

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 3rd December 2017 – First of Advent**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 3 rd December		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Toy Service	Bengeworth
10am	Toy Service	Hampton
10am	Fresh Expressions Worship	Fairfield
Monday 4th		
	10am Bible Study	The Vicarage
Tuesday 5th		
	9am Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	2pm Holy Communion	Hawthorns
Wednesday 6th		
	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
Thursday 7th		
	12.30pm – Memorial Service Linda Sunley	Hampton
	7pm Youth Group	Bengeworth
Friday 8th		
Saturday 9th		
	10am-1pm Open Church + Stalls	Hampton
	2.30pm WI Carol Service	Bengeworth
Sunday 10 th December – 2 nd Sunday of Advent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
10am	Fresh Expressions Worship	Fairfield
11am	All Age Service	Sedgeberrow
11.15am	Christingle & Crib Service	Hinton
4pm	Candlelit Memorial	Bengeworth

FOR OUR PRAYERS from our four Churches

For those who are housebound, sick and elderly:
Janet Bailey, Mabel Bailey, Sarah Clements, Shirley Ann Davis; Roseanna Denning, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Margaret Goodman, Terry Grinnell, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Joyce Lampitt, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, James Lynch, Janice Sinclair, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Ivan Williams; Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died

Violet Smith, Graham Williams, Linda King, Harry Hughes Ronald Andrew, Linda Sunley, Brian Hawker & Ruth Gregg.

We keep in mind...

- + Egypt and her people in the aftermath of the mosque attack;
- + Zimbabwe and her people; for the rebuilding of that nation and hopes of a more democratic and just future;
- + Those responsible for negotiating the UK's future relationship with the European Union; for wisdom and care; for the safeguarding of the peace in Northern Ireland;
- + Our Queen and royal family; for Harry and Meghan as they fall heavily under the public spotlight;
- + Those not looking forward to Christmas; the many homeless people needing warmth and support this winter; for charities and organisations seeking to welcome the stranger this Christmas.

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 – needed now more than ever. Basket at back of Church for food and toiletries for those in need. *(Thanks to Pippa for delivering our gifts to the Centre)*

Benefice News Extra

See the back of 'The Link'! On this sheet, we are trying to offer a wider view diet of news for our churches and beyond. If there is anything you would like to see included on it, please get in touch with the Benefice Office.

Hampton Open Church

Saturday 9th December..... 10am – 1pm
Stalls & Refreshments + quiet spaces
All Welcome

**Sedgeberrow Coffee Morning
& Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 16th December 10am
In Church.

Big Thanks!

to the volunteers who teamed up last Wednesday to clean and polish the church ready for Advent. A good time was had by all.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!



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'

News Extra - Sunday 3rd December 2017

from around and beyond our Churches

Today's News

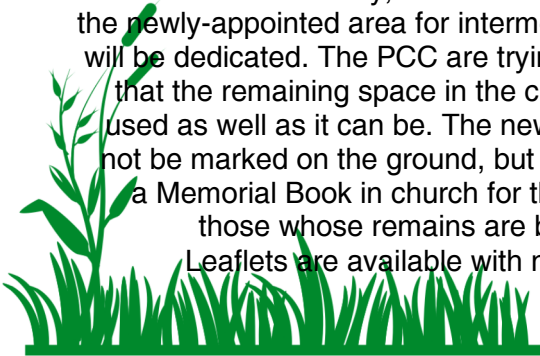


The CTED Concert in aid of Caring Hands

at St Peters Church, Bengeworth last Saturday (25th Nov) raised the fantastic amount of £1,320. Well done and thanks to everyone concerned!

Bengeworth Churchyard - Burial of Ashes Scheme

Today, after the 10am service, the newly-appointed area for interment of ashes will be dedicated. The PCC are trying to ensure that the remaining space in the churchyard is used as well as it can be. The new graves will not be marked on the ground, but there will be a Memorial Book in church for the names of those whose remains are buried there. Leaflets are available with more details.



This week



Mega SPLASH!

An Asum Group monthly event for children between 4 and 11 years (adults welcome too)

Come and get ready for Christmas...!

Sunday 3rd December, **2.00pm** at All Saints Church, Evesham Contact: Rosie 01386 442111

Sedgeberrow Coffee Morning & Christmas Fayre



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Did you know? Our Pewsheets and the Newsheet Extra are available

online (2 pages in one document) each week by Friday lunchtime at

www.hamptonchurch.org.uk - click on 'Downloads'



Advent Countdown....



A Christmas Concert by The Avon Singers

In aid of A.C.E.S.
(Aid for Children of EL Salvador)

St Peter's Church, Bengeworth
Monday 11th December at 7.30pm

Tickets available on door £8
Seasonal Refreshments

Carols Galore

Carol Café @ All Saints Church

Saturday 9th December 11.00am to 2.00pm

Evesham Parish Carol Service

at All Saints including choir from Prince Henry's High School
Friday 15th December at 6.00 pm



Carol Singing at The Fairfield

Saturday 16th December
For details contact Sarah 429122
Led by Fairfield Church - Come and join in!



Carolling in our Benefice

Sunday 17th December
Carol Service 4.00pm @ Bengeworth
Carol & Christingle 4.00pm at Hampton



Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve
Crib & Carol Service 6.00pm @ Sedgeberrow

Care Home Ministry Update

The next service at **The Hawthorns** will be a Communion (shared from the 10am service at St. Peter's) this Tuesday 5th December, 2pm.

There will be **Carol Services** at our Care Homes next month - and we would be very grateful for help with singing and helping people to follow the words:

- ⇒ The Hawthorns - Tues 19th December, 2pm
- ⇒ Austen Court - Thurs 21st December, 3pm

Please let Nick or Elaine at the Benefice Office (01386 446381) know if you would like to come and support our ministry in our local care homes.

