

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2016:- Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs. The service will feature a re-telling of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth (based on Luke 4: 1 - 21). There will be children's activities in the Lady Chapel.

The bible reading this morning is:- **Isaiah 61: 1 - 3**

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

### **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-**

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time 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, 25th January at the Parish Hall.

**Thursday Group** will meet **this week 28th January at 30 Pound Hill – 2.30pm** for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

### **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

#### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES:**

The formal wording for the Gift Aid declaration has changed. If anyone has any of the old version of the envelopes, could they please return them to the church so that they can be used as soon as possible. If anyone wishes to keep envelopes at home then do please take away some of the new version. (The wording for the new declaration is above the "Full Name" line, rather than at the bottom of the envelope as in the old version). It is important that we use up the old envelopes whilst they are still valid.

#### **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION:**

Thank you to those who met at Rectory Farm a week last Saturday morning to transfer the load of newspapers from the containers onto the lorry. News of the amount raised from the load will be notified shortly.

## **LENT GROUPS:**

The Lent groups will start the week beginning 15th February. There will be an evening Benefice Course (**The Psalms – ‘Prayers for Today's Church’**) held on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings across the Benefice. For those who wish to go to a day-time course there is the opportunity to go to **Stoke Hammond on Tuesday afternoons**. Full details will be available as soon as possible in a flier, which will be available for collection from the book case, or for ease, download the information from the “Lent Courses” section of the website – address below.

## **SNOWDROP WALKS:**

The first fundraising event of the year is the annual Snowdrop Walks, which will take place between **2pm and 4pm on Sundays 14th and 21st February**. Please put the date in your diaries and spread the word amongst your friends. Teas will be available in the church – if anyone could please **help with baking some cakes**, please contact Betty Kinsey (261836).

## **OTHER 2016 DATES AND EVENTS:**

A variety of events has been planned for 2016 - please pick up a flyer available near the entrance to the church giving the details. Further information on each of the events will be circulated in due course.

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY:**

**There will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Little Brickhill at 11.00am**

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 7th FEBRUARY:**

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Mattins at 11.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 9.30am

**Stoke Hammond:-** Family Service at 11.00am

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