

Rota for This Week

Door, Welcome & Collection: Lesley & Mike Wareham
Reader: Roger Humphreys
Intercessions: Celia Humphreys
Elements: Clare & Richard Rednall
Coffee: Angie Bell & Katrina Didewar
Cleaning: Ann & David Battersby

Services Sunday 24th December

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Bampton
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Bampton
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass	Bampton
9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Lew
9.30 p.m.	Family Service	Aston
6.00 p.m.	Carol Service	Aston
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass	Aston

Tuesday 19th December

7.30 p.m. Carol Service Lew

Friday 22nd December

6.00 p.m. Carol Service Clanfield

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Aston
10.30 a.m. Family Communion Bampton

Sunday 31st December

10.30 a.m. United Parish Eucharist Aston
No Service at Bampton

Rota for 24th December

Door, Welcome & Collection: Pat Robson & Mark Albert
Reader: Nicola Saward
Intercessions: t.b.a.
Elements: Grace & Richard Wilkins
Coffee: Mary & Dennis Bambury
Cleaning: Stephen Barber & Katrina Didewar

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BAMPTON

17TH DECEMBER 2017

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn: 58

Long ago, prophets knew

The Collect:

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament:

Isiah 61: 1-4, 8-end

Psalm:

Psalm 126

Response: *The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,*

and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

The Epistle:

I Thessalonians 5: 26 – 24

Gradual Hymn: 242

The Angel Gabriel

Gospel Reading:

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Offertory Hymn: 238

For Mary mother of our Lord

Communion Anthem:

Ave verum corpus (Mozart)

Prayer after Communion:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
Kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
That when your Christ comes again
We may shine as lights before his face;
Who is alive and reigns now and forever:

Final Hymn: 609

To God be the glory

Notices

- Today's service is led by **Rev'd Ron Curtis**
- The funeral of Dennis Parker Harrison will take place on Tuesday, 19th December, at 1 pm in St Mary's Bampton.
- The funeral of Winifred Rose Harrison will take place on Wednesday, 20th December, at 2 pm in St Mary's Bampton.
- **20th December: Village Nativity**, leaving at 7.00p.m. from the church.
- **Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols at St Marys, Bampton on Sunday 17th December. Please note the correct time is 6.30pm**
- 24th December: Welcome to Christmas and Children's Nativity Play. 3 O'clock – 5 o'clock. Everyone welcome!
- Last Sunday morning, when the snow blocked the Church paths, they were cleared by the joint efforts of our own Roger Preston, assisted by Thomas Buxton, representing the Bampton branch of the British Legion. Sterling work which was appreciated by all, particularly the less mobile! Thank you. *Douglas J Clare*

Messy Church Nativity Sheep Hunt

On the 8th December, we are launching a Messy Church Nativity Sheep hunt around the village. If you spot a sheep in a window and would like to take part with a grandchild, then pick up a leaflet from the table as you come into church or from Bampton Primary School Office from 8th December. If you see a knitted sheep or two in church, please don't tidy them away as they are part of Nativity sheep hunt. To claim a certificate and a surprise for taking part, **please bring your form back on 24th December to the Nativity service at 3.00pm.**

For more details contact Celia. 01993 850199



Exciting News

AdventurePlus, the Oxfordshire Adventure Youthwork charity, is about to commence development of a brand new **AdventureBase**

We are looking for the right person to help us coordinate this development process.

You may be recently retired with a background in architecture, building development or QS and wanting to help a local Christian charity with your skills and expertise.

Could you help us bring the **AdventureBase Vision** to reality?

Contact Jon@adventureplus.org.uk for more details

We'd love to hear from you!

The St.Beornwald's Day Concert by Candlelight

Bampton Classical Voices give the popular annual St Beornwald's Day Concert in St Mary's on Thursday 21st December at 7.00pm, with glorious Christmas music by Bach, Mendelssohn and Vaughan Williams.

Tickets £15 from Anthony Hall 851142 or at the door.

Christmas Quiz Book 2017

Back by popular demand, this is your chance to test your Christmas knowledge, unscramble anagrams, decipher dingbats and name the (other) famous Marys and Josephs. This year's quiz book will provide some perfect fodder for family competition over the Christmas period, and a chance to win Champagne as well. Why not send a copy to all your far-flung family members and other friends to challenge them to beat you to the prize! Copies available **after Sunday services** (mostly), **at the Surgery**, or via **the Grimwade household - 850984**. Proceeds in aid of the organ fund.