

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 12th February 2017:- The Third Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us today.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5: 21-37

SNOWDROP WALKS:

The first fundraising event of the year is the annual **Snowdrop Walks**, which will take place **this afternoon and next Sunday afternoon, 19th February** between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please come along to this very popular event and bring your friends with you. We are hoping that the snow will not curtail the walk this afternoon but if it does, there will still be homemade cakes and teas in the church. If anyone could **help with baking some cakes for next week**, please contact Betty Kinsey (261836).

PARKING AROUND THE CHURCH:-

Everyone will have seen the barriers on the road outside the church – apologies if you have found it difficult to park this morning but at least the traffic lights have been taken away for the weekend. You may be aware that the work being carried out is to bring **superfast broadband into the village**. Information about this has been very poor – for those who do not already know there is a meeting in the **Parish Hall on Monday, 20th February from 7.30 – 9.30pm**. The contractors Gigaclear will be there for you to discover the benefits of ultrafast broadband and to answer any questions you may have.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

There will be no Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 13th February due to half term. The child-friendly 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. It will be held as normal on Monday, 20th February.**

The Thursday Group is taking a break. Further information will be provided when the details are known.

Village Drop-In, tomorrow 13th February. Although there is no longer a Post Office, the Drop-In continues on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from 1.20 – 3.20pm, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

St MARY'S YEAR BOOK 2016:

David Marlow has very kindly produced another fantastic St Mary's Year Book featuring photographs he has taken at various events throughout the year. **The new 2016 edition is on display on the small table on the left as you enter the church.** Do take a moment to enjoy looking through the book. Anyone can order any of the year books by going on line to www.blurb.com and ordering them there. We would like to record our thanks to David for all the time and effort he puts in to taking the photos and then compiling the book for us all to enjoy.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT:

On **Ash Wednesday 1st March** there will be one service in the four parishes, a United Benefice service of Holy Communion here in **Great Brickhill at 10.30am.**

The **Lent Courses** will start the following **week beginning 6th March.** The Sunday readings and theme for the services during Lent will form the subject for the Lent Group the following week - the theme will focus on particular bible stories based on journeys / pilgrimages. At Stoke Hammond there will be the usual midweek afternoon Lent Group on a Tuesday and there will be an evening course at venues across the Benefice. The full details will be available shortly.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 19th FEBRUARY:

There will be a Prayer Book service of **Mattins at 9.30am in Great Brickhill**, led by Phillipa. Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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