

Rota for this week

Door Welcome & Collection	Janet Wilson & Jane Neenan
Reader	David Battersby
Intercessions	Sarah Ader
Elements	The Bell Ringers
Coffee	Liz & David Rose
Cleaning	Pauline Hawkins & Jill Hall

St Mary the Virgin, Bampton 14 February 2016

The First Sunday of Lent

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn 95 *Forty days and forty nights*

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11

Responsorial Psalm 91: 1 – 2 & 9 – 16
Response ***You, Oh Lord, are my refuge***

The Epistle Romans 10: 8b - 13

Gradual Hymn 485 ***Jesu, the very thought of thee***

The Gospel Luke 4: 1 - 13

Offertory Hymn 538 ***O Jesus, I have promised***

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love;
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn 496 ***Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us***

Services next Sunday 21 February The Second Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Aston
10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion and rededication of the bells	Clanfield
10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Bampton

Rota for next week

Door Welcome & Collection	Lesley & Mike Wareham
Reader	Roger Humphreys
Intercessions	David Battersby
Elements	Clare & Richard Rednall
Coffee	Clare Rednall & Debbie Jacobs
Cleaning	Mary & Dennis Bambury

Please take this leaflet home with you.

It will help to remind you about what is coming up at St Mary's.

Remember to check our website: bamptonchurch.org.uk

Notices

Please pray for **Thomas Peter Rex Gane**, who will be baptised here later today.

The Ecumenical Lent Course begins on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church, Bampton. All are welcome. This year we are studying Matthew 5: 1 – 10, 'The Beatitudes', from the Sermon on the Mount.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

St Mary's Prayer Group meets on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at 16 The Lanes. *More information from Beate on 01993 851123.*

A Lenten Vigil service will be held in St Mary's on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. This is a quiet, reflective service of Evening Prayer in preparation for Sunday. Do come!

Bible Discussion Groups

The church's two Bible Discussion Groups will cease their regular weekly/fortnightly meetings for the period of Lent. Most members will be joining the Ecumenical Lent Course. We look forward to joining with other members from our church together with members of the Methodist Congregation.

Bampton Zimbabwe Project Traditional Tea Party

The Chairman and committee of the BZP would like me to thank all of you who bought tickets for the tea party held on Tuesday last. It was extremely successful judging by the noise, the munching of delicate sandwiches, and homemade cakes. As always, the beautiful china and elegant tablecloths were deeply appreciated, reminding us of times long gone. Thank you also to those who made donations, and those who helped us by taking home uneaten food, for which they also made donations. The final sum raised was £230 which was excellent for the type of fundraiser it is. THANK YOU!

Ann Flute

The Friends of St Mary's, Bampton invite you to join them, at St Mary's, for a series of Sunday afternoon talks followed by tea and cake.

Sunday 28 February – Speaker Matthew Rice will present “Church Architecture – The Violent destruction of St Mary's Bampton in 1867”. Matthew is an author, artist and architectural enthusiast and known locally for his restoration of Bampton Castle, now Ham Court, and for his interest in church architecture and local history. Tickets on sale from end January.

Sunday 20 March – Speaker Professor John Blair will pose the question “Anglo-Saxon Bampton: how much do we know now?”. Professor Blair is also known locally for his extensive knowledge of Bampton's history and architecture. He is currently Professor of Medieval History and Archaeology at The Queen's College, Oxford. Tickets on sale from end February.

Sunday 24 April – Speaker Jeremy Gray will present an Illustrated talk “Painting the Saints”.

Jeremy Gray, who lives in Bampton, will be known to many as Joint Founder and Artistic Director of Bampton Classical Opera whilst being Head of History of Art at Queen's College London.

All events will start at 3:30pm and tickets will be available at Bampton Coffee House, from Jill Hall or by phone 01993 851142. Tickets will cost £6 prior to the day of event and £8 at the door.