

Rota for this week

Door Welcome & Collection	Mary & Dennis Bambury
Reader	Roger Humphreys
Intercessions	Ann Flute
Elements	Clare & Richard Rednall
Coffee	Lesley Wareham & Katrina Didewar
Cleaning	Jean Gray & Barbara Fielding

Rota for next week

Door Welcome & Collection	Pat Robson & Mark Albert
Reader	Beate Howitt
Intercessions	
Elements	Grace & Richard Wilkins
Coffee	
Cleaning	Katrina Didewar & Stephen Barber

“A Boy is Born”:

The annual St Beornwald's Day concert presents the eight professional voices of Bampton Classical Singers, blending in mellifluous harmony in a wonderful programme of seasonal music, familiar and unfamiliar.

7:00 p.m., Wednesday 21st December in St Mary's.

Tickets £15.00, from Anthony & Jill Hall, 851142, or at the door.

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 18th December 2016

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn 241 *Sing we of the blessed Mother*

Prayer at the Advent Wreath

...who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessed be God for ever.

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. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:10 - 16

Verses from Psalm 80

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

The Epistle Romans 1: 1 - 7

Gradual Hymn 36 *The advent of our King*

The Gospel Matthew 1: 18 - 25

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Offertory Hymn 601 *Thou didst leave thy throne*

Post Communion prayer

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. **Amen.**

Final Hymn 24 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

**Services in St Mary's on Saturday 24th December:
Christmas Eve**

3:00 p.m. 'Welcome to Christmas' – Family Service and Nativity
11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Services next Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bampton
9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion & Carols	Aston
10:30 a.m.	Family Service	Aston
10:30 a.m.	Sung Family Eucharist	Bampton

**Services on Sunday 1st January:
The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus**

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

Notices

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight will be held in St Mary's at 6 o'clock this evening.
Carol services will also be held at 6:00 p.m. in Shifford and Clanfield.

The Village Nativity will set out from St Mary's at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, visiting the inns and ending up at the stable to join shepherds and wise men as we wonder at the birth of Jesus.

Holy Communion (for St Beornwald's Day) will be celebrated as usual on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

The Saint Beornwald's Day Concert: 'A Boy is Born' will take place on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in St Mary's. Further details on posters and fliers.

Holy Trinity, Lew will hold a service of Carols and Readings on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. All are warmly welcome.

A Children's Christmas Workshop will be held in St Mary's on Friday between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Jill Ruck has at last had her telephone landline connected by BT. Her number is 01242 241844 and she would be thrilled to hear from her many friends in Bampton.
Please now ignore the item in the December Contact.