

Rota for This Week

Door, Welcome & Collection: Lizann Murray-Clark & Ann Flute
Reader: Roger Preston
Intercessions: Ann Flute
Elements: Robert & Jane Chapman
Coffee: Robert & Jane Chapman
Cleaning: Roger & Sue Preston

Services Sunday 10th December

9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Clanfield
9.30 a.m.	Family Service	Aston
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Bampton

Wednesday 6th December

10.30 a.m	Holy Communion	Bampton
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Rota for 10th December

Door, Welcome & Collection: Mary & Dennis Bambury:
Reader: Liz Rose
Intercessions: Audrey Hobley
Elements: The Bellringers
Coffee: Rosie & Andy Drake
Cleaning: Jo Ader & Claire Powell

Messy Church Christingle -TODAY! 3.00p.m. - 5.00p.m.

We will all be making Christingles as an activity before we have the service. This will be followed by tea. Do come and join us! There will be a collection this afternoon for The Childrens' Society.

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3RD DECEMBER 2017

ADVENT SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn: 29

Hills of the north rejoice

The Collect

Almighty God
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Isiah 64: 1-9

Psalm:

Ps. 80 vs 1- 6

Response:

Restore us again O Lord of Hosts;

show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved

Gradual Hymn: 447

God of freedom, God of justice

Gospel Reading:

Mark 13:24-end

Offertory Hymn: 26

Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

Communion Anthem:

People look east (Archer)

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Final Hymn: 31

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Notices

- Today's service is led by **Rev'd David Battersby**
- At the funeral for **Tim Tomlins** on Sat 25th November, a retiring collection, in his memory, was taken on behalf of Helen and Douglas House, a hospice caring for children and young people suffering from terminal and non-curable diseases. The total donated was a wonderful **£621.89**.
- The double baptism of **Amelia and Jessica Hurp** will take place at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday 3rd December.
- The marriage of **Alex Henning and Stephanie Ash** will take place on Friday, 8th December at 1.30 p.m.

Christmas Quiz Book 2017

Back by popular demand, this is your chance to test your Christmas knowledge, unscramble anagrams, decipher dingbats and name the (other) famous Marys and Josephs. This year's quiz book will provide some perfect fodder for family competition over the Christmas period, and a chance to win Champagne as well. Why not send a copy to all your far-flung family members and other friends to challenge them to beat you to the prize! Copies available **after Sunday services** (mostly), at **the Surgery**, or via **the Grimwade household - 850984**. Proceeds in aid of the organ fund.

Messy Church Nativity Sheep Hunt

On the 8th December, we are launching a Messy Church Nativity Sheep hunt around the village. If you spot a sheep in a window and would like to take part with a grandchild, then pick up a leaflet from the table as you come into church or from Bampton Primary School Office from 8th December. To claim a certificate and a surprise for taking part, please bring your form back on 24th December to the Nativity service at 3.00pm. For more details contact Celia. 01993 850199



Christmas Hampers with The Besom in Witney

Imagine Christmas without presents, decorations, or special food: this is a reality for many people today. In recent years, The Besom in Witney has given Christmas hampers to people who have so little. If you would like to help provide some special items for the hampers, The Besom would be very grateful.

Rosie Drake will be collecting donated items in Church on Sunday 3rd December and Sunday 10th December. Alternatively, she will be happy to collect any donations.

Please phone Rosie Drake on 01993 850218. The closing date for donations is 10th December.

Below is a list of items needed: -

Food Items - Christmas cakes, mince pies, chocolates & sweets, fruit juices, biscuits, cranberry sauce, honey & jam, stuffing mix, baby food jars. (Please DO NOT include alcohol, perishable or home-made items.) It is especially lovely if the items are from the luxury range rather than the basics/value range, as people are often used to buying the value range themselves. Please ensure that donated items have an appropriate 'use by' date.

Household items - Washing power, washing up liquid, soaps or shower gels, shampoo, bubble bath

Christmas decorations - Candles, baubles, crackers, napkins and paper tablecloth

Thank you so much, you can make a difference and bring a bit of sparkle to households who have so little.

Blessed Bees Friday 8th December

Blessed Bees, Thursday Toddler Group and the Nursery Class from Bampton Primary School join together for a Nativity morning in church from 10.30-11.30am. Do come and join us.

