The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 24th December 2024 at 5.00pm

Welcome to this service as we begin our celebration of Christmas together. As a church we feel that we have much to be thankful for at the end of this year as we have completed our re-roofing project, as well as the kitchen and toilet facilities. We are very grateful to the many people in our village whose hard work and generosity have helped to make all this possible. As we look forward, we are open to any ideas and suggestions for new ways to make the fullest possible use of this church building for the benefit of our whole village community.

But for now, we have a space to pause, listen and reflect, as we celebrate the good news of Christmas, the light of God's love that shines in the darkness, and can never be overcome.

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THANK YOU:-

- To all who have prepared the church for our Christmas services, and to James Hunter for providing the lovely Christmas tree which adorns the entrance to the church.
- To our readers and to our choirmaster Jerry Breslin, organist John Wearmouth and the Benefice choir.

REVD JOHN WALLER AND THE PCC WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

For details of all our events, activities and services, go to: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk

OUR SERVICE THIS EVENING:

The choir will sing the following:

- Coventry Carol in the Lady Chapel
- Myn Lyking
- Away in a Manger (children/choir first verse)
- O Men from the Fields
- Three Kings (bass soloist James Northen)
- Anthem Recessional: Gaudete

The Fourth Reading will be a poem:- The Oxen by Thomas Hardy

COLLECTION:

The collection will be taken during the carol "In the Bleak Midwinter". Please give generously as the running cost of the church, especially the heating cost, has risen just as it has for all of us in our homes.

Please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you can. **Debit/credit card** payments can be made by the door as you leave. **Alternatively, you** may make a donation using the QR code below.



DATES FOR NEXT YEAR:

Our Sunday services here in January are:-

5th January 10.00 Holy Communion Benefice Service

12th January 10.00 Morning Worship 19th January 11.00 Family Service

We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events:-

Snowdrop Walks on two Sunday afternoons in February, the dates dependent on the snowdrops appearing.

The 2025 Plant Fayre will be held at the Parish Hall / Cricket Field on Sunday 13th April, from 11am to 3pm.