Rota for this week

Door Welcome & Collection Ann Battersby & Lis Page

Reader Ann Boutflower Intercessions Dennis Piper

Elements Judy Devas & John Battersby

Coffee Mary & Dennis Bambury
Cleaning Pat Robson & Mark Albert

Services next Sunday 14 February The First Sunday of Lent

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

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Door Welcome & Collection Janet Wilson & Jane Neenan

Reader Liz Rose Intercessions Sarah Ader Elements The Bell Ringers

Coffee Liz & David Rose

Cleaning Pauline Hawkins & Jill Hall

Please take this leaflet home with you.

It will help to remind you about what is coming up at 5t Mary's.

Remember to check our website: bamptonchurch.org.uk

St Mary the Virgin, Bampton 7 February 2016

The Sunday next before Lent

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn 555 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

The Collect

Almighty Father,

whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and roigns with you, in the unity of the Holl

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

Gradual Hymn 414 *Eternal Light! Eternal Light!*

The Gospel Luke 9:28 - 43

Offertory Hymn 516 Love divine, all loves excelling

Post Communion

Holy God.

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn 248 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

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 revdjlloyd@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.