

# **St Mary the Virgin Church Great Brickhill**



## **Review of 2025 Christmas Services and Events**

**All the Christmas services went well, bringing to life the real meaning of the Christmas story. Thank you to the many who contributed to any, or all, of the events and services.**

# **THE VILLAGE NATIVITY**

**Our start to the Christmas celebration began with the Village Nativity on Sunday 21st December, moved this year to a slightly different location, the Parish Hall car park. Over 30 people contributed to this enactment of the Christmas story.**



**Part of the much larger crowd than other years - we ran out of Carol Sheets quite early. This year featured children accompanying the adult characters**





The duet of Daisy and Rupert who started the carols with the first verse of “Once in Royal David’s city”

## The musicians Andrew & Margretta





# Sophia & Lewis who led the singing





## The narrator & readers – John, Julia & James







**With “No Room  
at the Inn”, Mary  
and Joseph are  
sent to the stable**

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**Jesus is born and soon after the  
Angel Gabriel appears**



**The  
shepherds  
approach  
with their  
sheep**







The Kings  
arrive with  
their gifts  
of gold,  
frankincense  
and myrrh





**The scene is complete. With many thanks to all who took part or contributed in any way.**

# **CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE:**

**We had two very successful evenings carol singing round the village, covering all of the planned route in the limited time available. There were a good number of singers of all ages. Thank you to all the singers and collectors for their help over both weeks.**





**The carol singers for the first evening  
on Pound Hill**





**Thank you to the Cricket Club for their  
hospitality at the end of the first evening**





**The carol singers on the second evening,  
thankfully it was dry and mild again**



**In The Old Red Lion at the end of the final evening. The total raised over both days was £902, an all-time record. Thank you to all who gave so generously.**



## **THE CHURCH DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS:**

**The church looked as wonderful as ever for our Christmas services, thanks to the skill and dedication of the small band of flower arrangers. We are truly thankful to have such talented at St Mary's.**

**And, thank you to John and James Hunter for providing the lovely Christmas tree which adorned the entrance to the church and the wreath on the Advent window.**

## The flowers above the altar





## The displays in the windows on the north wall



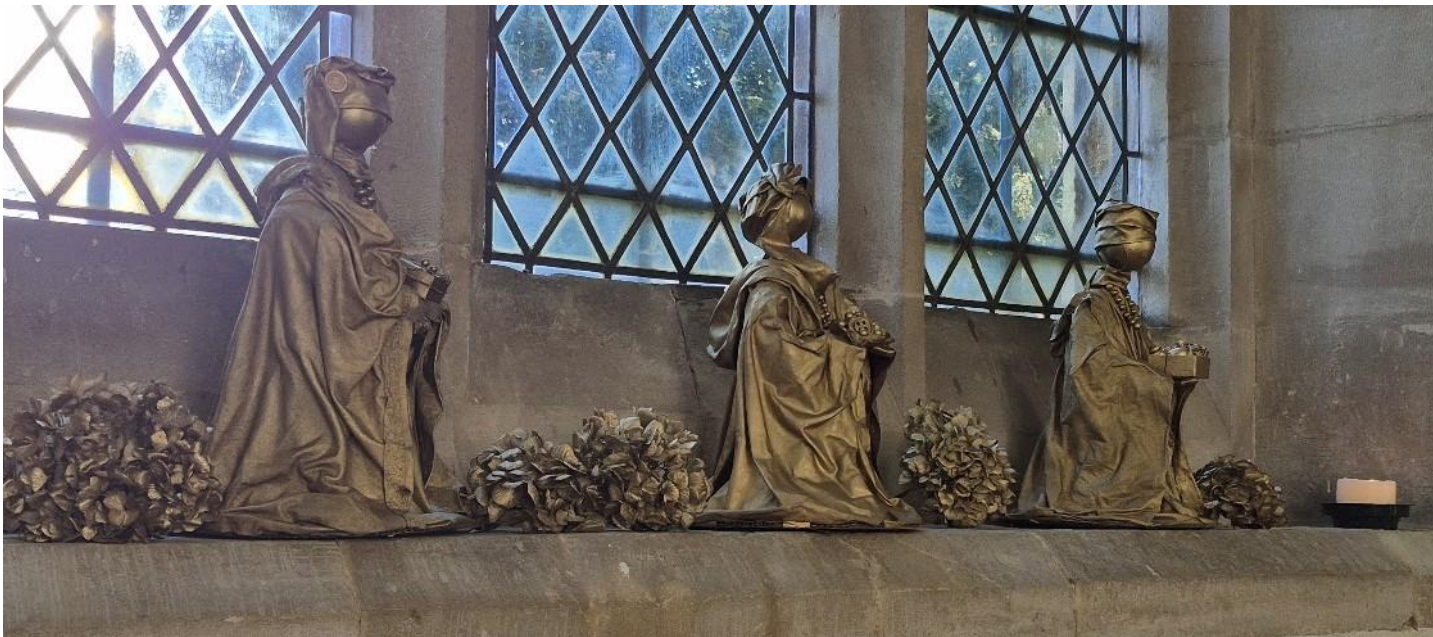


**The displays in  
the porch to  
welcome all  
our visitors**





# The Children's Corner window and the three Kings





The crib  
on the  
font



## **THE CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE:-**

**There was standing room only on Christmas Eve for our Carol Service. The singing by the choir and congregation was wonderful - many thanks to the choir, and especially to Jerry Breslin for all his hard work in the preparation of the music content of the service.**

**An  
atmospheric  
approach to  
the church**





**Rupert sings the first verse of “Once in Royal ...”  
from the Lady Chapel and the choir then .....**





..... process to the choir stalls





**Some of the children come forward to sing the first verse of “Away in a Manger”**





**Andrew &  
Margretta  
provide the  
music for the  
choir piece  
“Mary did you  
know”**





**The lights are dimmed for the last part  
of the service, .....**



.... and the service ends by candle-light





.... with the final carol “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

## **CHRISTMAS MORNING HOLY COMMUNION:-**

**The Holy Communion service on Christmas Day was well attended, and the singing was led by an all-male choir**





**The altar prepared for Christmas**



# The all-male choir end the service with a wonderful rendition of Gaudete





## **THE ADVENT WINDOWS:-**

**The first Advent Window was lit on Sunday 1st December and a new window was lit every day until the final one at the church on Christmas Eve. They again created a lovely walk around the village over the festive season.**

**Thank you to Claire Pincott for again co-ordinating the windows.**

One of the  
Advent  
windows that  
were lit each  
day from 1st  
December,  
.... No 18 in  
daylight





..... and No 18 lit up at night



## Window Number 13







The final  
window lit  
at the  
church on  
Christmas  
Eve

**AND WE NOW LOOK FORWARD  
TO 2026**

**Happy New Year!**