

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 7th January 2018.....Epiphany**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 7th January The Epiphany		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Morning Praise	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Service	Hampton
10am	Holy Communion	Fairfield
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 8 th	10am Bible Study	The Vicarage
Tue 9 th	NO Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	7.30pm Bible Study Group	8 Chestnut Close
Wed 10 th	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
Thurs 11 th	Noon Funeral – John Clements	Hampton
	7pm Youth Group	
Fri 12 th		
Sat 13 th		
Sunday 14th January 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
10am	Morning Worship	Fairfield
3pm	Baptism of Alice Teague	Bengeworth
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

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, Doreen Kedwood, John Clements & June Driver.

We keep in mind...

- those who fear the year ahead; those hoping for a better future after sad and difficult times;
- our National Health Service, its staff and managers, at this time of severe demand and high pressure;
- the Holy Land in all its tension and uncertainty; for new commitments towards a peace process;
- Christians facing increasing persecution and in danger because of their faith; the Barnabas Fund supporting our brothers and sisters in these circumstances;
- 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 18th January** with a service at **St. Andrews** at Noon with refreshments.

Raffle Winners.

227.... John Lynch
234.....Shirley Lynch
220.....Cath Lattimer
225.....Elaine Major

Check out the News Extra sheet for more notices



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 7th January 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

This Week

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 & Evesham Methodist Church.

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



Later this month...

Our Care Homes - Worship Review

After more than 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 **Tuesday 30th January, 2.00pm** at the Benefice Office (next to Hampton Vicarage). Please book the date! (If it turns out that several people can't manage this, we'll try for another date).

Opportunities

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 :)

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group An Offer for You and Your Church

To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical is offering to donate £130 to your church when a new home insurance policy is taken out.

They say: 'We're proud that customers across the UK have voted Ecclesiastical as the UK's Most Trusted Home Insurance provider, ahead of all other insurers. To celebrate this achievement, and in recognition of our 130 year anniversary, we'll donate £130 to your church if you take out a new home insurance policy with us.'

If you are interested, check out their website or call 0800



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



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

United Services around Evesham - to which we are all invited...

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 Church
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 Centre



Vacancies for the role of DAC Adviser

The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Church Buildings is looking to recruit new advisers in the following areas:

- Art & Stained Glass Adviser
- Graveyards Adviser
- Structural Engineering Adviser
- Tree Adviser

If you have any of these specialisms, or know someone who has, please get in contact. Further details of the duties and responsibilities of these posts, which are voluntary, may be obtained from the DAC Secretary, Mark Carter, on mcarter@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 01905 732809.



A Large Print version of the Sunday Readings sheet is now available each week - please ask the welcomers or churchwardens for your copy.