

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2016:- The Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our **Family Service and Baptism** this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany one of our songs. There will be children's activities in the Lady Chapel.

The Cook family are delighted that so many of you are able to be here in their parish church on the occasion of **Jessica's christening** – they would like you to stay in the church after the service to enjoy coffee and a chat.

The bible reading this morning is:- **Isaiah 55: 1 - 3a**

Sad News. This week we have heard the sad news of the passing of two members of our church community. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. The funeral details are:-

John Harrup (Church Warden at Stoke Hammond for over 50 years) - the funeral is on Wednesday, 2.00pm at Stoke Hammond.

Kaye Sanders (Claire Pincott's grandmother) – the funeral will be on Monday 7th March at 1.15pm at Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes, followed by refreshments at Abbey Hill Golf Centre, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes, MK8 8AA. Claire has asked to say that Kaye knew from when she first came to hear Jon and Claire's Banns being read, that this was the church for her. She was always so grateful for how welcome everyone made her, and the friendship they offered.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!**

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 29th February at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group is continuing to meet through Lent. The next meeting will be **on Thursday, 10th March at 30 Pound Hill – 2.30pm** for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome.

The monthly **Healing Prayer** meeting is on Wednesday 3rd March at The Rectory at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

THE LENT GROUPS continue this week. The two sessions will be at 2pm on Tuesday afternoon at Stoke Hammond and on Thursday evening, 8pm at the Church Hall, Bow Brickhill. All will be welcome to join in any of the sessions at any of the venues.

The course "**The Psalms – Prayers for Today's Church**" reflects on the psalms in general (and five psalms in particular). **The white fliers** available from the bookcase give full details of all the dates and venues of the Lent Course. **This week's Psalm is Psalm 13.**

NEWS & EVENTS:-

COFFEE MORNING:

The annual Coffee Morning was held last Saturday in the church. This was an opportunity to say thank you to all those who support St Mary's, and to all who contribute their time on the various church rotas. If anyone else would like to be included on the rota for any of the tasks, please contact Phillipa Cook 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

SNOWDROP WALKS:

Thank you to all who helped over the last two weekends for the Snowdrop Walks. We were so lucky with the weather on both Sundays and that is reflected in the fantastic result. **The amount raised was:- £779.79 & £549.70 giving a fantastic total of £1329.29.** Thank you to those who baked and served the delicious cakes. And the biggest thank you goes to David and Sally Duncombe without whose support this event would not be possible.

SERVICES ON MOTHERING SUNDAY, 6th MARCH:

Instead of the usual said BCP Holy Communion there will be a service of **Holy Communion (Common Worship) with hymns at 11.00am in Great Brickhill**, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am in the Church Hall

Little Brickhill:- Said Holy Communion at 9.30am, followed by Family Service with hymns at 10.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11am, Methodist Church

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