

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2019:

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, when we will celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas). The Rector will be leading the service and we hope that Sister Hazel is able to be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Malachi 3: 1 - 5; Hebrews 2: 14 - 18; Luke 2: 22 - 40

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. The new start time is 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 held on Mondays 11th & 25th February.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

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.

“PATHWAYS” QUARTERLY MAGAZINE:

“Pathways” is the new magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford. This quarterly publication replaces the former monthly newspaper “The Door”. A copy of the first edition is available on the book case. The main articles in “Pathways” can be found on the following link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

St MARY’S YEAR BOOK 2018:

David Marlow has been producing an annual photo album of our church since 2014. The latest edition showing events throughout 2018 is now available to view on the table just inside the church. Thanks to David for another wonderful photographic record of the year. Copies of the Year Book and back copies may be purchased – enquiries to Phillipa Cook. The photos can be viewed on David’s website where there is also a link to the publisher, Blurb’s, website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

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

The first of the two walks is **next Sunday**, 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

PLANT FAYRE, SATURDAY 13th APRIL:

A date for your diary, the annual Plant Fayre will be on Saturday 13th April, from 11am to 4pm at the Parish Hall.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

ASH WEDNESDAY:

On Ash Wednesday, **6th March** there will be one service in the four parishes, a United Benefice service of **Holy Communion here at Great Brickhill at 10.30am.**

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