



## Notices

**Messy Church** meets this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in St Mary's, Bampton

**Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY.** There will be services of Holy Communion, with the imposition of ashes for those who wish it, at:  
9:15 a.m. in St Stephen's, Clanfield;  
10:30 a.m., as usual, in St Mary's, Bampton;  
7:00 p.m. in St James', Aston.

**St Mary's Prayer Group** meets on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.  
*More information from Beate on 01993*

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

### **Bible Discussion Groups**

The church's two Bible Discussion Groups will cease their regular weekly/fortnightly meetings for the period of Lent. Most members will be joining the Ecumenical Lent Course. We look forward to joining with other members from our church together with members of the Methodist Congregation.

### **Lent Vigil Services**

Three reflective services of Evening Prayer will be held in St Mary's Lady Chapel at 6:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays in Lent: Feb 20, March 5 and 19.

These provide an opportunity for worship and reflection on the readings for the following Sunday.

Please make a note of the dates and come along.

**Bampton Zimbabwe Project** is holding a **Traditional Tea Party**, to be held in the Village Hall, on **Tuesday**, from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. Tickets, £3.50, will be sold in the Bush Club and at Coffee & Co., also by committee members, wherever we see you! Delicious, dainty sandwiches, homemade cakes and excellent tea, all served on beautiful china, and tablecloths.  
**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## **Ecumenical Lent Course** – begins a week on Wednesday

A series of five meetings for prayer, study, discussion and reflection will be held on **Wednesday** evenings in Lent in the **Methodist Church, Bampton**. We will be using part of the **PILGRIM** course produced as an ecumenical resource by the Church of England, and the theme this year is:

### **The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1 - 10)**

Each session starts at 7:30 p.m. and will finish by 9:00 p.m., on the following dates: February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16.

A course booklet, price £5.50, will be available to buy. Copies can be ordered in advance from David Lloyd: phone 01993 851222; email [revdjilloyd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:revdjilloyd@hotmail.co.uk)

**The Friends of St Mary's, Bampton** invite you to join them, at St Mary's, for a series of Sunday afternoon talks followed by tea and cake.

**Sunday 28 February – Speaker Matthew Rice will present “Church Architecture – The Violent destruction of St Mary's Bampton in 1867”.** Matthew is an author, artist and architectural enthusiast and known locally for his restoration of Bampton Castle, now Ham Court, and for his interest in church architecture and local history. Tickets on sale from end January.

**Sunday 20 March – Speaker Professor John Blair will pose the question “Anglo-Saxon Bampton: how much do we know now?”.** Professor Blair is also known locally for his extensive knowledge of Bampton's history and architecture. He is currently Professor of Medieval History and Archaeology at The Queen's College, Oxford. Tickets on sale from end February.

**Sunday 24 April** – this programme is still to be finalised.

All events will start at 3:30pm and tickets will be available at Bampton Coffee House or by phone 01993 851142. Tickets will cost £6 prior to the day of event and £8 at the door.