

Rota for this week

Door Welcome & Collection	Margaret & John Battersby
Reader	Richard Rednall
Intercessions	Susan Preston
Elements	Jo Cottrell & Mark Albert
Coffee	Lizann Murray-Clarke & Susan Preston
Cleaning	Andy & Rosie Drake

Service next Sunday, 4th December 2016 The Second Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Shifford
10:30 a.m.	Family Eucharist	Aston
10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Bampton
10:30 a.m.	Family Service	Clanfield
3:00 p.m.	Messy Church Christingle	Bampton

Rota for next week

Door Welcome & Collection	Lizann Murray-Clarke & Ann Flute
Reader	Ann Boutflower
Intercessions	David Battersby
Elements	Jane & Robert Chapman
Coffee	Jane & Robert Chapman
Cleaning	Sarah & Jo Ader

Please take this leaflet home with you -

It will help keep you up to date with what's happening at St Mary's.
Further information about St Mary's church is on our website:
bamptonchurch.org.uk and in the monthly magazine "Contact."

St Mary the Virgin, Bampton 27th November 2016

The First Sunday of Advent

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist

Introit Hymn 31 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

Prayer at the Advent Wreath

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas, be king of our lives today. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 Isaiah 2: 1 – 5

Verses from Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'
Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.'

The Epistle Romans 13: 11 – 14

Gradual Hymn 396 *Christ is the world's true light*

The Gospel Matthew 24:36 - 44

Offertory Hymn 578 *Stand up, stand up for Jesus*

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Post Communion prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn **26 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**

St Mary's Organ Restoration Fund is delighted to host an evening of festive entertainment. Please join us for a special preview screening of this year's '**Call the Midwife Christmas Special**' introduced by the show's Executive Producer, Pippa Harris at 6:30 pm on **Sunday 11th December** in Bampton Village Hall. Tickets £10, to include mulled wine and mince pies, are available from Bampton Coffee House.

Notices

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

Holy Communion will be brought to Rosebank on Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Jill Ruck has at last had her telephone landline connected by BT. Her number is 01242 241844 and she would be thrilled to hear from her many friends in Bampton.

Notices

Christmas Hampers with The Besom in Witney

Imagine Christmas without presents, decorations, or special food: this is a reality for many people today. In recent years, The Besom in Witney has given Christmas hampers to people who have so little. If you would like to help provide some special items for the hampers, The Besom would be very grateful.

Rosie Drake will be collecting donated items in Church on Sunday 4th December and Sunday 11th December. Alternatively, she will be happy to collect any donations. Please phone Rosie Drake on 01993 850218. The closing date for donations is 11th December.

Below is a list of items needed: -

Food Items - Christmas cakes, mince pies, chocolates & sweets, fruit juices, biscuits, cranberry jelly, honey & jam, stuffing mix, baby food jars. (Please DO NOT include alcohol, perishable or home-made items. It is especially lovely if the items are from the luxury range rather than the basics/value range, as people are often used to buying the value range themselves.)

Household items - Washing power, washing up liquid, soaps or shower gels, shampoo, bubble bath

Christmas decorations – Candles, baubles, crackers, napkins and paper tablecloths.

Thank you so much, you can make a difference and bring a bit of sparkle to households who have so little.

Rosie Drake

Recycled Cards for Charity

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations of cards for recycling and also for buying the cards in the Vesey Room and the Library. As we are coming up to Christmas, we would like to remind everyone that, unfortunately, we cannot take any Christmas cards for recycling. This is due, in part, to the sheer volume of cards we would receive, plus the fact that it is not economically viable for us to make Christmas cards, when they are cheaper to buy in the shops.

This is just a reminder that all other types of greetings cards can be left in Bampton at:- The Library, The Vesey Room, The Church (there is a bag near the piano), The Primary School (there is a box near reception)

Any enquiries please 'phone Rosie Drake 850218, or Di O'Brien 850188
Thank you for your continued support! *Rosie Drake and Di O'Brien*