

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 11th February 2018 – Sunday next before Lent**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 11th February 2018 – Sunday next before Lent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
10am	Morning Worship	Fairfield
11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
3pm	Baptism – George Hurst & Alice Monks	Bengeworth
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 12 th	10am Bible Study	The Vicarage
Tue 13 th	9.30pm Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	2pm Holy Communion	Hawthorns
Ash Wed 14th	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
	7pm Holy Communion	Bengeworth
Thur 15 th	7pm Youth Group	Bengeworth
Fri 16 th		
Sat 17 th		
Sunday 18th February 2018 – Lent 1		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
10am	Morning Worship	Fairfield
3pm	Songs of Praise	Austen Court
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.

Check out the News Extra sheet for more notices

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For those who are housebound, sick and elderly:

Janet Bailey, Mabel Bailey, Sarah Clements, Jill Cotton, Shirley Davis, Roseanna Denning, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Margaret Goodman, Terry Grinnell, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Joyce Lampitt, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, Horace Phillips; Janice Sinclair, Freda Swords, Brian Westwood, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Ivan Withers; Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died

Raymond Edmed, Gwen Thomas, June Penrose & Sue Westwood.

We keep in mind...

- St Valentine's Day: those couples preparing to be married in our churches this year; single people who are searching for a life partner; those who feel alone and unloved;
- The continuing negotiations about the transition period towards Brexit;
- Refugees and those seeking asylum; those making dangerous journeys to seek a new home; the countries and communities receiving them;
- On this Transfiguration Sunday, we give thanks for those 'thin places' and holy moments that strengthen our believing and trusting in God; we pray for Christians living in danger and fear.

Please Note

St. Andrew's Fellowship - new venue

Our next meeting on Tuesday February 13th at 2.00pm will be held in Hampton Club not the Guide and Scout Hall. This is an experiment to see how we get on. We will be entertained by a Ukelele Band and there will be a raffle and refreshments as usual. Subs of £15 for the year will be due, visitors £2 per session. A very warm welcome to anyone, of any creed, age or gender. who would like to join us, Contact - Shirley Lynch 553392.

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 and send them to the office. *Thank you*

Sedgeberrow Update

The next coffee morning is on February 22nd at 10am at the home of Roger & Judith Horton at 64, Main Street. Book the date! The January one raised £154



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 18th February 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

Lent Together - and Alone

Ash Wednesday, 14th February:

There will be services around the Group of churches to mark the start of the season - including **10am at Hampton;** **7pm at Bengeworth.** These services will include the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish to receive it - as a sign of our returning to God in penitence and faith.



#LIVELENT
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Instead of our usual Lent Talks, this year we are encouraging everyone to share in the

#LIVE LENT programme.

Copies of the #LIVELENT 'Let your light shine' booklet are available in church today. We would like to encourage everyone to give them a try.

They 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 or so.

Please take your copy today, and sign your name **on the list in your church so that we know that you have taken one.** They are free to you (but you are welcome to put an extra £2 in your church collection to cover the cost).

Lent Groups

There are some small groups sharing a 5-session course which is based on the booklets. Details so far are:



- + Mondays, 10am - 11.30am at Hampton Vicarage (first meeting 19th February) - Contact Charlie Binney - 01386 424235
- + Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9pm at 8 Chestnut Close (first meeting 20th February) - Contact Michael Hunter 01386 41490
- + Tuesdays 7pm for 7.30pm to 9pm at Evesham Vicarage, 5 Croft Road (first meeting 20th February) - Contact Evesham Office 01386 442213

Why not join one of these - or host your own?

Coming up

Ten Years ON!

There will be a special service celebrating **10 years since Bishop John's enthronement** as Bishop of Worcester on **Wednesday 28 February (St Oswald's Day), 5.30pm in the Cathedral.** It will be followed by a celebratory reception and all are welcome!



Women's World Day of Prayer

Praying for Suriname
A Service for everyone.

**Friday 2nd March
2018, 2.30pm**

St. Egwins Church,
Norton



5 seats available with Diana Scorse if you need a lift, Leaving St. Andrew's at 1.45pm
Telephone 446848

Special for Lent: A Taste of Contemplation

Would you like less words, more quiet, more reflection? Then come and try our Contemplation Times. There will be three, all at St. Andrew's Hampton, and all in March:

- ⇒ Thursday 1st March, 10am to 11.30am
- ⇒ Wednesday 7th March, 7pm to 8.30pm
- ⇒ Thursday 22nd March, 10am to 11.30am

Book the dates. More details 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



Modern Slavery and Trafficking: A training day on Wednesday 2nd May, 10.00am to 3.00pm, at Wordsley Church Community Hall - organised by our diocese.

Would you be willing to represent the Asum Group of Churches on this day, and then come and share what you have learned with the rest of us? More details from Mark Binney or the Office.

