

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,  
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green  
Newsletter for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Fresh Expressions Worship	Fairfield
10am	All Age Service	Hampton
4pm	Christingle & Carol Service	Hampton
4pm	Carol Service	Bengeworth
4pm	Tree & Memorial	Sedgeberrow
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
	<b>10am NO Bible Study</b>	The Vicarage
	<b>6pm St. Andrew's School KS2 Carol Service</b>	Hampton
<b>Tue 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
	<b>9am Tots' Group</b>	Hampton
	<b>9.30am St. Andrew's School end of term Service</b>	Hampton
	<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	Bengeworth
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>		
	<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	Hampton
	<b>2.30pm Funeral – Brian Hawker</b>	Hampton
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>		
	<b>6pm Carols &amp; Christingle</b>	Austen Court
	<b>NO Youth Group</b>	
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
3pm	Crib Service	Hampton
4pm	Crib Service	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Service	Hampton
6pm	Crib & Carol Service	Sedgeberrow
11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Bengeworth
11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hampton
11.30pm	Christmas Eucharist	Hinton (with Sedgeberrow)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December – CHRISTMAS DAY		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
9.30am	Family Christmas Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Christmas Family Service	Hampton

**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](mailto: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, Jill Cotton, 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**

Linda King, Harry Hughes, Geoffrey Street, Ronald Andrew, Brian Hawker, Ruth James & Hannah Huckfield; Peter Cook.

**We keep in mind...**

- the Holy Land in all its tension and uncertainty; for new commitments towards a peace process;
- Zimbabwe; Myanmar; Syria; South Sudan; Libya – all places where new beginnings are needed to bring security and peace for ordinary people;
- refugees and asylum seekers, especially those risking their lives to reach Europe;
- the ongoing negotiations between the government of the UK and those of the European Union;
- homeless people trying to find shelter and comfort this winter time; and the organisations that seek to provide a welcome to them over Christmas; Caring Hands in Evesham, and Diane Bennett the project coordinator;

**Hampton Open Church**

Thank you all who attended & helped with the Open Church with Stalls. We raised just over £100.00 ☺



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 17th December 2017

from around and beyond our Churches

## Joy to the World!

The sound of carols are echoing around our benefice ... Everyone is welcome to join in...



### TODAY, 17th December

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

And with children and families especially in mind, come and gather around the Crib....

### Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

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



**Invite friends! Bring friends!**

## Our Care Homes - Sharing Christmas

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

⇒ **The Hawthorns - Tues 19th Dec, 2pm**

⇒ **Austen Court - Thurs 21st Dec, 6pm**

If you are able to come, please let us know at the Benefice Office 446381  
[office@hamptonchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@hamptonchurch.org.uk)

After three months or so of sharing worship in our two local care homes, it is time for us to review how we (and they) think it is going, and how we might learn and share this ministry with others. To this end, all those involved and anyone else interested are invited to a meeting on Monday 30th January, 2.00pm at the Benefice Office (next to Hampton Vicarage). Please book the date!

**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](http://www.hamptonchurch.org.uk) - click on 'Downloads'



## Coming Soon in 2018!

### Bengeworth Christmas Lunch

Saturday 6th January, 12.30pm  
at Bengeworth Church.  
A 3-course festive meal to celebrate Epiphany.  
£15 per head.  
Bookings c/o Sandra Cockram 01386 832676

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th - 25th January 2018

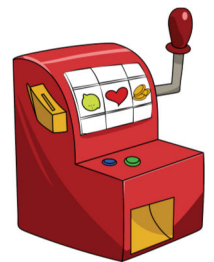
Praying for the unity of the Church involves a recognition not only of the brokenness of Christian relationships but also how injustice in the world at large separates Christian communities and impedes our participation in God's mission. History too plays a part, casting a shadow over how we live our lives together in community.

All of these issues emerge from the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity materials for 2018. The theme is '**That all may be free**'. The churches of the Caribbean region describe their own context, how the hand of God was active in ending slavery, and how God's mission in the world is a call to us all to unite together in ending injustice, that which casts a shadow from the past and current forms of

### Don't forget to have your say: 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](http://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.



*Happy Christmas  
to all our readers!*

*We wish you all a heartening and loving Christmas season, with good hope for the year ahead. God's peace be with you and yours. Mark, John, Elaine & Nick*

