

### Rota for This Week

Door, Welcome & Collection: Pat Robson & Mark Albert  
Reader: Nicola Saward  
Intercessions: David Battersby  
Intercessions for Midnight Mass: Dennis Piper  
Elements: Grace & Richard Wilkins  
Coffee: Mary & Dennis Bambury  
Cleaning: Stephen Barber & Katrina Didewar

### Christmas Eve

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass Bampton

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

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

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Bampton

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December- The First Sunday of Christmas

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

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Bampton

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Holy Communion will be taken to the residents of Rosebank at 11 am

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January- The Baptism of Christ

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

### Rota for 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Door, Welcome & Collection: Ann Battersby & Liz Page  
Reader: Douglas Clare  
Intercessions:  
Elements: Lynne Borrett & Dennis Bambury  
Coffee: Liz & David Rose  
Cleaning: Massy & James Jamieson

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BAMPTON

**24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

**Introit Hymn: 32**

**O come, o come Emmanuel**

**The Collect:**

God our redeemer  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour;  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Old Testament:**

**2 Samuel. 7:1-11, 16**

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 89 vs 1 - 8**

**Response:** *The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
and therefore we rejoiced.'*

**The Epistle:**

**Romans. 16: 25-end**

**Gradual Hymn: 38**

**The people that long in darkness sat**

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Offertory Hymn: 243**

**The Lord whom earth and sky and sea**

**Communion Anthem:**

**To be announced**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Heavenly Father;  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Final Hymn: 41**

**A great and mighty wonder**

## Notices

- Today's service is led by **Rev'd Dr. Tess Kuin-Lawton**
- The marriage between **Tim Collins and Eleanor Salmon** will take place in St. Mary's on 31<sup>st</sup> December
- **24<sup>th</sup> December, 3 o'clock . Welcome to Christmas and Children's Nativity Play.** Everyone welcome! 'Welcome to Christmas' Nativity play starts at 3.00pm and lasts no longer than 45 mins to an hour.

## Messy Church Nativity Sheep Hunt

**Don't forget to bring your completed Nativity sheep hunt form with you to the 'Welcome to Christmas' Nativity play on 24th at 3.00 p.m.**

**For more details contact Celia. 01993 850199**



**Coffee & Co.** - After the Christmas/New Year break "Coffee & Co" will gather on Monday 8th January between 10.30 & 11.30 a.m. at Bampton Coffee House. Do come and join us.

Margaret Battersby. Tel: 850182.

## 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](mailto:Jon@adventureplus.org.uk) for more details

We'd love to hear from you!

## 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 are still available at **the Surgery**, or via **the Grimwade household - 850984**. Proceeds in aid of the organ fund.