

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2015:- The Sunday next before Lent

Welcome to our Prayer Book service of Mattins this morning, led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir for leading our singing. There will not be coffee after the service today – there will be plenty of time for a chat this afternoon!

The readings this morning are:- **2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9**

SNOWDROP WALKS, THIS AFTERNOON & NEXT SUNDAY:

The first Snowdrop Walk is this afternoon from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Starting from the church, enjoy a walk among the snowdrops and then return to the church for homemade cakes and teas. The second Snowdrop Walk will be **next Sunday, 22nd February.** Please bring your friends and family along!

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:

Please note that an incorrect schedule was inserted in the Parish Newsletter for the February services. The correct version has been sent out to the St Mary's e-mail group – if you haven't received this, copies of the correct schedule are available printed on blue sheets on the bookcase.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, a child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning is held **every Monday** in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am. It will be held tomorrow, even though it is half-term.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 16th February at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group will resume after Easter.

Ash Wednesday, 18th February. There will be a United Benefice service of **Said Holy Communion at Great Brickhill at 10.30am** and an evening **Healing Service at Stoke Hammond at 7.30pm.**

THE LENT GROUPS will start week commencing 23rd February. The successful evening "Bible Course" held last year will be repeated, on Thursday afternoons. There will also be a Lent group meeting on some Wednesday evenings through Lent. Please see the pink Lent/Easter flyer available on the bookcase for details.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

COFFEE & CAKES in the church last Saturday morning:

Invitations were sent to over 80 people who help with the various church rotas. A convivial time was had by all present. The Rector took the opportunity to thank the 50 plus people attending for the time they contribute to help run St Mary's, Great Brickhill.

GREAT BRICKHILL CHRISTMAS BOOK:

David Marlow has produced a wonderful **book of over 50 photographs** taken during the Christmas period. **The hard back book is on view on the small table to the left as you enter the church.** In recognition of the time that David has spent compiling the book, we would welcome **donations**, a suggested minimum of £5. If you send your e-mail address with your donation a **PDF version of the book** will be sent to you. Donations (gift aid envelopes can be used if appropriate) to Phillipa Cook – Green Farm, Stoke Lane.

WORKING PARTY FOR THE CHURCHYARD:

A huge thank you to David Duncombe who has done sterling work this week tidying up the churchyard at the rear. As David has done all the strimming of the long grass and taken out the hedge along the roadside, there has been a re-think about the working parties that were planned for March. There will now be a working party on **just one Saturday, 21st March** starting at 10.00am, with the following Saturday a reserve date in case of bad weather. Anyone who is able to help will be most welcome.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY:

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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