

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2015:- The Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us and to the choir for leading our singing.

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

Exodus 20: 1 - 17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18- 25; John 2: 13 - 22

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 is held **every Monday** in the church, **from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome** – not obligatory to bring a child with you!

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 9th March at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group will resume after Easter.

High Ash would welcome anyone who would like to attend their monthly **Prayer Meeting** this **Friday 13th March** at 2.45 - 3.15pm.

THE LENT GROUPS continue. The successful evening “**Bible Course**” held last year is being repeated, on Thursday afternoons. **This week’s session on Thursday, 12th March at 1.45pm** is being held at **Green Farm, Stoke Lane**. All are welcome.

There is also a Lent group meeting on some Wednesday evenings through Lent. **Please see the pink flyer** available on the bookcase for details of the **Lent Groups and the Easter services**.

PRAYER ROOM:

As part of our Lent activities there will be a **PRAYER ROOM** in **The Lady Chapel** next week from **Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th March** between 10.00am – 4.00pm. There will be a creative space to pray during this period (drawing paper, colours, post-its, music to listen to, map of the world, prayer tree and more). Take a few minutes or an hour to visit and pray, or quietly rest in this secluded place.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

SNOWDROP WALKS:

Thank you to all those who supported the two Snowdrop Walks. The first Sunday saw many people enjoying a walk among the snowdrops, followed by homemade cakes and tea in the church. It was such a shame about the very wet weather for the second Sunday but it was amazing to see just how many hardy souls came and enjoyed themselves. The first walk raised **£728.05** and the second week **£296.95**, a total of **£1025** plus gift aid on a large portion of that. Well done to all concerned and grateful thanks to our hosts David and Sally Duncombe.

NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT:

The next fundraising event will be the annual **Plant Fayre** on **Saturday 11th April**, 12 noon to 4.00pm at the Parish Hall.

WORKING PARTY FOR THE CHURCHYARD:

A huge thank you to David Duncombe who has done sterling work tidying up the churchyard at the rear. As David has done all the strimming of the long grass and taken out the hedge along the roadside, there has been a re-think about the working parties that were planned for March. There will now be a working party on **just one Saturday, 21st March** starting at 10.00am, with the following Saturday a reserve date in case of bad weather. Anyone who is able to help will be most welcome.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 15th MARCH – MOTHERS' DAY:

There will be a service of Morning Worship for Mothers' Day at ** 9.30am ** in Great Brickhill, led by Phillipa. Families will be most welcome.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 9.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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