



The Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
**Pewsheets for Sunday 31st January 2021 -
Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)**



31st JANUARY - PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (CANDLEMAS)

Services at all Churches within the Benefice have been cancelled until further notice due to the rates of Covid infection within our areas.

10.00 to 11.00 am Bengeworth Church will be open for Private Prayer only.

THE WEEK AHEAD		
Mon 1st Feb		
Tues 2nd	NO Holy Communion	Bengeworth
Wed 3rd	NO Holy Communion	Hampton
Thurs 4th		
Fri 5th		
Sat 6th		

7TH FEBRUARY - SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Readings for 7th February:

- ◆ Proverbs 8: 1. 22-31
- ◆ Psalm 104: 26-end
- ◆ Colossians 1: 15-20
- ◆ John 1: 1-14

On-line Services

Sarah Hewitt is continuing to broadcast 8am Morning Prayer and 9pm Compline each Monday to Friday. The Fairfield team will be preparing an 11am Community Worship service on Sundays which can be accessed by Zoom. Please contact Sarah on 07456 549969 to sign up for daily codes.

Worship Pack

If you would like to receive a Worship Pack during this lockdown, please contact The Benefice Office and we will get one sent out to you.

The Office is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.15am and 1.15pm. You can telephone and leave a message or email at asumsouth.office@hamptonchurch.org.uk

Safeguarding

A new scam has been reported in which a person receives a text saying they need to book a vaccination appointment via a link, which takes them to a fake NHS form asking for bank details to prove their identity. Please be aware that **bank info would never be requested. Vaccinations are free.**

We keep in mind...

- ◆ All those who have lost a loved one or have a family member ill in hospital.
- ◆ All NHS staff and key workers who are working under enormous pressure. That the lockdown works and provides some respite.
- ◆ All those who are receiving the vaccine. Those working on other vaccines and the NHS staff delivering the doses.
- ◆ All the parents struggling with home schooling and trying to work and the children missing their friends and school.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For all those who are sick, in special need or house-bound:

Mark Bartlett; Heather Attwood; Sylvia Emson and Pat Bullman.

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

Lil Hobbs, Jonathan Williams, Mavis Brotherton, Anthony Smith, Ann Woodcock, Margaret Monaghan, Sylvia Brotherton, Terry Jenkins, June Green, Barbara Wragg and Kathleen Loudon.

Lockdown Changes:

Church services at Hampton, Bengeworth and Sedgeberrow have been cancelled until further notice. Hinton on the Green will not be holding their monthly service in January and February. As soon as we feel it is safe to restart Services then we will notify you.

St Peter's Bengeworth will be open for private prayer between 10 am and 11 am on Sunday mornings. Please obey the instructions to ensure your safety, wear a mask and use the sanitizer provided. Keep social distancing and do not mingle with anyone outside your household or bubble.

Sarah Hewitt

Our Deanery Missioner Sarah has been appointed as Community Missioner for Christ Church Matchborough (Redditch) and will be leaving Evesham in mid April. We wish her and Neil every blessing as they move onto pastures new.



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

Email: asumsouth.office@hamptonchurch.org.uk

News Extra - Sunday 31st January 2021

from around and beyond our Churches

Events In the Benefice

Lent 2021

Just about any arrangement we make at the moment is, of necessity, provisional. On the basis of hoping for the best while preparing for the worst, Mark Binney and I have been considering a Lenten series which we can undertake from the security of home, or in groups, should it be safe to do so. We can even do a hybrid arrangement, so no-one feels obliged to go beyond what they feel safe.

Toward the Kingdom of Heaven is a booklet of daily readings through Lent based around the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel. The course has been drawn together by Professor Amy-Jill Levine, one of the world's pre-eminent New Testament scholars.

Professor Levine is a member of the Jewish faith and has devoted her life to understanding the New Testament and sensitise students to how each writer would have been heard in the conventions and culture of first century Judea. She teaches as Vanderbilt University in Kentucky.

Her credentials may be found here:

<https://divinity.vanderbilt.edu/people/bio/amy-jill-levine>

Over the past twenty years, I have routinely had one or other of her books within reach, when I have needed to understand an issue in a New Testament text from a Jewish point of view. I have never come away empty-handed.

To get a flavour of Professor Levine, there is a range of videos of interviews and teaching on YouTube. A good introduction is a 17 minute interview with her *Jewish Jesus: Amy-Jill Levine Extended Interview* which you may find at:

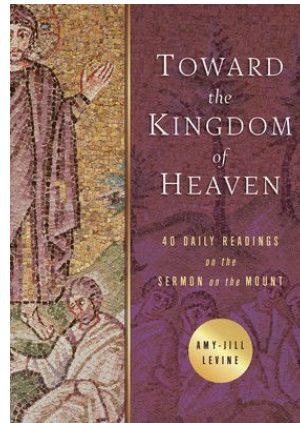
<https://youtu.be/1PDyISl7TGc>

Each day's heading is on the right. Mark and I plan to meet every Tuesday evening in Lent on Zoom. If there is a need to have an additional Zoom meeting during the day, we will be pleased to arrange that.

There is a book to accompany the series (*Toward the Kingdom of Heaven*) which is available now from the Office priced at £9 (special discounted price).

You don't have to be Anglican to sign up. Anyone who wants to participate is welcome. **Please register your interest in an email to vicar@evesham.church with Lent 2021 in the subject line, so it will go in the right folder.**

If you would like a copy of the whole document please contact the office.



Forty days in Lent

1. The Teacher is Here
2. Fulfilling Scripture
3. Jesus, Torah, and Tradition
4. Jesus and the New Community
5. Blessed are the Christ-Pushers
6. The Righteousness of the Pharisees?
7. Love as Risk
8. Suing and Pursuing Your Neighbour
9. The Gift on the Altar
10. Rules for Confrontation
11. Your "Yes" is Enough
12. Public Displays and Private Holiness
13. Prayer: It's Personal
14. Raising Money Without Raising Eyebrows.
15. Jesus's Guide to eyecare
16. Righteousness, Righteousness You Shall Pursue
17. Light and Blindness
18. Our Father
19. The Politics of prayer
20. Who's Your Abba?
21. Making God's Name Holy
22. Your Will Be Done: What We Must Do
23. Pray Boldly
24. Bread from the Earth, Bread from Heaven
25. Forgive Us Our Debts
26. Rescue Us from Evil
27. Mammon
28. What We Wear
29. The Price of a Sparrow
30. The Days of Our Lives
31. To Seek and Save the Lost
32. Judge, but Do Not Be Judgemental
33. The Canaanite Woman
34. Do *for* Others?
35. The Road Less Travelled
36. False Prophets and Good Fruit
37. Fathers and Mothers
38. Blessed are the Doers
39. Circumcised Hearts
40. Teaching with Authority

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