

Welcome  **ST. PETER'S BENGEWORTH**  **EVESHAM**

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Pewsheet for Sunday 31st December 2017

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather together for worship. We are especially glad to share our 10am Asum-wide celebration together with friends and colleagues from the churches around the Group.

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.*

31st December - First Sunday of Christmas

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>Rev'd Julian Bomyer</i>
10.00am	Asum Group Eucharist <i>Rev'd Mark Binney</i>
Readings (overleaf)	Roger Horton (Sedgeberrow) & Chris Sheehan (All Saints)
Intercessions	John & Shirley Lynch
Hymns: Mission Prs	83; 764; 35; 337+451 (Communion); 428
3.00pm	Holy Baptism (Joel Smith) at Sedgeberrow
6.00pm	NO Soul Food this week

Asum South Diary this week

Mon 1st		Happy New Year!
Tue 2nd	10.00am	Holy Communion at Bengeworth
Wed 3rd	10.00am	Holy Communion at Hampton
	12.30pm	Funeral of Ruth James at Sedgeberrow
Thu 4th	1.30pm	Funeral of Peter Cook at Bengeworth
Fri 5th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Bengeworth
Sat 6th	12.30pm	Christmas Lunch at Bengeworth

Sunday 7th January - The Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bengeworth
8.00am	Holy Communion (Order 1)	Hampton
9.00am	Holy Communion (Order 1 traditional)	Sedgeberrow
10.00am	Morning Praise for all ages	Hampton
10.00am	Morning Praise for all ages	Bengeworth
10.00am	Communion	Fairfield Chapel
6.00pm	Soul Food	All Saints

For our Prayers this week

- ⇒ 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 churches, Churchwardens, clergy and Readers – and our working more closely together as the Benefice of Asum South and the Asum Group as a whole.



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, Judith Smart; Julie and Pete; Ken Smith.

For those who have died, and all who mourn them: Hannah Huckfield; Peter Cook; Ruth James

BITS & PIECES

Benefice News Extra - Don't forget to check yours out - on the back of 'The Link' - especially note the **Christmas Lunch at Bengeworth** on Saturday 6th January, from 12.30pm. Book with Sandra Cockram (01386 832676) by Tuesday 2nd Jan if you would like to come.

Bengeworth Cleaning Rota 2018: Copies are ready for collection at the back of church.



Next Sunday we shall celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany** (one day late!). The Readings will be: Isaiah 60. 1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3, 1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12



May 2018 be full of
Grace, Mercy and Peace
for you and yours



Andrew, Mark, John, Andy, Elaine & Nick et al

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



This church has an audio loop system



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!

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 3rd 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.

