

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 23rd January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to you all for today's special **Family Service**, led by the Rector and planned with the help of many supporters. We would like to say thank you to you all.

We hope that you will stay for coffee and tea and a chat after the service.

The theme of today's service is "**Special people, special things**". Thank you for bringing something special with you for the service today.

The bible reading for this morning is:

Matthew 4 vs. 18 – 23.

THIS WEEK

We would like you to note that the **Midweek House Communion Service** which was to be held this Wednesday, 26th January, has had to be **cancelled** because the Rector will be officiating at a funeral in another parish.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday Group meetings will begin again on **Thursday, 3rd February** at 2.30pm and **Lent Lunches and Bible Study** will begin on **Thursday 17th March**. More details of the Lent Course will follow soon. Contact Betty Kinsey (on 261836) for information about Thursday Group and the Lent Study Course.

The Snowdrop Walk will happen again this year on two consecutive Sundays in the usual location. The dates have been set for 27th February and the 6th March, but are subject to change depending on the snowdrops being at their best. Please look out for the notice boards confirming the dates and invite your friends!! Visitors are invited to make a donation towards the running costs of our church. There will be teas served in the church on both

days and the organisers will be asking for offers of help and donations of cakes etc.

NEWS

Thursday Group recommenced its programme last Thursday with a New Year Lunch at The Hunt Hotel, Linslade. It was a most enjoyable occasion with good company and tasty food. Janet Simpson was presented with a gift to thank her for her hospitality to Thursday Group through out the year.

This year's **Alpha Course** has begun at **Wing**. It is not too late to join the course and the details are given on the notice board in the church porch next to the door with contact names if you would like further information.

Almost 50 photos have been added to the church website to cover recent events. Do visit the site to view the four new Photo galleries covering the recent snow scenes, the Nuevo Reto, the Nativity and the Christmas decorations / flower arrangements around the church:- www.brickhillschurches.org.uk

Next Sunday, 30th January is a fifth Sunday and there will be a **United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond at 10am**, led by the Rector.

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