

Rota for this week

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| Door Welcome & Collection | Muriel & Dennis Piper |
| Reader | Catherine Foster |
| Intercessions | Audrey Hobley |
| Elements | Helen & Peter Grimwade |
| Coffee | Rosie & Andy Drake |
| Cleaning | Renee & Geoff Woodward |

Services next Sunday 26th March

Mothering Sunday (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

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| 8:00 a.m. | Holy Communion (BCP) | Bampton |
| 9:15 a.m. | Holy Communion | Lew |
| 9:30 a.m. | Family Service | Aston |
| 10:30 a.m. | Sung Family Eucharist | Bampton |

Rota for next week

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| Door Welcome & Collection | Margaret & John Battersby |
| Reader | Richard Rednall |
| Intercessions | |
| Elements | Doreen Clare & Mark Albert |
| Coffee | Jane & Robert Chapman |
| Cleaning | Rosie & Andy Drake |

*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 19th March 2017

The Third Sunday of Lent

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn 435 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
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 Exodus 17: 1 - 7

Psalm 95

Response: *O that today you would hearken to his voice!*

The Epistle Romans 5: 1 - 11

Gradual Hymn 524 *My God, I love thee, not because*

The Gospel John 4: 5 - 42

Offertory Hymn 492 *Jesus, where'er thy people meet*

Post Communion prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final Hymn 455 *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

Notices

Holy Communion will be celebrated as usual on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

The third session of the **Lent Course** will take place in Bampton Methodist Chapel on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Please see fliers for details.

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.

"Coffee & Co" continue to gather in Bampton Coffee House EVERY Monday morning (with the exception of Bank Holidays) between 10:30 and 11:30 for company and fellowship. All are welcome to join us, just buy yourself the drink of your choice and sit with us. If you have friends or neighbours who are lonely or are unable to travel far do bring them along with you. We will be delighted to introduce them around. *For more information contact Margaret Battersby on 01993 850182.*

Friends of St Mary's Bampton invite you to join them and their guest Kirsty Young "In Conversation" next Sunday 26th March in St Mary's Church at 3:30 p.m., followed by tea and cake.

Tickets £8 on sale in the Bampton Community Shop, from Jill Hall in church or phone 01993 851142. Tickets are limited in number.

Refugee Support

A big thank you to all those who have donated funds towards the support of the six refugee families which our local authority is supporting. We had agreed to raise £350 but church members and others have been most generous allowing us to send on a donation of £915 (including related gift aid) to 'Besom' for refugee support.

Funds were needed to provide funds towards decorating, furniture and other related materials for housing. With the additional funds raised it will be possible to widen the support including providing bicycles and activities for the families. We have had some input for suggested expenditure and I hope you will agree with the additional support now possible.

James Jamieson

The Annual Church Meeting for St Mary's, Bampton will be held in church on Thursday 30th March at 7:30 p.m.

If you are not on the Church Electoral Roll and would like to be, please fill in one of the forms which are available at the church door. Completed forms should be handed to Grace Wilkins or the Vicar within the next week.

Only those on the Roll can vote for CCC, PCC and Deanery Synod members.

Nomination forms for members of the CCC, PCC, Deanery Synod and for Church Wardens are also available at the church door, and should be completed before the meeting.

EXPERIENCE EASTER – this is a joint project with the primary school. Six installations are set up around the church depicting Palm Sunday: Jesus washes his disciples feet: The Last supper: The Garden of Gethsemane: The Crucifixion: The empty tomb. If you would like to be involved, and we would like you to be involved, in helping to set up the stations, please get in touch with Jill Hall. There are guidelines and quite a few props to hand. They will need to be installed week of March 20th with the children visiting and bringing their classwork, learnings and enthusiasm during the week of 3rd April. Phone: 01993 851142.

BAMPTON ZIMBABWE PROJECT

Our Sincere thanks to all who came to the Traditional Tea Party in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th March, and supported the Project. The final sum taken was £357, more than ever before, helped by many donations from people unable to come, and also the "doggie" bags of left over cakes and sandwiches, which supporters chose to take home and gave a donation. The money will be sent to ZANE and Médecins Sans Frontières, to aid them in their work in that poverty stricken country, which has gone from being the "Bread Basket of Africa" to the second most poverty stricken in the WORLD. THANK YOU.

BZP CHARITY QUIZ

The quiz, with delicious **FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**, price £15.00 each, to be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 31st March at 6:45 p.m. Make up a table of 6 friends, or come alone, when you will be seated with other friendly people! Bar serving alcohol and soft drinks available. *Tickets and information from the Committee. Ann Flute, 851338.*