingle & Crib Service	Hinton
4pm	Candlelit Memorial	Bengeworth
Mon 11th		
	10am NO Bible Study	The Vicarage
Tue 12th		
	9am Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	2pm Fellowship Christmas Party	Guide & Scout Hall
Wed 13th		
	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
	Noon Funeral – Ronald Andrew	Chelt. Crem.
	3pm Holy Communion	Austen Court
Thurs 14th		
	7pm Youth Group	Bengeworth
Fri 15th		
Sat 16th		
	12noon -1pm Quarter Peal	Hampton
Sunday 17 th December –3 rd Sunday of Advent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Service	Hampton
10am	Fresh Expressions Worship	Fairfield
4pm	Carol Service	Bengeworth
4pm	Carol & Christingle	Hampton
4pm	Tree & Memorial	Sedgeberrow

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. Tinned meals are especially welcome. *(Thanks to Pippa for delivering our gifts to the Centre)*

Benefice News Extra

See the back of 'The Link'! On this sheet, we are trying 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.

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, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Joyce Lampitt, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, James Lynch, Janice Sinclair, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Ivan Williams; Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died

Graham Williams, Linda King, Harry Hughes Ronald Andrew, Linda Sunley, Brian Hawker, Ruth James & Hannah Huckfield.

We keep in mind...

- the tensions caused over the status of Jerusalem; for the present crisis to kickstart a roadmap to a just and peaceful solution for the Holy Land;
- Zimbabwe and her people; for the rebuilding of that nation and hopes of a more democratic future;
- Those responsible for negotiating the UK's future relationship with the European Union; for the safeguarding of the peace in Northern Ireland;
- those who work in the retail trades and all the extra pressure on them at this busy time of year; the businesses of Evesham and district; those companies struggling with the current uncertainty;
- security officials around the world having to be constantly on the alert; those policing big events this month;

**Sedgeberrow Coffee Morning
& Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 16th December 10am
In Church.

Apology

Please except my apology for putting on the Christmas Card an extra service at Hinton on Christmas Eve. The Crib Service is today with the Christingle.. **Elaine**

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!



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'

News Extra - Sunday 10th December 2017

from around and beyond our Churches

This week



A Christmas Concert by The Avon Singers

In aid of A.C.E.S.
(Aid for Children of EL Salvador)

St Peter's Church, Bengeworth
Monday 11th December at 7.30pm

Tickets available on door £8
Seasonal Refreshments



Sedgeberrow Coffee Morning & Christmas Fayre



Saturday 16th December 10am,
in church

Coffee & Mince pies; Raffle; Adult
& Children's Tombola; Christmas
Decorations and other Stalls



Everyone welcome

All glory be to God on high...!

Evesham Parish Carol Service
at All Saints

including choir from Prince Henry's High School
Friday 15th December at 6.00 pm



Carol Singing at The Fairfield

Saturday 16th December

For details contact Sarah 429122
Led by Fairfield Church - Come and
join in!

Carolling in our Benefice

Sunday 17th December

Carol Service 4.00pm @ Bengeworth
Carol & Christingle 4.00pm @ Hampton



Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Crib Service 3.00pm @ Hampton
Crib Service 4.00pm @ Bengeworth
Crib & Carol Service 6.00pm @ Sedgeberrow

Did you know? Our Pewsheets and
the Newsheet Extra are available

online (2 pages in one document) each
week by Friday lunchtime at

www.hamptonchurch.org.uk - click on 'Downloads'



Notes from our Diocese

The brand new 'A Church Near You' website is now live: www.achurchnearyou.com. The site receives more than 13 million page views each year! If you are away - and want to find out what's going on in local CofE churches, this is the place to look!



We are looking for someone with a rural perspective to serve on the **Diocesan Investment and Glebe Committee**. Do you know someone who might be interested? Please call Diocesan HQ on 01905 20537.

Gambling Consultation:

General Synod member, Sarah Brush would like to draw attention to and encourage participation in the Government's consultation on fixed odds betting terminals. www.gov.uk/government/consultations. Have your say. Our General Synod is calling for a cut stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to £2 from £100.



Holland House (Cropthorne) is offering delicious freshly cooked **Christmas lunches or dinners throughout December**. In a wonderfully peaceful atmosphere with roaring fires and good company. For more information please call 01386 860330 or e-mail enquiries@hollandhouse.org. Lunch on Wednesday 20 December will be followed by carol singing.



#GodWithUs - the Church of England's Advent and Christmas campaign - has started! Watch the first video and sign up to join the Christmas Journey on the website.

Care Home Ministry Update

The next service at **The Hawthorns** will be a Communion (shared from the 10am service at St. Andrew's) this Wednesday 13th December, 3pm.

There will be **Carol Services** at our Care Homes next month - and we would be very grateful for help with singing and helping people to follow the words:

- ⇒ The Hawthorns - Tues 19th December, 2pm
- ⇒ Austen Court - Thurs 21st December, 6pm

