

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

## **SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2020: The Third Sunday before Lent**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) when we welcome back Revd. Robert Wright to lead the service. Thank you to Susan Noon for playing the organ for us this morning. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Isaiah 58: 1-9a; I Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20**

### **THE SNOWDROP WALKS, THIS AFTERNOON & NEXT WEEK:**

**At the time of writing a decision has not yet been made as to whether this afternoon's Snowdrop Walk will go ahead. It will depend on the progress of Storm Ciara. A decision will be made before the start of the service and the website will be updated. We hope that the weather will be kinder for next weekend's walk on Sunday, 16th February between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.**

### **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. There will be no Coffee Club on Monday 17th February** as it will be half term.

**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. Do come early around 10.45am to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. **The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held tomorrow, Monday 10th & Monday 24th February. There is an e-mail Prayer Chain** for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr ([valeriejkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriejkerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto:mary@maley.org.uk)).

### **THE FOOD BOX:**

The Food Box in the church porch is 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 as widely as**

**you can.** At present we do not need any more donations. However, we have an outlet for any excess food should the supply be greater than the need – surplus items will be taken to the MK Food Cupboard

### **St MARY'S YEAR BOOK 2019:**

The 2019 St Mary's Year Book showing events throughout the year is now available to view on the table just inside the church. Thanks to David Marlow for another wonderful photographic record of the year. Phillipa has a few spare copies if anyone would like to buy one or alternatively they can be purchased direct from the publisher Blurb via David's website: [www.davidmarlowphotography.com](http://www.davidmarlowphotography.com)

### **FUNDRAISING ORGANISERS:**

We have been extremely fortunate in recent years that Val Baldwin and Gill Wilson, along with Julia, have taken the lead on organising most of our fundraising events. Val and Gill no longer live in the village and are stepping down - we owe them a huge debt of thanks. Please get in touch if you would like get involved with our fundraising events. It would be wonderful if we were to have a few people who would be willing to take on organising individual events – anyone interested please contact Julia or Phillipa. And talking about events, ..... **this year's Plant Fayre** is being held on **Saturday 18th April.**

### **ADMIN ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECTOR:**

Marion Ridgway has been providing admin assistance for the Rector on a Benefice level for over ten years. She has retired from the post and we are very pleased that Gill Wilson has taken over this task from Marion. The Rector will be having a sabbatical (which all members of the clergy are encouraged to take every ten years) from 18th April to 13th July. Gill's assistance, especially during the time of the sabbatical, will be much appreciated.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 16th FEBRUARY:**

**There will be a service of Morning Worship 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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