The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill SUNDAY 11th – The Third Sunday in Lent.

Welcome to everyone for **Morning Worship** this morning, led by Phillipa and for **Evensong** this evening, led by the Rector. These services will use readings and themes that will be used in the third session of the Lent Discussion Groups. The readings are taken from **Isaiah Chapter 40** and the theme for today is "**Becoming Messengers**".

Morning Worship:

Isaiah 40 vs. 6 – 11, the Lent discussion verses;

Luke 9 vs. 1 - 6

Evensong:

Isaiah 40 vs. 6 - 11, the Lent discussion verses;

2 Corinthians 4 vs. 5 - 10 & 16 - 18.

THIS WEEK

This Thursday, 15th March, the third session of the Lent Course and lunch will be held. The details of the venues plus the theme for the course and the session are given in the leaflet that can be found on the bookcase. If you were not able to get to the first two sessions of the course please do not be put off, you are welcome to join any of the sessions and the lunch that precedes it. Please telephone 261210 by the day before the session if you wish to come for the lunch.

On Thursday evening there will be a PCC meeting at 8pm. If you have anything that you wish to raise, please contact any member of the PCC.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates:-

Saturday, 14th April:

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 14th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall. Various teams of helpers are being put together. If you would like to help, please could you get in touch with Stephen Agambar on (Tel: 261527 or email: stephen.agambar@btinternet.com.

Tuesday, 24th April:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS

THE SNOWDROP WALKS, held recently raised the most wonderful total of £1386, (much of this gift aided and so raising even more for the church running costs). The success of the afternoons was due in part to the exceptionally fine and sunny weather enjoyed by all on both Sundays and the snowdrops were seen looking at their best. And, a special mention must be made of the excellent teas served in the church. Our thanks go those who made it possible and for all who helped on the afternoons.

CHANGE TO SERVICE TIMES: The time of the service on the first Sunday of each month (Prayer Book Holy Communion) has been changed from 9.30am to 11 am. The change will enable those who are less mobile to get to the church for the service and it will also enable the Rector to take this service every other month.

Next Sunday, 18th March, is Mothering Sunday. At 9.30am there will be celebration of Holy Communion led by the Rector.

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