

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 19th February – The Next before Sunday Lent and Quinquagesima

Welcome to everyone for our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ.

The bible readings for this morning are:

2 Kings 2 vs. 1 – 12;
2 Corinthians 4 vs. 3 – 6 and
Mark 9 vs. 2 – 9.

THIS WEEK

THE FIRST OF THE SNOWDROP WALKS WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON AND THEN ON NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 26TH FEBRUARY, from 2pm to 4pm.

The Snowdrop Walks will take place at the usual location. Please come and bring your neighbours and your friends. All the donations given will be for the running costs of the Church. Betty Kinsey is organising the teas in the Church and I would like to give her our warm thanks. **PLEASE COULD YOU BAKE A CAKE FOR NEXT WEEK'S WALK? If you can help please tell Betty (261836).**

Next Wednesday (22nd February) is ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a Benefice service of **Holy Communion at 10.30am in Stoke Hammond**, led by the Rector. All are welcome to attend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates:

Thursday, 1st March

The **Lent Lunches and Discussions begin** and will be held every Thursday through March. The first will be held at 51A Lower Way on **Thursday, March 1st**. Please see the separate 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 has returned from his visit to the Holy Land. We welcome him back and are looking forward to hearing all about his tour and his adventures.

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.

Next month's Parish Newsletter will not contain details of the March services. Due to a technical fault the service schedule has been omitted from the centre left page of the Newsletter. Copies of the schedule that should have appeared on that page are available on a pink handout on the bookcase near the door. The schedule has been uploaded onto the website as usual (in the "Great Brickhill" section, on the "Service Schedule GB" page).

Next Sunday, 26th February, there will be a **Family Service at 11am**, led by the Rector. This will be the first of the five Sunday services in Lent where the readings will be those used for the Lent Discussion Groups. The readings are taken from Isaiah Chapter 40 and next week all five of these Lent readings will be used at various points throughout the service. The service will be followed by the second of the **Snowdrop Walks** with teas in the Church from 2pm – 4pm.

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