

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019: Advent Sunday

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. It is at the earlier time for this month only, to allow sufficient time for preparations for the Advent Fair.

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

The readings this morning are: -

Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44

This evening at Bow Brickhill is the annual Advent Carol Service at 5.00pm. Do remember to take a torch with you!

ADVENT FAIR, THIS AFTERNOON 1st DECEMBER:

The Advent Fair will take place here in the church from 2.00 – 5.00pm. Cake Stall, Refreshments, Toys, Plants, Accessories (scarves, jewellery etc), Gingerbread house raffle, Bottle Raffle.

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

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

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 at 11.00am in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. **The next meeting of the Prayer Group, the last one of the year, will be held on Monday 9th December resuming in the New Year on 13th January.**

There is an e-mail Prayer Chain for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included should contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriejkerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND PARADE:

The annual Remembrance Service was as ever a moving service with poignancy added by sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by a bugler. Wreaths were laid by the Great Brickhill Ex-Servicemen's Association, the Parish Council, AVDC, the WI, and High Ash School.

The collection from the service raised £448 for The Poppy Appeal. Thank you to Edward Maley for co-ordinating the arrangements for the service. David Marlow took some photographs which can be viewed on his website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

THE FOOD BOX:

There is now a Food Box in the church porch to help anyone who is in need of food either in an emergency or longer term. Please collect a green/blue flyer from the book case explaining how the scheme works and please spread the news of this initiative.

CAROL SINGING, SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER, 4 – 7pm:

Carol Singing around the village in aid of general Church funds - all are welcome. Singers and collectors meet at The Three Trees at 4.00pm. It would be helpful to let Phillipa know if you would like to sing or help with the collection (261521; pjcook6@gmail.com).

CANDLES AND CANAPES ON FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER:

You are invited to come and share some festive spirit in the church from 6.00 – 8.00pm. Please note that the date recorded on the centre page of the Parish Newsletter was incorrect – it is a post-Christmas event on Friday 27th. Donations on the night. RSVP to:- gillewilson57@gmail.com or vafutcher@hotmail.com

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER:

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:- Christingle Service in the school at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Carol Service at 4.00pm

ADVANCE DATE FOR “THE VILLAGE NATIVITY”

An enactment of the Christmas story with readings and carols at the Cricket Club on Sunday, 22nd December at 11.00am.

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