

### Rota for This Week

Door, Welcome & Collection: Pat Robson & Mark Albert  
Reader: Nicola Saward  
Intercessions: Dennis Piper  
Elements: Grace & Richard Wilkins

Coffee: Celia Humphreys & Jan Jones  
Cleaning: Penelope & Martin Kettle

### Services Next Week

#### Wednesday 28th February

10.30. a.m. Holy Communion Bampton

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Rosebank Bampton

#### Services for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Door, Welcome & Collection: Ann Battersby & Lis Page  
Reader: Douglas Clare  
Intercessions: Dennis Piper  
Elements: Lynne Borret & Dennis Bambury

Coffee: Ann Flute & Lizann Murray-Clarke  
Cleaning: Marylin Smith & Tessa Gladders

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BAMPTON

**25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Introit Hymn: 558

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Collect:

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalm:

Psalm 22: 23-end

23. Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
24. For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;  
but when they cried to him he heard them.
25. From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.
26. The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever.
27. All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
28. For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations.

29. How can those who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship,  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
30. He has saved my life for himself;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
31. They shall come and make known his salvation,  
to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

**The Epistle:** **Romans 4: 13-end**

**Gradual Hymn: 469** **I heard the voice of Jesus say**

**Gospel Reading:** **Mark 8: 31-end**

**Offertory Hymn: 582** **Take up thy cross, the Saviour said**

**Communion Anthem:** **God so loved the world (Goss)**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from the evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Final Hymn: 557** **Praise to the holiest in the height**

### Notices

- Today's service is led by **Rev. Dr. Tess Kuin Lawton**
- Once again, we must thank one of the steady band of volunteers who keep our church running. This month Jan Jones completed the sewing of a full set of coloured silk sashes, which will identify our volunteer helpers at the forthcoming **Music in Country Churches concerts on 18/19 May** this year. Please note these dates as potential attendees and possibly volunteer staff.....



### MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church will be on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March** when we will be considering how Jesus welcomed the children. Everybody is welcome to join us at 3-5 pm. Messy Church would appreciate any donations of food for tea please. If you feel you would like to help in this way there is a list of items required on the table as you go out.

### Save the Children Fund- Syrian Refugees

Concern has been expressed for the plight of the refugees. In response the BCCC has agreed that a collection can be taken at the Service of Reflection in the week before Easter. Envelopes will be made available throughout Lent and can be placed in any collection up to Easter. If giving up chocolate for Lent is what you do, why not give some of the money saved and as you do so think of Jesus' love for the outsider.

### The Choir With a Difference

Witney Inter-Church Singers (WICS) is a choir of around 50 voices drawn from many churches in the area, churches of all denominations. We have two concerts each year, one at Christmas and one in the summer; in addition, we take part in the massed choirs at the Royal Albert Hall in Prom Praise. So what makes this choir different? As well as enjoying fellowship and the pure joy of singing and learning to improve as singers, we aim to promote our faith by singing the Good News. Our performances are entirely Christian-based. We practice on Wednesday evenings at the Congregational Church in town. Most of our singing is in four-part harmony and it certainly helps if members can read music but that is not essential. We are always ready to welcome new members – men are especially welcome because, as with most choirs, they are in comparatively short supply.

If you would like to know more about our choir, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Shirley Enoch on 01993 771452 or by email:

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