**Services for next week:**

**Hampton-in-Arden**

**Thursday 13th:**

10am Communion

**Sunday 16th:**

8.15am Common worship

11am Family Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

**Bickenhill**

**Sunday 16th**

11am Matins

**Barston**

**Sunday 16th**

9.45am Prayer Time

10.30am Morning Prayer

**Readings for next week**: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Luke 13.31-35

**We pray for:** Rev. Stuart Dimes, Bob Middleton, David Mort, Mike Beasley, Ann Hall, Tony Worthington, Andrew and Rene Sumner, Derrick Hill, Angela Jones, Mona Cardall, Dot Barton, Richard Herne, Barrie and Mavis Thompson.

Rick Smallwood, Paul Pilkington-Birch, Richard Stretton, David Scannell and Colin McDonald.

We also pray for the families of those who have died; Martin Cox, Audrey Hurdley, Moira Kyles, Coralie Cain, Pamela Wilson, Celia Heron, Richard Bibbings, Karoline Dearden, David Howells, Ivan Eley, June Hand and John Vaughn.

(Please note, to keep the names of those we pray for up to date, they will be reviewed each month, so if you would like people to be prayed for do let us know at [office@hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk))



**Hampton. Barston. Bickenhill.**

**Three Churches Together.**

**Sharing God’s Love, Growing Faith and Worshipping Together.**

**9th March 2025- 1st Lent**

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Luke 4.1-13

**Thought for the week**.

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit... was led by the Spirit" Lk 4:1.

Luke 4 highlights the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ life and ministry.

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted. Following this, Jesus began His ministry in the power of the Spirit, and the Spirit of the Lord was on Him to preach the Good News and ‘proclaim the year of the Lord's favour’.

All that Jesus did was infused with the dynamic of God's Spirit.

But there is something else to note. We realise that the Holy Spirit enables us to serve the Lord, but we seldom think of Him leading us into trying times. When life brings difficulties, challenges, and perhaps temptations let's not doubt the Holy Spirit's leading or His power to make us

victorious.

Where God leads us, He does not abandon us, but walks with us (Psalm 23:4). **MM**

**Collect**

Heavenly Father,

your Son battled with the powers of darkness,

and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer

that we may witness to your saving love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our **Lent Course** this year we will be following the BRF book “**The Whole Easter Story” by Jo Swinney**. Sessions on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm at St Swithin’s House, Barston and on Thursdays at Hampton in the church hall starting with coffee at 10.45am. It’s not essential to have a book but Mary has five available at £9 each. E-books available for £7.49 at <https://www.eden.co.uk/> or paperbooks at Paperbacks at £9.99 from <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/>

**Hampton**

* **Afternoon Jam celebrating Lent** for children **today** 4-6pm, meeting in the church. Make your own wilderness garden, lego and crafts, pizza, fruit and cake!
* **There are still a last few numbers remaining for our 100 club** which will have monthly prizes of £50, £25 and £15 all for a one-off payment of just £25. Contact our Treasurer [judithweir53@gmail.com](mailto:judithweir53@gmail.com) for an application form.
* **Electoral roll forms are now available at the back of church of via e-mail from the office.** Please complete these **this week** and give to Anna or post in the labelled black box by the South door. **Our APCM will be held on 9th April.**
* **Funeral** of June Hand on March 10th at 2pm at Hampton Church.
* **Lent course** at Hampton will start on 13th March. 10.45am for coffee in the church hall, discussion 11-12 noon. All welcome.
* **Tea and Toast** this week Friday 9-10am in the church hall.
* **Funeral of Karoline (Kay) Dearden** Friday 14th March at 11am at Hampton Church.
* **Ladies’ Breakfast** Saturday 15th March at 9-10am, no booking required and everyone welcome.
* There are still a few tickets left for our **Lenten Frugal Lunch** on Sunday 16th March. Tickets £10 to include lunch. Everyone welcome, bookings through the church office.
* On Sunday 6th April we will be welcoming Georgia Leonie from **Acorns Children’s Hospice** to our 11am service. Peter Morris will present her with a cheque on behalf of our congregation and would be grateful to hear of anyone willing and able to organise a coffee morning on behalf of the charity.

**Barston**

* Today we focus on the work of **Missionary Aviation Fellowship** which has been in existence for many years and it works in remote parts of the world to bring the message of Jesus. It also offers medical help to these areas. Pilots fly small planes that can take off and land on very small landing strips. We have supported this society for many years and since Covid we have not had a dedicated Sunday to focus on what is happening now. Thank you Rachael for organising the speaker and to Margaret for your continued support for this vital work and keeping the notice board up to date.
* **BIG BREAKFAST**. It was great to be back last Saturday and to catch up with folk from the village and other visitors who were delighted we were back. **Next breakfast on April 5th**.
* **PANCAKE PARTY** was great fun and thanks to all those folk who came and for Libby’s delicious pancakes and others for making cake. We made £60 which will be given to Barston Association charity fund raising efforts throughout the year. We also celebrated Charles 80th birthday with birthday cake and a rousing sing thanks to Alan.
* **LENT COURSE** at St. Swithin’s House on Wednesday 12th March at 2pm. This promises to be a most interesting and all-inclusive time for the next 5 weeks as we journey through Lent. There will be a cuppa and cake as well. All most welcome
* Thursday 13th March at 9am. Prayer time for St Swithin’s House. If you cannot come, please set aside a few minutes wherever you are to pray for the House. We had an encouraging time on Thursday.
* **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION**. This has to be done this year by EVERYONE. Please ask Mary for a form and give it back to her. Thank you.
* Thursday 13th March, **funeral and burial of Ivan Eley** at 1pm. Please pray for Martin as he is now taking Ivan’s service and burial. For Gwen and the family as they come here for the service and burial in the churchyard.  
  Ivan & Gwen moved here to farm 50 years ago - they were both very much involved in village life with Ivan being on Parish Council for over 30 years with 5 of those as Chairman. They kept pigs and chickens on their farm.  Gwen became known as’ the egg lady ‘delivering eggs all over the village including The Malt Shovel‘. She also loves flowers and is a very talented flower arranger so was responsible for weddings in church and always had done arrangements for St Swithin’s weekends.