

**The Benefice of Bengeworth and Hampton,
with Sedgeberrow and Hinton on the Green
Newsletter for Sunday 18th March 2018 – Fifth of Lent – Passiontide begins**

Services and events for today & the coming week		
Sunday 18 th March 2018 – 5 th of Lent		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
9am	Holy Communion	Sedgeberrow
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Morning Praise	Hampton
10am	Fresh Expressions	Fairfield
3pm	Holy Baptism – Luca Frasca & William Middleton	Hampton
3pm	Songs of Praise	Austen Court
6pm	Soul Food	All Saints
Mon 19 th	10am Bible Study Lent Course	The Vicarage
	6.30pm Hampton Beavers	Hampton Church
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 Contemplative Prayer	Hampton
	10am Coffee Morning	Sedgeberrow
	7pm Youth Group	Bengeworth
Fri 23 rd	Noon – Funeral Barbara Newitt	Hampton
Sunday 25 th March 2018 – Palm Sunday (Lent 6)		
8am	Holy Communion	Hampton
8am	Holy Communion	Bengeworth
10am	Parish Eucharist	Hampton
10am	Parish Eucharist	Bengeworth
10am	Fresh Expressions	Fairfield
11am	Palm Sunday Family Worship	Sedgeberrow
11.15am	Palm Sunday & Easter Service	Hinton
6pm	Asum Service	Bengeworth

Please note...

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.

Easter Lilies @ Hampton

Donations are welcomed please for the Easter Lilies. This can be given to Jane Wisniewski or left in the Vestry. 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'

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, Girdie 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

Jean Massey; Brian Bennett; Joy Hall; Barbara Foxall; Barbara Newitt;

We keep in mind...

- The plans for talks between North Korea and the United States; The relationship between the UK and Russia in this tense time; those who work for conciliation and cooperation between nations;
- For Syria and her people, that the misery and violence may come to an end; for the United Nations Organisation in its attempts to broker aid and peace;
- Christian ministers preparing services, teaching and reflections for Passiontide and Easter; for God's people to be nourished well;
- Those who, like Jesus, feel alone in trying to overcome evil with good;

Church Electoral Roll Revision – all churches

The church electoral roll is the formal list of church members and everybody who worships regularly should have their name on it. Each year before the annual church meetings the electoral roll must be brought up to date. So, **please check that your name is on the current Roll.** And, if it is not, please sign one of the new blue forms. These also give you the option of providing more contact details and data protection permissions. Please return completed forms to your Electoral Roll Office or Churchwardens. The deadline for this at Hampton is today (25th March); for Hinton and Sedgeberrow new applications must be received by Easter Day.



Sedgeberrow Coffee Morning

Thursday 22nd March
10am – Noon in Church
Everyone welcome

News Extra - Sunday 18th March 2018

from around and beyond our Churches

This Week

Time out with God - Contemplative Prayer for Lent



Fewer words, more quiet, more reflection... Come and try our final Contemplation Prayer time this Lent at **St. Andrew's Hampton**, on Thursday 22nd March, 10am to 11.30am.

We are being led by Sr. Elizabeth Atkinson in the Carmelite tradition 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.

Coming Soon

Mary Magdalene - the new movie - opens at Tewkesbury Roses Theatre on Good Friday 30th March with one showing per day until the following Thursday. It stars Rooney Mara as Mary Magdalene, Joaquin Phoenix as Jesus, Chiwetel Ejiofor as Peter (star of Oscar-winning 12 Years a Slave); and is directed by Garth Davis (director of Lion). See www.rosestheatre.org - Phone: 01684 295074



Bengeworth Parish Lunch Saturday 7th April, 12.30pm.

A friendly gathering for a two course meal for £6, served by Sandra and her team. To book please contact her on 01386 832676

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

Countdown to Easter

Asum Service for Palm Sunday - 'Touch Wood?' - music, words and silence to draw us close to Jesus in his Holy Week journey. 25th March, 6pm, St. Peter's Bengeworth, led by Bishop Robert Paterson and the CTED Choir.



Compline (Night Prayer) and Reflection on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, 7.30pm at St. Andrew's, Hampton. Step by step towards the passion with John's Gospel.

The Eucharist of the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday, 29th March), will be held at All Saints, Evesham this year, starting at 7.30pm. This service is for the whole Group of our parishes.



United Churches Walk of Witness - Good Friday, 30th March, from 11am starting at the bottom of Bridge Street. All churches are asked to share this sign of Christ's love in our town.

Children's Easter Service on Easter Eve, 31st March, 3pm at St. Andrew's, Hampton. Families from all over our benefice are invited to join in this celebration.

Easter Vigil Service, with the Lighting of our Paschal Candles, on Saturday 31st March, 8pm, at All Saints', Evesham. This service will help bring together the themes explored in the #LIVELENT course. 'The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'.



Asum Churches all together celebrating Easter

Sunday 8th April, 10.00am at All Saints Church, Evesham

There will be no mid-morning services in our benefice that day.



**EVESHAM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
SHOP VOLUNTEERS**
Urgently required (Mornings or afternoons)
Please offer your help!
Contact: Frances Smith – 01386 443157

New Benefice Administrator - Mrs Caryl Mills has been appointed to job share with Elaine Major in our Benefice Office. She will begin work on 18th April.