



The Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton  
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green  
**Pewsheets for Sunday 22nd November -  
Christ the King**



**PRAYER FOR THE NATION**

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called a month of Prayer for the Nation. People are asked to unite at 6pm each day to pray. The prayers and themes are to help you participate.

**A Family Prayer**

Loving God, you know us and all that we are facing.  
We thank you that we can come to you as we are – with all our fears and concerns, our difficulties and challenges.  
Please draw close to each of us and those we remember before you now.  
Bring to us your peace and comfort.  
And fill us with your Spirit that we may be bearers of your grace and hope to others.  
As a country protect us, encourage us and keep us. In the name of your Son Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Prayers for the Nation 23 - 28 November**

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.  
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.  
Do it again, we pray.  
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,  
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.  
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.  
Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, turn your face towards us,  
Have mercy upon us and heal our land, we pray. Amen.

**Grace**

Dear God,  
We are grateful for all that you have given to us: this food, each other and our health. We pray for those who lack these things we enjoy.  
Give us thankful hearts and opportunities to share your gifts with others.  
We lift before you this country in these difficult days: and pray you would protect us, encourage us and keep us. Amen.

**FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**For all those who are sick, in special need or household:**

Mark Bartlett; Heather Attwood; Sylvia Emson.

**For those who have died, and all who mourn them:**

Doreen Spiers; Benjamin Spiers; Joyce Gregg; Ronald Joesbury; Paul Egan and Audrey Taylor.

**CHURCH OPENINGS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

**Bengeworth:** St Peter's will be open on Tuesdays and Sundays between 10 - 11 am. There will be someone in church to meet you, hand sanitiser to use and socially distanced places to sit.

**Hampton:** St Andrew's will be open on Sundays between 10 - 11 am, with someone in church to meet you. If you wish to use the church for private prayer at any other time please phone the office to make an appointment.



**Praying together through Advent**

During Advent, the Diocese of Worcester are encouraging the whole diocese to come together in prayer as we seek to grow as Kingdom People. Each week will focus on one of the four elements of our church life which were highlighted in our recent open conversations as essential to growing as a healthy and sustainable Church:

- ◆ Worshipping God creatively,
- ◆ making disciples,
- ◆ sharing hope and
- ◆ transforming communities.

A publication and full details sits alongside our diocesan prayer diary, with the weekly prayers used in the main diary each Monday. Reflections for each week have been written by Bishop Martin and Claire Lording (Vicar of Pershore and Chair of the House of Clergy) and alongside the prayers are some suggestions for action. You can find this at [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk)  
Please join us in this dedicated period of prayer for the future life of our diocese.



Both St Andrew's and St Peter's are fitted with a loop system. To use this please switch hearing aids to 'T'

**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.

**Pew sheet & Prayer Requests**

Please send to the Benefice office by Noon on Thursdays. **Tel:** 01386 446381

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# News Extra - Sunday 22nd November 2020

from around and beyond our Churches

## Forthcoming Events

### UNITED PRAYER MEETINGS

Will be held on:

Wednesday, 25th November at 7.30 pm.

All are welcome to join in the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86001627848?pwd=clQrK2loYTg5M3FjS1diRnJWNFZvdz09>

Meeting ID: 860 0162 7848

Passcode: 965346

Or contact Evesham Prayer Compass

[eveshamprayercompass@gmail.com](mailto:eveshamprayercompass@gmail.com) to sign up



Christmas Trees at Worcester Cathedral 2020

5 DEC 2020 - 3 JAN 2021 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sundays 1pm - 3pm (excluding Christmas Day)

Join us as we celebrate Christmas with an avenue of glittering Christmas Trees, beautifully decorated by local organisations and displayed in our atmospheric medieval Cloister.

Entry to see the Christmas Trees is free, however **booking in advance with a timed ticket is essential**. Donations are appreciated to help support our work. Visiting the Christmas Trees out of the Cathedral's normal opening times may be charged. Entrance to the Cathedral is via the main north door, in College Yard, opposite the High Street.

See Worcester Cathedral website for booking information and further details. [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/whats-on/christmas-trees-at-worcester-cathedral-2020](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/whats-on/christmas-trees-at-worcester-cathedral-2020)

**Holland House**, in Cropthorne have a full programme of events, including on-line events. Highlights for December include Quiet Days; Stations of Advent on line; roast dinners and meditation. Full programme and booking details on their website [www.hollandhouse.org](http://www.hollandhouse.org)

## Around the Diocese



### Government consultation: Your help needed!

All are encouraged to take part in a review into how best the Government should engage with faith groups in England.

An independent review will look at how people perceive the Government's engagement with faith organisations, with a view to making recommendations for the future.

Please consider contributing - there is a short survey on the [Gov.UK website](http://Gov.UK website). Search for Independent Faith Engagement Review.

Please Note: If you would like an item included in the News Extra Sheet, please telephone 01386 446381 or email it to [asumsouth.office@hamptonchurch.org.uk](mailto:asumsouth.office@hamptonchurch.org.uk)

## Events In the Benefice

### FAIRFIELD CHAPEL

Unfortunately, services at St Andrews Hall are not able to restart yet. Plans are in place to restart services but in the meantime Worship will still be led by Sarah Hewitt on-line at 11am on Sundays. You can join in via:

<https://m.facebook.com/FamilyFairfield>

### Bengeworth PCC - Vacancies

There are 2 casual vacancies on St. Peter's PCC (which end in 2022). There are 4 meetings a year and you will be more involved in the running of the parish and the life of the Church. If you are interested please speak to Jane Richards.