

**THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN
GREAT BRICKHILL**

Sunday 20th November, the Sunday before Advent, celebrating Christ the King.

Welcome to our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ.
Please stay for tea or coffee and a chat after the service.

The readings are: **Ezekiel 34: 11-16 & 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15- end**
The Gospel reading is:- Matthew 25: 31 - end

THIS WEEK

On Thursday 24th November, **Thursday Group** will meet at 'Brandlings', Pound Hill at 2.30pm. Everyone is most welcome.

This **Friday, 25th November**, the '**Spirit of Christmas**' **Bazaar** will take place in the Church from **9.00am to 1.00pm**. Please tell your friends to come along and do some Christmas shopping while enjoying good company and a cup of coffee. All proceeds will go to the running costs of the Church.

☆ **PREVIEW BUY EARLY EVENING** ☆
Thursday 24th November 7.30 – 9.30pm
Tickets £5 includes a glass of fizz and nibbles,
on the door or in advance from Gill Wilson
261706 gill.wilson@btconnect.com

Romanian Shoe Box Appeal: Well done to Anne Humphreys, Marion Ralph and all the team for their hard work in getting the shoe boxes ready to be sent out in time for Christmas. A total of 61 shoe boxes were filled – a great feat by a dedicated group of ladies.

The latest news from **Nuevo Reto**, the orphanage in Guatemala is available by the door. The PCC is supporting this charity again this year and a donation will be given to them by Charlotte Pritchard on her next visit.

FUTURE EVENTS

On Sunday 11th December the Christmas lights will be switched on at 6pm before our Charity Evensong. Paul Dickens will give a short organ recital after the service, and mulled wine and mince pies will be served. The charity we are supporting this year is the 'Magical Taxi Tour' which gives children with life threatening illnesses a break from their treatment and therapy to enjoy the trip of a lifetime to the magic of Disneyland, Paris in convoy by London taxi. The trip is supported by doctors, nurses and paramedics, and of course London cab drivers. Everyone who makes the trip happen are volunteers and all the money raised goes directly and only to the charity.

The Christmas Card Tree in the church will also be for the benefit of 'Magical Taxi Tour'

There will again be an opportunity to **Sponsor a Light** in aid of St Mary 2000. The outdoor lights will this year be on the tower and will be switched on at 6pm on Sunday 11th December.

Carol Singing around the village will be late afternoon on Saturday 17th December.

NEXT SUNDAY 27th November is Advent Sunday.

There will be a Family Service at 11am, led by the Rector.

The **Advent Carol Service** will be held at **Bow Brickhill** at 4pm.

If you would like more information please contact:

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