

**The Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 18th February 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 18th February 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
10am	Morning Worship	Fairfield
3pm	Songs of Praise	Austen Court
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 19 th	10am Bible Study – Lent Course	The Vicarage
Tue 20 th	9.30pm Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	7.30pm Lent House Group	8, Chestnut Close
Wed. 21 st	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
Thur 22 nd	10am Coffee Morning at 64 Main Street 7pm Youth Group	Sedgeberrow Bengeworth
Fri 23 rd		
Sat 24 th		
Sunday 25th February 2018 – Lent 2		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
10am	Morning Worship	Fairfield
11am	Morning Praise	Sedgeberrow
12.30- 4.30pm	Open Church	Hinton
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, Shirley Davis, Roseanna Denning, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Margaret Goodman, Terry Grinnell, Olivia Hancock, Girdie Humphries, Sue Jones, Joyce Lampitt, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, Lucy Paine Janice Sinclair, Freda Swords, Brian Westwood, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Ivan Withers, Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

For those who have died
Dr Clive Penketh, Margaret Canning, Michael Edwards, Thelma Berry; Horace Phillips; Noreen Bearcroft

We keep in mind...

- The people of Florida in their loss and sorrow after the high school shooting;
- The continuing negotiations about the transition period towards Brexit; for God's guidance for our country;
- Those trying to restore the power-sharing agreement for Northern Ireland; for a fresh spirit of cooperation;
- All Christians keeping their Lenten disciplines; for new growth and insight as many of us share the daily #LiveLent quiet time; for Bishop John's Lent Appeal for Berega Hospital in Morogoro Diocese, Tanzania;
- As we remember Jesus in the wilderness, we pray for those parts of our world being made inhospitable by global warming;

Please Note

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 and send them to the office. *Thank you*

Sedgeberrow Update

The next coffee morning is on February 22nd at 10am at the home of Roger & Judith Horton at 64, 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 18th February 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

News for Lent

Lent Groups

There are some small groups sharing a 5-session course starting THIS WEEK. You would be very welcome:

- + 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
- + Tuesdays 7pm for 7.30pm to 9pm at Evesham Vicarage, 5 Croft Road (first meeting 20th February) - Contact Evesham Office 01386 442213

Why not join one of these - or host / run your own? Our Benefice Office can supply the materials.

#LIVELENT
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



Special for Lent: A Taste of Contemplation

Would you like less words, more quiet, more reflection? Then come and try our Contemplation Times. There will be three, all at St. Andrew's Hampton, and all in March:

- ⇒ Thursday 1st March, 10am to 11.30am
- ⇒ Wednesday 7th March, 7pm to 8.30pm
- ⇒ Thursday 22nd March, 10am to 11.30am

Book the dates. More details soon.



The **Bishop's Lent Message** is available to watch at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/ or at Bengeworth church at 10am this morning!

Give thanks with Bishop John



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!

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

Coming up

Women's World Day of Prayer

Praying for Suriname
A Service for everyone.

**Friday 2nd March
2018, 2.30pm**

St. Egwins Church,
Norton



5 seats available with Diana Scorse if you need a lift, leaving St. Andrew's 1.45pm: 01386 446848.

Bengeworth Parish Lunch

Saturday 3rd March, 12.30pm
at St. Peter's Church, Bengeworth
£6 for a good meal amongst friends.
Everyone welcome. Please book your place
with Sandra Cockram on 01386 832676

Opportunities

Serving God Together

Elaine, John and Nick are planning to revise and renew our Morning (All-age) Worship services - with a view to providing some seasonal variety. If you would like to join in with this work, and perhaps co-lead some of these services in your church, please contact Nick at the Office.



ALMtraining
being a community learning to serve

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/authorised-lay-ministry/ or speak to one of the clergy.

First Aid Training: The Red Cross have offered to do some First Aid training in Evesham c/o CTED's John Darby. If you would like to participate, please contact the Benefice Office by Wednesday 21st Feb. Hopefully there will be enough interest around the churches to arrange a course.