



The Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
**Pewsheets for Sunday 7th February 2021 -
Second Sunday before Lent**



7TH FEBRUARY - SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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 8th		
Tues 9th	NO Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	11am Funeral - Kathleen Loudoun	Hampton
Wed 10th	NO Holy Communion	Hampton
Thurs 11th		
Fri 12th	2pm Funeral - June Green	Hampton
	2.30pm Funeral - Barbara Wragg	Bengeworth
Sat 13th		

14TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Readings for 14th February:

- ◆ 2 Kings 2: 1-12
- ◆ Psalm 50: 1-6
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6
- ◆ Mark 9: 2-9

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.
- ◆ All those who are receiving the vaccine. Those working on other vaccines and the NHS staff delivering the doses.
- ◆ All people around the world who are being imprisoned because of their political and religious beliefs not because they have committed a criminal offence.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Mark Bartlett; Heather Attwood; Sylvia Emson and John Wilson.

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

Mavis Brotherton, Anthony Smith, Ann Woodcock, Margaret Monaghan, Sylvia Brotherton, Terry Jenkins, June Green, Barbara Wragg and Kathleen Loudoun.

Toward the Kingdom of Heaven - Lent Course

So that we can fit in six sessions before Easter, we will be starting on Shrove Tuesday. I will be sending out Zoom invitations on the weekend before. We can only issue Zoom invitations to participants who have made themselves known to us. We have enough participants for an evening session starting on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm.**

The text *Toward the Kingdom of Heaven: 40 daily readings on the Sermon on the Mount* by Professor Amy-Jill Levine is available from online bookstores at £11.99. This is the book with daily readings through Lent. Anyone who wants to go deeper, there is another volume by Professor Levine called *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* at £10.99, but that is optional. **Mark has procured a number of copies at the discounted rate of £9. Call or email his office if you would like to get a copy. 01386 446381 or asumsouth.office@hamptonchurch.org.uk.**

Please, please, please, if anyone has a problem either with getting the book, or with the cost, send me an email and we'll get it sorted, preferably by next Wednesday, please. vicar@vesham.church.

We will be looking at some DVD material from Professor Levine and discussing its content. From February 23rd, we will begin by reviewing the readings of the past week, to see what has emerged from our reading and reflection.

All meetings begin at 7:00pm.

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| 16 th February | The Beatitudes |
| 23 rd February | The Extensions |
| 2 nd March | Practicing Piety |
| 9 th March | Our Father |
| 16 th March | Finding your Treasure |
| 23 rd March | Living into the Kingdom |

Mark and I are looking forward to a stimulating and engaging Lent course.

Rev Andrew Spurr



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 7th February 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:

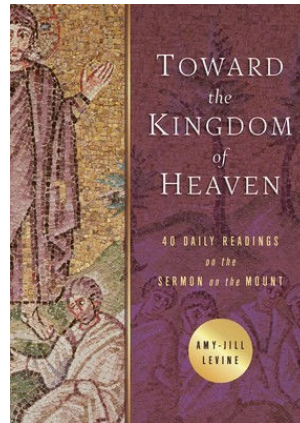
<https://youtu.be/1PDyISl7TGc>

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 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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