

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 12th February – The Second Sunday before Lent and Sexagesima

Welcome to everyone for both of today's services. **Morning Worship** is led by Jeremy with Susan Noon playing the organ. **Evensong** this evening is led by Jeremy with Paul Dickens playing the organ and Judith Saunders preaching the sermon.

The theme for Morning Worship is: the Creation and different approaches of science and the bible.

The bible readings for **Morning Worship** are:

**Proverbs 8 vs. 1 & 22 – 31; and
John 1 vs. 1 – 14.**

The bible readings for **Evensong** are:

**Genesis 2 vs. 4b – 25; and
Luke 8 vs. 22 – 35.**

THIS WEEK

THE SNOWDROP WALK WILL BE HELD ON NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 19th FEBRUARY AND THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, from 2pm to 4pm.

The Snowdrop Walks will take place at the usual location. Please tell your friends – we depend on you issuing personal invitations to friends further afield than the village. All the donations given will be for the running costs of the Church. Betty Kinsey is organising the teas in the Church. **PLEASE COULD YOU BAKE A CAKE FOR THE REFRESHMENTS? If you can help please tell Betty (261836).**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates

****** Wednesday, 22nd February ******

ASH WEDNESDAY this year falls on **Wednesday, 22nd February**. There will be a Benefice service of **Holy Communion at 10.30am in Stoke Hammond**, led by the Rector.

****** Thursday, 1st March ******

The **Lent Lunches and Discussions begin** and are held every Thursday through March. The first will be held at 51A Lower Way on **Thursday, 1st March**. Please see the attached sheet for details of the themes for this year's discussion sessions.

****** Saturday, 14th April ******

The **PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 14th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall**. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall.

****** Tuesday, 24th April ******

The **Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm in the Church**. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS

The Rector is away from 7th to the 16th February. He is taking some leave to visit the Holy Land on a clergy tour. I am sure that you will wish him a safe, restful and spiritually refreshing holiday.

Change to service times: From March 4th, the service held on the first Sunday of the month (Prayer Book Holy Communion) will start at 11am. The change will enable those who are less mobile to get to the church for the service and it will also enable the Rector to take this service every other month.

The Christmas Charity

A letter of thanks has been received from “The Worshipful Company of Carriage Drivers Disneyland Organising Committee”. The £339 raised from the Charity Evensong and Christmas Greetings Card Tree will go towards the £140,000 estimated cost of the “Children’s magical Taxi Tour 2012” which departs on 12th October. A copy of the letter is on display in the church porch.

Next Sunday, 19th February, there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion at 9.30am**, led by the Rector and followed by the first of the **Snowdrop Walks** with teas in the Church from 2pm – 4pm.

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