

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 14th January 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Fresh Expressions	Fairfield
11am	All Age Worship	Sedgeberrow
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 15 th	10am Bible Study 10am Sedgeberrow PCC 6.30pm Benefice Wardens mtg	The Vicarage Sedgeberrow Bengeworth
Tue 16 th	Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	2.30pm Funeral – June Driver	Sedgeberrow
Wed 17 th	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
	10.45am...PCC Meeting in Church	Hampton
Thurs 18 th	9.30am School Service yr 4 & 3 12 Noon... Service for Christian Unity + Refreshments	Hampton Hampton
	7pm Youth Group	Bengeworth
Sunday 21st January 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
10am	Fresh Expressions	Fairfield
3pm	Songs of Praise	Austen Court
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints

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... We are collecting at the back of our churches for food and toiletries for those in need. Tinned meals are especially welcome.

Check out the News Extra sheet for more notices

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For those who are housebound, sick and elderly:

Janet Bailey, Mabel Bailey, Sarah Clements, Jill Cotton, Roseanna Denning, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Margaret Goodman, Terry Grinnell, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Joyce Lampitt, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, Janice Sinclair, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Ivan Withers; Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died

Doreen Kedwood, John Clements, June Driver, Margaret Penrose & Gwen Thomas

We keep in mind...

- those taking up new roles in our national government;
- our National Health Service, its staff and managers, at this time of severe demand and high pressure;
- the Holy Land in all its tension and uncertainty; for new commitments towards a peace process; Jerusalem and its people;
- Christians facing increasing persecution and in danger because of their faith; the Barnabas Fund supporting our brothers and sisters in these circumstances;
- the people and government of Iran after the protests there; Myanmar and those who are now refugees from that country in Bangladesh;
- our four churches, the Churchwardens, clergy and Readers; – and our working more closely together now that we are all sharing one benefice; Sarah Hewitt (Missioner) and Nick Wright (Associate Priest), newly-relicensed to serve;

Please Note

Prayer for Christian Unity week begins on **Thursday 18th January** with a service at **St. Andrew's, Hampton** at Noon with refreshments.

Please check the News extra for changes of Venue for two of the services

A Service of Thanksgiving for Gwen Thomas has been confirmed for **Wednesday 31st January 2pm** at **St. Andrew's Church, Hampton**

It's coming up to that time when we start preparing for our **Annual General Meetings**. Please will all church officers look at presenting their reports ASAP. Thank you



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 14th January 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

Now we are (officially) 4-in-1

We are glad to announce that the two benefices that we have been for many years are now (from yesterday 10th January) legally bound together as one unit - the **Benefice of Asum South**. This also means that Rev'd Mark Binney is now 'properly' vicar of St. Peter's, Bengeworth, and not just 'priest-in-charge'.

We shall celebrate this new identity at a **special service on Sunday 29th April** at St. Peter's, Bengeworth. Please keep the date - so we can all get together!



Apart from the legalities of this change, this uniting of our churches provides us with many opportunities to share resources and personnel. In this regard currently, please pray for

- + our Churchwardens - who are meeting together on Monday evening;
- + the admin team as we make ready the process by which we hope to appoint a new Administrator;
- + the PCC treasurers as they set up a funding framework for the office and a robust system for handling the fees that we receive.

Coming Soon



**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
18th - 25th January 2018**



Theme: 'That all may be free'

**United Prayer Services around Evesham
- to which we are all invited...**

Thursday 18th - 12.00 noon - St Andrew's Hampton
Friday 19th - 2.45pm - Friends Meeting House
Saturday 20th - 7.30 pm - Elim Church
Sunday 21st - 6.00 pm - SoulFood - All Saints, Evesham
Monday 22nd - 1pm - Salvation Army (with light lunch)
Tuesday 23rd - 12.00 noon - Baptist Church
(with light lunch)
Wednesday 24th - 7.30 pm -
Vale of Evesham Christian Centre

Please note:

A **Large Print** version of the Sunday Readings sheet is now available each week - please ask the welcomers or churchwardens for your copy.

Ministry Together

Our Care Homes - Worship Review

We have now had a few months of experience in sharing worship at the Care Homes in our benefice - The Hawthorns and Austen Court. Many thanks to those from our churches who have been supporting this ministry.

This seems like a good time to review how things are going, and how we might learn from our experience so far. To this end, all those involved and anyone else interested are invited to a meeting on **Wednesday 14th March, 2.00pm** at the Benefice Office (next to Hampton Vicarage). Please note this change of date. Please book it!



Later this month...

Sedgeberrow Church Coffee Morning



Thursday 25th January, from 10am

At Rye Furlong, Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow, the home of Emma Kearsley



There will be raffle, tombola, cakes, coffee etc, all in aid of St. Mary's.

Everyone Welcome



**A Concert for a Winter's Evening
Friday 16th February, 7.30pm
St. Michael's Church, Broadway**



Tickets £10 from 01386 852352 or broadwaycofe@gmail.com

Performers include Broadway Showstoppers, Broadway Players, Colin Harper, Shellie Ward. All Welcome

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