

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

## **SUNDAY 13th JANUARY 2019: The Second Sunday of Epiphany Celebrating the Baptism of Christ**

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:-

**Isaiah 43: 1 - 7; Acts 8: 14 - 17; Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22**

### **THE BIBLE COURSE AT STOKE HAMMOND:**

The eight-week Bible Course is being held on Tuesday evenings, 8.00pm at Stoke Hammond Methodist Chapel. All will be welcome. For information contact Diane Webber 01525, 270409.

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

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held every Monday morning in the church during term time. From tomorrow the new start time will be 10.00am to 11.15am.**

**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 Prayer Group is held in church on the second and fourth Mondays** of each month. Meet around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club. **The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be tomorrow Monday 14th and Monday 28th January.**

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:**

#### **The Christmas Services:-**

**High Ash** held end of term **School Christingle Services** on 17th December for the younger children and 18th December for the older children.

**Thank you to all those who helped** with the preparation or took part in all the Christmas services and to those who decorated the church so beautifully.

Thank you to Helen Ivory at The Old Red Lion for hosting **The Nativity** on Sunday 23rd December. Thank you to all the children who took part and to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music.

The church was as usual full for the traditional **Christmas Eve Carol Service**. Thanks to the choir and to Jerry Breslin for their magnificent contribution to the musical content of the service.

### **The Christmas Fundraising Events:-**

**Carol Singing around the village** could only take place on Saturday 22nd December due to the poor weather the previous week. Thank you to the singers and collectors. A total of **£389** was raised.

**Our Christmas Charity Appeal** was for “**Willen Hospice**”. The donations collected at the Charity Songs of Praise service on 18th November amounted to £160, most of which was gift aided. **With the later donations received a cheque for £170 has been sent to the charity.**

### **SAVE A PENNY.....TO SPEND A PENNY!”:**

As you will know we are saving to build a toilet and have started this new initiative – if you would like to help, please take an empty jar that you will find in the church porch. Please return the jar when full of coins via Phillipa to the Church Treasurer, Neil Cook who will count the coins and let you know how much was in your jar, ..... and issue you with a new jar if you wish to continue supporting the scheme.

### **THE SNOWDROP WALKS, SUNDAYS 10th & 17th FEBRUARY:**

The two walks will be from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. As usual there will be homemade cakes and teas in the church. **If anyone could help with the teas or baking some cakes**, please contact Julia:- 261213 [juliaturner.jt@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.jt@icloud.com)

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 20th JANUARY:**

There will be a Prayer Book service of **Mattins at 9.30am in Great Brickhill**, led by Jeremy. 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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