

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 25th March 2018:- Palm Sunday

Welcome to our Family Service with Baptism this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Rosemary for playing the music to accompany our songs. There will be children's activities in the Lady Chapel.

We are delighted to welcome friends and family of Louise and Jaimie Phillipson to celebrate the baptism of their children, Lucy and her baby brother Harry.

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

The bible reading this morning is:- **Philippians 2: 5 - 11**

A note of the words of wisdom written by the children during their activity time in the Lady Chapel last month:-

***“Don't whizz about all day
Remember to stop and pray”***

THE BIBLE COURSE – INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS THIS WEEK:

There will be a choice of two introductory sessions this week, **on Wednesday 28th at 7.30pm in the small meeting room of the Parish Hall or Thursday 29th March, 2.30pm at The Rectory**, followed by **7 weekly follow-on sessions after Easter**. This course explores the world's bestseller, discovering how the key events, books and characters of the Bible all fit together. The course comes highly recommended by those who attended an earlier version of the course. Full details on **the blue flyers** available from the bookcase.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings, in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am. Tomorrow will be the last one before Easter**, resuming again at the start of next term **on Monday 16th April**.

The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall is open on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

The weekly Prayer Group meets on **Thursday mornings** for tea and coffee **at 10.30am** - an informal gathering in the Lady Chapel with an opportunity for quiet, private and open prayer. All are welcome on any Thursday.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

ANNUAL PLANT FAYRE, SATURDAY 7th APRIL

The annual Plant Fayre is being held on Saturday 7th April, from 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Parish Hall. Please take some of the flyers from the bookcase away with you to pass on to your friends. Donations of plants and cakes gratefully received. Any offers of help, please contact:- Celia Hall 261075 celiafeetam@madasafish.com

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 29th March:-

7.00pm United Benefice Holy Communion, at **Great Brickhill**

GOOD FRIDAY, 30th March:-

Bow Brickhill:- 9.30am Hymns and Readings

Great Brickhill:- 2pm Hour of Devotion (hymns/readings/reflections)

Little Brickhill:- 9.00 – 11.00am Church open for prayers

Stoke Hammond:- 12.00 – 3.00pm Church open for prayers

EASTER SUNDAY, 1st April:-

Bow Brickhill:- 9.00am Holy Communion (Revd John Waller)

Great Brickhill:- 11.00am Holy Communion (Revd John Waller)

Little Brickhill:- 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion
(Revd Steve Barnes)

Stoke Hammond:- 11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion
(Revd Robert Wright)

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