

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 28th January 2018 – The Presentation of Christ**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 28th January 2018 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
10am	All-age Sunday Worship	Fairfield
11am	Family Worship	Sedgeberrow
11.15am	Candlemas Communion with Blessing of Candles	Hinton
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 29th		
10am	Bible Study	The Vicarage
7.00pm	Baptism Preparation	Bengeworth
Tue 30th		
9.30pm	Tots' Group	Hampton
10am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
4.15pm	Benefice Treasurers' & Admin meeting	Benefice Office
Wed 31st		
10am	Holy Communion	Hampton
2pm	Funeral of Gwen Thomas	
Thur 1st		
7pm	Youth Group	Bengeworth
Fri 2nd		
10.30am	Burial of Ashes	Hampton
Sat 3rd		
Sunday 4th February 2018 – Second before Lent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Morning Praise	Bengeworth
10am	All age Worship	Hampton
10am	All-age Communion	Fairfield
3pm	Baptism – Oliver Wicks	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

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... 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

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, Freda Swords; Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Ivan Withers; Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died

Ivor Jones, Doreen Kedwood, Raymond Edmed, Gwen Thomas & June Penrose

We keep in mind...

- Those starting out in the new joys and responsibilities of parenthood; elderly folk feeling their age; those who have wisdom to share with the younger generations;
- The continuing negotiations about the transition period towards Brexit;
- Those who have lost their jobs and security through the collapse of Carillion; for those now having to find cover for the work they were doing;
- The people of our communities, especially those who are struggling financially; for debt counsellors and the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Port Street;

Please Note

All are invited to
A Service of Thanksgiving for Gwen Thomas,
faithful friend of St. Andrew's,
on Wednesday 31st January 2pm
at St. Andrew's Church, Hampton

Annual Reports

It's coming up to that time when we start preparing for our **Annual General Meetings**. Please will **all church officers** look at presenting their reports ASAP.

Thank you

Sedgeberrow Update

We have had a very successful year with our coffee mornings December coffee morning/Christmas Fayre made £397. The next coffee morning is on February 22nd at 10am at the home of Roger & Judith Horton in Main Street. Book the date!

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 28th January 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

This Week

Bengeworth Parish Lunch

Saturday 3rd February, 12.30pm

at Bengeworth Church

A nourishing meal in good company.

Everyone welcome. £10 per head.

Bookings c/o Sandra Cockram 01386 832676

Plans for...



LENT

Lent begins on

Ash Wednesday,

14th February, and there will be services around the Group churches to mark the start of the season - 10am at Hampton; 7pm at Bengeworth.

In 2018, we are having a year off our usual series of 'Lent Talks'. Instead we are encouraging everyone to share in the **#LIVE LENT programme**.

We are ordering copies of the #LIVELENT 'Let your light shine' booklets, which offer a short Bible reading each day, and suggestions about how we might respond to it. These are designed for each of us to use each day in a quiet ten minutes.

#LIVELENT
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

We are also hoping to offer several small groups for us to join in a short course which is based on these

booklets, but provides other materials as well. We hope to have details of these groups available next week.

In the meantime, **please sign up on the list in your church if you would like to try one of the #LIVELENT booklets.** They are free to you (but you are welcome to put an extra £2 or £3 in your church collection to cover the cost).



Please note:

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

Opportunities

Evesham Street Pastors are starting another series of training sessions and would like to encourage others to think about this important mission work in the town. If you would like to learn more about the work of a Street Pastor or a Prayer Partner please contact John Darby on 07747 842 192 or by email at johndarby@icloud.com



The Churches of Hampton and Bengeworth wish to appoint a

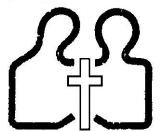
Benefice Administrator

12 hours per week, £9.75 per hour, in a job-share arrangement, based at the Benefice Office at Hampton Church.



For details about how to apply, please see <http://hamptonchurch.org.uk/JOBS.html> or email office@hamptonchurch.org.uk

The Turning is a type of street outreach which has been shown to engage people on the streets of Britain very effectively. It uses a structure and a suggested script to help with the initial contact and guide the conversation to some extent.



If you think you might like to learn more and take part in some training - to prepare for an Outreach in Evesham from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th April

Coming soon...



A Concert for a Winter's Evening
Friday 16th February, 7.30pm
St. Michael's Church, Broadway



Tickets £10 from 01386 852352 or broadwaycofe@gmail.com

Performers include Broadway Showstoppers, Broadway Players, Colin Harper, Shellie Ward. All Welcome

Fairtrade Fortnight Pancake Morning

Saturday 3rd March at 10.30am - 12.30pm
at Evesham Baptist Church, Cowl Street

