

Rota for this week

Door Welcome & Collection	Lis Page & Mark Albert
Reader	Roger Humphreys
Intercessions	Ann Flute
Elements	Mary & Dennis Bambury
Coffee	Lizann Murray-Clarke & Susan Preston
Cleaning	Eileen & Peter Lloyd

Services next Sunday 12th March The Second Sunday of Lent

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	Janet Wilson & Joy Edwards
Reader	David Battersby
Intercessions	Celia Humphreys
Elements	Lizann Murray-Clarke & Ann Flute
Coffee	Ann Flute & Geraldine Smith
Cleaning	Joy & Rhyddian Edwards

*Please take this leaflet home with you -
It will keep you up to date with what's happening at St Mary's.
Further information is on our website: bamptonchurch.org.uk
and in the monthly magazine "Contact".*

St Mary the Virgin, Bampton 5th March 2017

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 Genesis 2: 15 – 17 and 3: 1 – 7

Psalm 32

Response: *I will confess my transgressions to the Lord*

The Epistle Romans 5: 12 - 19

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

The Gospel Matthew 4: 1 - 11

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***

Notices

Please pray for **Mia Rose Cordy**, who will be baptised here this afternoon.

Messy Church meets today at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

The funeral of **Margaret 'Peggy' Ellen James** will take place in St Mary's on Monday at 2:30 p.m.

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

The first session of the **Lent Course** will take place in Bampton Methodist Chapel on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Please see fliers for details.

Mid-week meetings.

St Mary's Prayer Group meets on Thursday from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. at 21 The Lanes.

St. Mary's also provides 2 Bible Discussion Groups, one on Monday evenings and one on Tuesday evenings.

More information from Dennis Piper on 01993 850677.

The PCC meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in The Carter Institute, Clanfield.

Blessed Bees meets in St Mary's on Friday at 10:30 a.m.

The Annual Church Meeting for St Mary's, Bampton will be held in church on Thursday 30th March at 7:30 p.m.

If you are not on the Church Electoral Roll and would like to be, please fill in one of the forms which are available at the church door. Completed forms should be handed to Grace Wilkins or the Vicar within the next fortnight. **Only those on the Roll can vote for CCC, PCC and Deanery Synod members.**

Fundraising for ICS (Intercontinental Church Society)

In addition to leaving postage stamps in the box by the piano, you can also raise money for ICS if you shop on-line at leading stores such as Sainsbury's, Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, eBay and Amazon. Visit Give as you Live website and choose Intercontinental Church Society as the charity you wish to support. www.giveasyoulive.com or follow the link here:

<http://give.as/charity/intercontinental-church-society/34315/135127>

Thank you. *Muriel & Dennis Piper.*

Advance Notice

The annual Missionary Sunday and Missionary Gift Day will be held on Sunday 11th June. The Guest Preacher will be Dr Paul Woods from the Oxford Centre for Missionary Studies.

The Church Council intends to support up to 6 Societies or Agencies and invites members of the congregation to nominate the Society of their preference.

Please kindly notify Arthur Pont on 01993 852588 of your preferred choice.

The Societies selected will be featured in the Pew Leaflet nearer the time.

BAMPTON ZIMBABWE PROJECT

Our **Traditional Tea Party** is on Tuesday, 14th March at 2:45 p.m. in the Village Hall, price £4.00. Everything homemade, except the bread! *Tickets still available from Mary Bambury, Lis Banham, Diane Wintersgill, and me, Ann Flute, 851338.*

BZP CHARITY QUIZ

The quiz, with delicious **FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**, price £15.00 each, to be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 31st March at 6:45 p.m. Make up a table of 6 friends, or come alone, when you will be seated with other friendly people! Bar serving alcohol and soft drinks available. *Tickets and information from the Committee. Ann Flute, 851338.*