

Rota for this week

Door Welcome & Collection	Pat Robson & Mark Albert
Reader	Beate Howitt
Intercessions	Dennis Piper
Elements	Grace & Richard Wilkins
Coffee	Alexina Fantato & Jean Gray
Cleaning	Doreen & Douglas Clare

Services next Sunday 5th March The First Sunday in Lent

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 next week

Door Welcome & Collection	Lis Page & Mark Albert
Reader	Roger Humphreys
Intercessions	Ann Flute
Elements	Lynne Borrett & Dennis Bambury
Coffee	Lizann Murray-Clarke & Susan Preston
Cleaning	Eileen & Peter Lloyd

St Mary the Virgin, Bampton 26th February 2017

The Sunday next before Lent

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn 513 *Lord, the light of your love is shining*

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

The Epistle 2 Peter 1: 16 - 21

Gradual Hymn 297 *Father, we adore you*

The Gospel Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Offertory Hymn 516 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Post Communion prayer

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*

*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".*

Notices

Bampton Community Church Council will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in church.

Wednesday is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Holy Communion will be celebrated as usual at 10:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel. The imposition of ashes will be available, as a token of repentance to mark the beginning of Lent.

Mid-week meetings.

St Mary's Prayer Group meets on Thursday from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. at 21 The Lanes.

St. Mary's also provides 2 Bible Discussion Groups, one on Monday evenings and one on Tuesday evenings.

More information from Dennis Piper on 01993 850677.

Holy Communion will be brought to Rosebank on Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On **Friday** over 5,000 services will be held in Britain on the theme of "Am I Being Unfair to You?" The Christian women of the Philippines have written the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages to be used throughout the whole world. **Our local service will be in St. Stephen's Church, Clanfield at 7:00 p.m.**

It is an interdenominational service.

All are warmly welcome to attend (gentlemen too).

An **Ecumenical Lent Course** will be held again this year in Bampton Methodist Chapel. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., starting on 8th March. Please see fliers and poster for details.

Fundraising for ICS (Intercontinental Church Society)

In addition to leaving postage stamps in the box by the piano, you can also raise money for ICS if you shop on-line at leading stores such as Sainsbury's, Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, eBay and Amazon. Visit Give as you Live website and choose Intercontinental Church Society as the charity you wish to support. www.giveasyoulive.com or follow the link here:

<http://give.as/charity/intercontinental-church-society/34315/135127>

Thank you. *Muriel & Dennis Piper.*

Advance Notice

The annual Missionary Sunday and Missionary Gift Day will be held on Sunday 11th June. The Guest Preacher will be Dr Paul Woods from the Oxford Centre for Missionary Studies.

The Church Council intends to support up to 6 Societies or Agencies and invites members of the congregation to nominate the Society of their preference. *Please kindly notify Arthur Pont on 01993 852588 of your preferred choice.*

The Societies selected will be featured in the Pew Leaflet nearer the time.

Welcome to Asylum Refugees

A refugee family, part of the group of 6 families which the Council agreed to help under David Cameron's initiative, having a child with some medical problems have been asked by the Council to move out of their council house, which is to be demolished, into another smaller house to be provided. The family have spent effort in decorating and sorting the garden and will now need different furniture. We have been asked if we can help with raising the cost of furniture etc and the targeted is £350

The committee of Andy Drake, Helen Grimwade, Grace Wilkins and James Jamieson on behalf of the church have agreed to help. We have about a month to raise the funds. Gifts for this purpose can be gift aided. You can donate by putting an envelope marked 'Refugees' in the collection, by completing a gift aid envelope also marked in the same way, by passing on any gifts to one of the committee or by bank transfer to our HSBC account, Bampton CCC, sort code 40-47-07, account number 10132306 and attaching the reference 'Refugees.'

James Jamieson.