The Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton, with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 4th March 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Services and events for today & the coming week

Sunday 4th March 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Lent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Morning Praise	Bengeworth
10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
10am	Communion Service	Fairfield
1pm	Baptism – William Gardiner	Hinton
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 5th	10am Bible Study Lent Course	The Vicarage
Tue 6th	9.30pm Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	2pm Holy Communion	The Hawthorns
	7.30pm Lent House Group	8, Chestnut Close
Wed. 7th	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
	3pm Holy Communion	Austen Court
	7.00pm Contemplative Prayer	Hampton
Thurs 8th	7pm Youth Group	Bengeworth
Fri 9th		
Sat 10th		
Sunday 11th March 2018 – Mothering Sunday		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Mothering Sunday Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Mothering Sunday Eucharist	Hampton
10am	Mothering Sunday Service	Fairfield
11am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	Sedgeberrow
11.15am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	Hinton
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, Shirley Davis, Roseanna Denning, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Margaret Goodman, Terry Grinnell, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Joyce Lampitt, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, Lucy Paine Janice Sinclair, Freda Swords, Brian Westwood, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Janet Wilkes, Ivan Withers, Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died
Dr Clive Penketh, Margaret Canning, Michael Edwards, Thelma Berry; Horace Phillips; Noreen Bearcroft; Jean Massey; Brian Bennett; Joy Hall

We keep in mind…

- The suffering people of Syria as war continues; those civilians trapped in the current fighting; for the future of that broken country;
- For the guidance of the Holy Spirit for this country and our European partners in the crucial debate about Brexit;
- As we remember Jesus challenging the religious powerbase in Jerusalem, so we pray for those who fight against injustice and wrong-doing in our society today; for Christians in political roles; for the Church's voice to be prophetic and strong;
- People struggling with the cold weather, especially those who are elderly and live alone; for the care and kindness of neighbours in our community;

Church Officers

Please pray for our Churchwardens, and the members of the PCC in all their responsibilities on our behalf, and especially Carolyn and Margaret as they consider the future use of St. Andrew's Church with our architect, Stephen.

Church Electoral Roll (Hampton)

The church electoral roll is the formal list of church members and everybody who worships regularly should have their name on it. Each year before the annual church meetings the electoral roll must be brought up to date. This year the revision starts today and will be completed on 25th March. If you are not already on the roll please complete an application form, which can be found on the font, and return it to Michael Hunter. If you are already on the roll please check your entry and let Michael know of any changes which are required. The new roll will be published on 1st April.

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'

The United Benefice of Bengeworth, Hampton, Sedgeberrow and Hinton-on-the-Green

News Extra - Sunday 4th March 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

Opportunities for You

Use your Voice!

You are welcome to come and join in the CTED Choir rehearsals - **Wednesdays 7.30 - 9pm at St. Peter's Church, Bengeworth** - in preparation for the special Asum Service on Palm Sunday evening at 6pm. Bishop Robert Paterson will be be leading the service. More details from Keith Biggin 01386 710599.

EVESHAM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

SHOP VOLUNTEERS

URGENTLY REQUIRED

(Mornings or afternoons)

Please contact

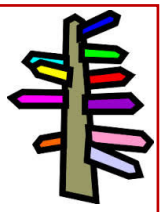
Frances Smith – 01386 443157

Towards Confirmation 2018

Our Benefice Service of Baptism and Confirmation is on Sunday 17th June, 10am with Bishop John presiding.

We shall be starting preparation groups immediately after Easter. So if you - or someone you know - would be interested in exploring the life of faith, perhaps towards confirmation, please get in touch with the Benefice Office - 01386 446381; office@hamptonchurch.org.uk

Is God nudging you to take a lead in your church community...? Maybe as a Pastoral Worker? Worship Leader? Evangelist? Children & Young People Worker? Administrator?



Diocesan Training for **Authorised Lay Ministry** (ALM) is starting in September. A few people from our benefice are hoping to participate. What about you? Check out the details at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/your-christian-calling/or speak to one of the clergy soon.

ALMtraining
being a community learning to serve

IN CONCERT: *Ninebarrow* - Friday 18th May, at Broadway Church. Tickets £12.50 from Shellie on 01386 852352.

This Week

Time out with God - Contemplative Prayer for Lent

Would you like less words, more quiet, more reflection? Then come and try our Contemplation Prayer times. There are two more opportunities at **St. Andrew's Hampton**, as follows:

⇒ Wednesday 7th March, 7pm to 8.30pm

⇒ Thursday 22nd March, 10am to 11.30am

We are being led by Sr. Elizabeth Atkinson in the Carmelite tradition who writes: Let us be present in the presence of God in the house of God..... God our heavenly Father, his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, leading us upon our Lenten journey... The Holy Spirit, the breath of God, stirring us to action.

Join us for this time of focused prayer in body, mind and spirit. It will include Morning Prayer will precede, and a short meditation will conclude, one hour of silence. All are welcome to these times. Please arrive and leave in prayerful silence, no talking or consumption of food or drink.

Care Home Ministry Update

We are sharing worship in our local care homes this week as follows

⇒ Tuesday, 6th March, 2.00pm Communion at The Hawthorns;

⇒ Wednesday 7th March, 3.00pm, Communion Service at Austen Court

If you would like to come - and support one of these services with your voice and care, please arrive about 15 minutes early if possible.

There is a meeting for our Care Home team on **Wednesday 14th March, 2.00pm** at the Benefice Office (next to Hampton Vicarage). Come to this meeting if you'd like to find out more.

Letter from Bishop John

"I write to express my thanks. I am full of thanksgiving to God and to everyone in the Diocese for all I have been given in my time here. During it I have faced the best of times and the very worst of times and am immensely grateful for the support I have received throughout from everyone in the Diocese. " *(on the occasion of his 10th Anniversary as Bishop of Worcester)*