

Rota for this 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

Services next Sunday, 11th December 2016 The Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Clanfield
9:30 a.m.	Family Service	Aston
10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Bampton

Rota for next week

Door Welcome & Collection	Mary & Dennis Bambury
Reader	David Battersby
Intercessions	Ann Boutflower
Elements	The Bellringers
Coffee	Rosie & Andy Drake
Cleaning	Ann & David Battersby

Employment (full time) opportunity at Windmill Farm

Windmill Farm, Clanfield (owned by AdventurePlus) has a full time vacancy for help with maintenance, housekeeping and cleaning; to work weekdays (09:00-17:00) with some flexibility to work evenings and weekends as required.
For more details, please contact Colin or Liz: 01367 810258 or email hospitality@windmillwelcome.org.uk

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.

St Mary the Virgin, Bampton 4th December 2016

The Second Sunday of Advent

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn 590 *The Kingdom is upon you*

Prayer at the Advent Wreath

... for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Verses from Psalm 72

Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessèd be his glorious name for ever!

May all the earth be filled his glory. Amen. Amen.

The Epistle Romans 15: 4 - 13

Gradual Hymn 27 *Hark the glad sound!*

The Gospel Matthew 3: 1 - 12

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Offertory Hymn **29 Hills of the North, rejoice**

Post Communion prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge;
give us grace to to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn **608 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee**

Call the Midwife Christmas Special - Sunday 11th December
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.
There aren't many tickets left, so don't delay getting yours!

Notices

Messy Church will take place this afternoon, starting at 3:00 p.m. with a Christingle-making workshop and other activities, followed by the Christingle service and tea.

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

Notices continued

Blessed Bees will meet on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in church for their Christmas Celebration.

An Advent Vigil service will be held in the Lady Chapel on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.. Evening Prayer and time for quiet reflection, mid-way through Advent.

Christmas Decoration of Church

We invite members of the congregation to donate a WHITE CYCLAMEN, and would be grateful if you would please place your gift in the Lady Chapel between Sunday 11th and Wednesday 14th December. Decoration of the church will take place on Thursday 15th December. Many thanks.

Further information from Mary Bambury on 01993 850091.

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