

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2015:- The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, led by the Rector. We will be including a simple form of Holy Communion within the service. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs.

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and a chat after the service.

The readings this morning are:- **Isaiah 25: 6 - 9; John 2: 1 - 11**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, a child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children had a successful start last Monday. The second session will be held **tomorrow morning, Monday 26th January**. All welcome! Every Monday in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 26th January at the Parish Hall.

There will be a meeting of the PCC on Wednesday, 28th January, 8.00pm at Green Farm.

The Thursday Group – the next fortnightly meeting will be this coming **Thursday 29th January, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill**.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

COFFEE & CAKES, SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY:

There will be **Coffee & Cakes in the church at 11.00am** for all who contribute their time on the various church rotas to help run St Mary's, Great Brickhill. Invitations have been sent out and we do hope that you will come and join us. **Please contact Val Baldwin by 4th February if you would like to attend (237265 or vafutcher@hotmail.com).**

THE CD RECORDING OF THE BENEFICE CHOIR:

Well done to Jerry and the Benefice Choir for the recording of their CD. There are a few copies left - to purchase a copy contact Jerry: Tel: 01908 582952 or jerrybreslin@hotmail.com.

GREAT BRICKHILL CHRISTMAS BOOK:

David Marlow has produced a wonderful **book of over 50 photographs** that he took in the parish during the Christmas period. **The hard back book is on view on the small table to the left as you enter the church.** Further copies can be purchased from David. In addition, in recognition of the time that David has spent compiling the book, we would welcome **donations**, a suggested minimum of £5. A PDF version of the book is also available. All enquiries and donations (gift aid envelopes can be used if appropriate) to Phillipa Cook – Green Farm, Stoke Lane.

WORK ON TREES IN THE CHURCHYARD:

The necessary work on the trees in the churchyard that was identified in last year's Quinquennial Report has been carried out. The pruning of the overhanging branches will help the fabric of the north east corner of the church and, with the clearer visibility from the road, will greatly enhance the security of the church. The steps at the rear of the churchyard are now more accessible.

SNOWDROP WALKS, 15th & 22nd FEBRUARY:

A variety of events has been planned for 2015. If you haven't already done so, please pick up a flyer from the bookcase giving all the details. The first of the events is the **Snowdrop Walks on Sundays 15th & 22nd February, from 2.00 – 4.00pm.** Homemade cakes and teas in the church. Please make a note of the dates and spread the word!

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 1st FEBRUARY:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service, Methodist Church, at 11.00am

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