

**The United Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 4th February 2018 – Second before Lent**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 4th February 2018 – Second before Lent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Morning Praise	Bengeworth
10am	All Age Worship	Hampton
10am	Worship with Communion	Fairfield
3pm	Baptism – Oliver Wicks	Hampton
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 5 th	10am Bible Study	The Vicarage
	12.30pm – Funeral Raymond Edmed	Hampton
Tue 6 th	9.30pm Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
Wed 7 th	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
	3pm Holy Communion	Austen Court
Thur 8 th	7pm Youth Group	Bengeworth
Fri 9 th		
Sat 10 th		
Sunday 11th February 2018 – Next before Lent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Communion	Hampton
10am	Morning Worship	Fairfield
11am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
3pm	Baptism – George Hurst & Alice Monks	Bengeworth
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.

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, Freda Swords; Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Ivan Withers; Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died

Doreen Kedwood, Raymond Edmed, Gwen Thomas & June Penrose

We keep in mind...

- People who are homeless and trying to survive from day to day; for Caring Hands and their ministry in this town and Diane Bennett who runs the project;
- The continuing negotiations about the transition period towards Brexit;
- Those who have lost their jobs and security through the collapse of Carillion; for those now having to find cover for the work they were doing;
- On this Creation Sunday, we pray for environmental groups and campaigners calling us to care better for our planet; for the climate scientists and for governments who need to make unpopular decisions on behalf of the people;

Please Note

St. Andrew's Fellowship - new venue

Our next meeting on Tuesday February 13th at 2.00pm will be held in Hampton Club not the Guide and Scout Hall. This is an experiment to see how we get on. We will be entertained by a Ukelele Band and there will be a raffle and refreshments as usual. Subs of £15 for the year will be due, visitors £2 per session. A very warm welcome to anyone, of any creed, age or gender, who would like to join us, Contact - Shirley Lynch 553392.

Annual Reports

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

Sedgeberrow Update

The next coffee morning is on February 22nd at 10am at the home of Roger & Judith Horton in Main Street. Book the date! The January one raised £154 ☺

Check out the News Extra sheet for more notices



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 4th February 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

Coming soon...

Ash Wednesday,

14th February: There will be services around the Group churches to mark the start of the season -



including **10am at Hampton;**
7pm at Bengeworth.



Trying something new...

Instead of our usual Lent Talks, this year we are encouraging everyone to share in the **#LIVE LENT programme.**



We now have available copies of the #LIVELENT 'Let your light shine' booklets. We would like to encourage everyone to give them a try.

They offer a short Bible reading each day, and suggestions about how we might respond to it. These are designed for each of us to use each day in a quiet ten minutes or so.

Please take your copy today, and sign your name **on the list in your church so that we know that you have taken one.** They are free to you (but you are welcome to put an extra £2 in your church collection to cover the cost).

Lent Groups

We are planning some small groups to sharing a 5-session course which is based on these booklets, but provides other materials as well. Details so far are:

- + Mondays, 10am - 11.30am at Hampton Vicarage (first meeting 19th February) - Contact Charlie Binney - 01386 424235
- + Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9pm at 8 Chestnut Close (first meeting 20th February) - Contact Michael Hunter 01386 41490

Why not join one of these - or host your own? The Office can supply the materials.

News

Congratulations to Bishop John and HJ!

Congratulations to Bishop John and HJ who were married on Friday 12 January at St Katherine's Church in Holt near Bath.

Bishop Graham said: "Family and friends of Bishop John were overjoyed that after the death of his first wife, Denise, he has found love and joy again."



Ten Years ON!

There will be a special **service celebrating 10 years since Bishop John's enthronement** as Bishop of Worcester on **Wednesday 28 February (St Oswald's Day), 5.30pm in the Cathedral.** It will be followed by a celebratory reception and all are welcome!



St. Richard's
Hospice
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St. Richard's Hospice Invitation

Alice Spearing, the Hospice 'Engagement Officer' is offering guest speakers to any group or church that would like one. If you would like to give her a call about that, she is on 01905 763963

Care Home Ministry Update

We are sharing worship in our local care homes twice in the next few days:

- ⇒ Wednesday, 7th February, **3.00pm** Communion Service at Austen Court
- ⇒ Tuesday, 13th Feb, 2.00pm Communion at The Hawthorns

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).

Please note: A **Large Print** version of the Sunday Readings sheet is normally available each week - please ask the welcomers for your copy.