

**The Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,  
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green  
Newsletter for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Services and events for today & the coming week**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
10am	Morning Worship	Fairfield
11am	Family Worship	Sedgeberrow
12.30-4pm	Open Church	Hinton
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am Bible Study Lent Course	The Vicarage
	10am Burial of Ashes – Vera Hough	Hampton
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30pm Tots' Group	Hampton
	10am Holy Communion	Bengeworth
	2.30pm Funeral - Noreen Bearcroft	Hampton
	7.30pm Lent House Group	8, Chestnut Close
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am Holy Communion	Hampton
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>March</b>	10am Contemplative Prayer	Hampton
	7pm Youth Group	Bengeworth
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>		

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Lent 3**

8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Morning Praise	Bengeworth
10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
10am	Communion Service	Fairfield
1pm	Baptism – William Gardiner	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](mailto: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, Shirley Davis, Roseanna Denning, Grace Dolphin, Andrew Dyke, Margaret Goodman, Terry Grinnell, Olivia Hancock, Girlie Humphries, Sue Jones, Joyce Lampitt, Lewis Langstone, Clifford Lewis, Lucy Paine Janice Sinclair, Freda Swords, Brian Westwood, Cyril Westwood, Jessie Webb, Janet Wilkes, Ivan Withers, Joan Wood & Michael Wood.

**For those who have died**

Dr Clive Penketh, Margaret Canning, Michael Edwards, Thelma Berry; Horace Phillips; Noreen Bearcroft; Jean Massey; Brian Bennett.

**We keep in mind...**

- The suffering people of Syria as war continues, seven years on; those who are caught up in the conflict and those who have escaped and wonder if they will ever return home;
- Those considering tighter gun control in the United States; the young people demonstrating for change - #MeNext?
- 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 talking about his road to suffering and death, we pray for those who are facing their death;

**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*

**Church Officers**

Please pray for our Churchwardens, and the members of the PCC in all their responsibilities on our behalf, and especially Carolyn and Margaret as they consider the future use of St. Andrew's Church with our architect, Stephen.



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 25th February 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

## News for Lent

### Contemplative Prayer for Lent



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

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

We shall be led by Sr. Elizabeth Atkinson 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 any or all of these times. Please arrive and leave in prayerful silence, no talking or consumption of food or drink.



The **Bishop's Lent Message** is available to watch at [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/). If you can't get online, please contact the office for a copy on DVD

### Lent Groups

There are some small groups sharing a 5-session course and it's not too late to join in:

- + Mondays, 10am - 11.30am at Hampton Vicarage - Contact Charlie Binney - 01386 424235
- + Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9pm at 8 Chestnut Close - Contact Michael Hunter 01386 41490
- + Tuesdays 7pm for 7.30pm to 9pm at Evesham Vicarage, 5 Croft Road - Contact Evesham Office 01386 442213

  
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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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

## This Week

### Women's World Day of Prayer

Praying for Suriname -  
a Service for everyone.  
**Friday 2nd March, 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

Is God nudging you to take a lead in your church community...?

**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/or-speak-to-one-of-the-clergy](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/your-christian-calling/or-speak-to-one-of-the-clergy).

## Dates for your Diaries

### 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](mailto:office@hamptonchurch.org.uk)



**Evesham Festival of Words:** Saturday 30th June, St. Peter's Church, Bengeworth: 'More than Words' with EODS (Evesham Opera and Drama Society)!

**Ninebarrow in Concert** - Saturday 18th May, at Broadway Church. Tickets £12.50 from Shellie on 01386 852352.