

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,  
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green  
Newsletter for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
<b>10am</b>	<b>Asum Group Eucharist</b>	<b>Bengeworth</b>
3pm	Baptism – Joel Smith	Sedgeberrow
	NO Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 1st	<b>10am NO Bible Study</b>	The Vicarage
Tue 2nd	<b>NO Tots' Group</b>	Hampton
	<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	Bengeworth
Wed 3rd	<b>10am Holy Communion</b>	Hampton
Thurs 4th	<b>NO Youth Group</b>	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Four Shires Bellingers	Hampton
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Epiphany		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Morning Praise	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Service	Hampton
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints

**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.** We are collecting at the back of our churches for food and toiletries for those in need. Tinned meals are especially welcome.

**FOR OUR PRAYERS from our four Churches and beyond**

**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, Janice Sinclair, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Ivan Williams; Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

**For those who have died**

Ruth James, Peter Cook, Margaret Smith, Vera Hough & Doreen Kedwood

To be baptised: Joel Smith

**We keep in mind...**

- those who fear the year ahead; those hoping for a better future after sad and difficult times;
- families, especially new parents in the challenges they face;
- 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;
- those who lead the nations of the world; the continuing tensions between North Korea and the United States and those trying to negotiate calmly;
- our four churches, the Churchwardens, clergy and Readers – and our working more closely together now that we are all sharing one benefice.



**Please Note**

Prayer for Christian Unity week begins on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** with a service at **St. Andrews** at Noon with refreshments.



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 31st December 2017

from around and beyond our Churches

## This Week

### Bengeworth Christmas Lunch

Saturday 6th January, 12.30pm

at Bengeworth Church

A 3-course festive meal to celebrate Epiphany.

£15 per head.

Bookings by 2nd January c/o Sandra Cockram  
01386 832676



## Mission & Ministry Together

### SoulFood is Recruiting New Team Members!



SoulFood is a CTED service that is held at All Saints' Church every Sunday evening at 6pm.

Now in our fourth year we need some more team members to come and help us and be a part of this innovative missional service.

SoulFood is 'dinner church' and creates contemplative prayer stations each week to explore a central weekly theme, which each team sets.

We are looking for team members who are either able to host or create or both!

For a chat about how you may be able to help, please call Sarah Hewitt on 07456 549969 or email her on: sarahjaynehewitt@gmail.com. Thank you :)



The funeral of Ruth James will take place at Sedgeberrow Church on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 12.30pm. Friends from All Saints and elsewhere would be very welcome. There will be a small wake in the Queen's Head, Sedgeberrow, following the Committal which will be at the church gate.



## Opportunities

### Launch of 2018 'Reduce Plastic in the Vale by 50%' in the Market Square, Evesham Monday 8th Jan 11.00 am

A campaign led by Transition Evesham Vale & Methodist Church.

All of our churches are encouraged to join in. How much plastic do we use? And then throw away?



### Our Care Homes - Worship Review

After three months or so of sharing worship in our two local care homes (Austen Court and The Hawthorns), 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!

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



Theme: 'That all may be free'  
Prayer Together in Evesham

Thursday 18th - 12.00 noon - St Andrew's Hampton  
Friday 19th - 1.00 pm - Salvation Army (with light lunch)  
Saturday 20th - 7.30 pm - Elim  
Sunday 21st - 6.00 pm - SoulFood - All Saints  
Monday 22nd - 2.00 pm - Society of Friends  
Tuesday 23rd - 12.00 noon - Baptist Church (with light lunch)  
Wednesday 24th - 7.30 pm - Vale of Evesham Christian C

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 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 injustice such as poverty, trafficking and discrimination.

