



Pewsheet for Sunday 17th December 2017

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending our services and events, especially if you are new to the area or visiting us for the first time. Please stay for coffee/tea afterwards so we can meet together.

Today's Services - Third Sunday of Advent

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (said) <i>Rev'd Julian Bomyer</i> |
| 10.00am | Parish Eucharist <i>Rev'd Canon Michael Grylls</i> |
| Readings (overleaf) | Olga Allen & Eileen Pieters |
| Intercessions | Anne Malpass |
| Hymns: Mission Prs | 210; 538; 1201; 66; 493 |
| Special Collection | The loose plate collection <u>today</u> will go to support the Friends of the Holy Land . |
| 4.00pm | Christmas Carol Service with Blessing of the Crib: "The Dawn of Hope" |
| 6.00pm | SoulFood at All Saints' Church |

This Week's Church Diary

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| Mon 18 | | |
| Tue 19 | 9.30am | Bengeworth Academy Values Champions Assembly in church (NO Holy Communion in church) |
| | 2.00pm | Carol Praise at The Hawthorns |
| Wed 20 | 10.00am | Holy Communion at Hampton Church |
| Thu 21 | 3.00pm | Carols & Christingle at Austen Court |
| Fri 22 | 7.00pm | Church Choir Practice (Bostock Room) |
| Sat 23 | | |

Next Sunday, 24th December - 4th of Advent

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (said) <i>Rev'd Julian Bomyer</i> | Readings (Advent 4, Yr B) ♦ 2 Samuel 7. 1-11,16 ♦ Romans 16. 25-end; ♦ Luke 1. 26-38 |
| 4.00pm | Crib Service <i>Sarah Hewitt & Team</i> | |

Including Everyone: Please let the 'welcomers' know if you have any special needs that we can help with. NB *Gluten free communion wafers are now available here. Please tell one of 'the welcomers' if you require one.*

Be still in the busy-ness of Christmas - our church is open most days from 9am to 4pm. Drop in for quiet. Spend some time at the crib. Let God come close. Encourage others to do the same....

Christmas Services - Night and Day

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| Christmas Night 11.30pm | Christmas Eucharist <i>Rev'd Julian Bomyer</i> | Readings (Night) ♦ Isaiah 52. 7-10 ♦ Hebrews 1. 1-4 Readings (Day) ♦ Isaiah 9. 2-7 or 62. 6-end ♦ Titus 2. 11-14 or 3. 4-7 ♦ Luke 2. 1-14 or 20 |
| Christmas Day 8.00am | Holy Communion (said) <i>Rev'd Julian Bomyer</i> | |
| 9.30am | Family Christmas Communion <i>Rev'd Mark Binney</i> | |

The Dawn of Hope: Our Carol Service this evening (17th December, 4.00pm) will celebrate with St. Luke the working of God - in a handful of ordinary people - to bring a new beginning to our world. Come and share this service in which we shall read and sing with grateful wonder as God answers the longings of humanity by bringing forth his Son to the world.



Cleaning Rota 2018: The new cleaning rota for next year is available for collection at the back of church.

Please note that the **next Tuesday Communion** (10am) will be **2nd January 2018**.



For our Prayers this week

- ♦ 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;



For those who are sick, in special need or housebound: Janet Bailey, Beattie Ballard, Pearl Bradley, Daniel Crockford; Richard Emson, Sylvia Emson, Betty Gadsby; Barbara Line, James Lynch; Judith Smart; Julie and Pete; Ken Smith.

For those who have died, and all who mourn them: Linda King; Harry Hughes; Geoffrey Street; Hannah Huckfield.



Our Benefice is part of the ASUM Group of Parishes

Large print service and hymn books are available at the back of Church. Please ask the welcomers - or help yourself!



This church has an audio loop system

CHURCH CONTACTS

Benefice Office, normally staffed 9.15am to 1.15pm Mon-Fri. Call Elaine or Nick on **01386 446381** or email: office@hamptonchurch.org.uk

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

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 - 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

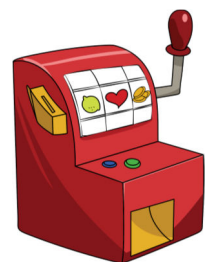
Praying for the unity of the Church involves a recognition not only of the brokenness of Christian relationships but also how injustice in the world at large separates Christian communities and impedes our participation in God's mission. History too plays a part, casting a shadow over how we live our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

