

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

## **SUNDAY 23rd MARCH:- The Third Sunday of Lent**

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ and Andrew and Margretta playing the piano and guitar. The theme for the service is "Living Water".

Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning of the service and to those who provided the bacon rolls and pastries before the service – a real treat!

The reading this morning is:- **John 4: 5 - 10**

### **New Sunday Service pattern:**

The change to the **pattern of Sunday Services** started at the **beginning of March** – if you haven't already done so, please pick up **one of the green/blue flyers available from the bookcase**, giving details of the **new service pattern** across the benefice.

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

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held, as usual on Monday afternoons, 24th & 31st March, at the Parish Hall.

**The three Lent Courses across the Benefice continue.** All will be welcome to join in any session at any of the venues:-

**Great Brickhill on Wednesdays** at 7.45pm at **Old Farm, Ivy Lane** – subject **"The Bible Course"**, a **DVD at 8pm followed by discussion.**

**Also in Great Brickhill on Thursdays - a series of talks starting at 2pm** by the Rector, **"Faith and Experience"**, followed by refreshments and discussion. **PLEASE NOTE the remaining three sessions will be held in the \* new room at the Parish Hall \*.**

**Stoke Hammond on Tuesday** at 2pm – Bible Study, exploring the gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

**Full details of the courses can be found in the pink flyers that are available for collection from the bookcase.**

### **CHURCH / CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP, Saturday 29th March**

Next Saturday morning 29th March from 10.00am we will be holding a Church Spring Clean. Please try to give up a couple of hours to help - there will be inside and outside jobs, something suitable for everyone, ..... and there will be lots of refreshments to keep you going.

There will be a **PCC Meeting on Thursday** evening, 3rd April, in the Church at 8.00pm. Please contact a member of the PCC if you have a matter you wish to be discussed.

## **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

### **PLANT FAYRE, 12th April from 12 noon to 4.00pm**

Please note the date of this annual event – flyers are available on the bookcase for you to distribute to friends and family who may like to attend. If you are able to offer items for sale, or if you could give some time to help on the stalls, please contact:-

Celia Feetham 261075 (Plants) or Betty Kinsey 261836 (Cakes)

### **THURSDAY GROUP**

The fortnightly meetings of the Thursday Group will resume on Thursday 8th May.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th April in the Church at 7.30pm. The Electoral Roll is currently being revised - any parishioner wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available from the Church Wardens or from Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the “Electoral Roll” section of the website.

More details about the Annual Meeting will be available shortly.

**NEXT SUNDAY 30th MARCH** there will be a **Benefice Mothering Sunday Family Service** at 11.00am at **Stoke Hammond**, led by the Rector.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 6th APRIL:**

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Evensong at 6.00pm

**Little Brickhill:-** Baptism at 2.00pm

**Stoke Hammond:-** Family Service, Methodist Church, 11.00am

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