

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

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



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Pewsheet for Sunday 4th March 2018

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending our services and events, especially if you are new to the area or visiting us for the first time. Please stay for coffee/tea afterwards so we can meet together.

Today's Services - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion (said) <i>Rev'd Julian Bomyer</i>
10.00am	Morning Praise <i>Rev'd Nick Wright & Mandy Palmer</i>
Readings (overleaf)	Lucy Vincent-Daviss & Fran Biggin
Intercessions	Mandy Palmer
Hymns:	On-screen and sheet
6.00pm	SoulFood at All Saints' Church

This Week's Church Diary

Mon 5	9.30am 10.00am	Bengeworth Academy rehearsal Lent Group at Hampton Vicarage
Tue 6	10.00am 12 noon 2.00pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion in church Funeral of Brian Bennett followed by the wake in church Holy Communion at The Hawthorns Rainbow Guides (Bostock Room) Lent Group at 8 Chestnut Close
Wed 7	9.30am 3.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Bengeworth Academy rehearsal Holy Communion at Austen Court Contemplative Prayer at Hampton Church CTED Choir rehearsals for Palm Sunday in the Bostock Room
Thu 8	10.00am 7.00pm	Interviews for Administrator vacancy Asum Youth Group ('Youthie') in church
Fri 9	9.00am 7.00pm	Bengeworth Academy Mothering Sunday Service Church Choir Practice (Bostock Room)

Next Sunday, 11th March - Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

8.00am	Holy Communion (said) <i>Rev'd Julian Bomyer</i>	Readings (Mothering Sun) ♦ Ex 2. 1-10 or 1 Sam 1. 20-28
10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>Rev'd Mark Binney</i>	♦ 2 Cor 1. 3-7 or Col 3. 12-17 ♦ Luke 2. 33-35 or John 19. 25b-27
6.00pm	SoulFood at All Saints' Church	

Including Everyone: Please let the 'welcomers' know if you have any special needs that we can help with.
NB *Gluten free communion wafers are available here. Please tell one of 'the welcomers' if you require one.*

Notices

Preparing for our Church AGM: The AGM is booked for Sunday 22nd April, after the 10am service. Thanks to those who have already sent their reports to the office. Please could we have the rest of the reports soon?!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the sewing repairs and Building Group. *Dave and Marie*

Old Bengeworth Church: Yesterday, a new Information Board was due to be unveiled re the 'old' Bengeworth Church at the site in Church Street. Pop round and see!

St. Peter's Church Garden

Having won the competition for the Best Kept Garden in Worcestershire for the third time, the team has been "stepped" down for three years! What a relief!



We will however continue to try and keep the garden well tended and rubbish free. Please remove the last remains of the Christmas decorations. A volunteer to tend the bird bath would be very welcome.

Best wishes to all garden lovers.

Pat Coombs, Gardening Team Co-ordinator

For our Prayers this week

- * 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;



For those who are sick, in special need or housebound: ~

Janet Bailey; Beattie Ballard; Pearl Bradley; Daniel Crockford; Richard Emson; Sylvia Emson; Hazel James; Barbara Line; Judith Smart; Ken Smith.

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

Margaret Canning; Dr. Clive Penketh; Noreen Bearcroft; Brian Bennett; Joy Hall;



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!



This church has an audio loop system

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

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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 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



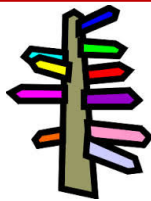
Towards Confirmation 2018

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.



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)*