

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

## **SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER 2021: The Third Sunday of Advent**

Welcome to our Prayer Book service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning.

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

The readings for this morning are:-

Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

Please place your collection/envelopes in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service.

**Updated COVID regulations:** Following the new regulations announced by the PM earlier this week, face coverings are now required in a range of indoor venues including places of worship. While there are exemptions, this is a legal requirement and so everyone needs to wear a face covering while at our services in church, unless there is a legitimate reason not to.

### **CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE:**

Thank you to all who ventured out on Thursday and yesterday evening in the damp conditions to go round the village carol singing. It was wonderful that many of them are new to the village and joining in for the first time. A special note of thanks to the collectors who had the difficult task of finding their way in the dark and not able to see where the other collectors were. An amazing total of £753.35 was collected (£324 on Thursday and £429.35 on Saturday). This is twice the amount that we have raised in recent years.

### **MONDAY NEWS:**

**The last Monday Morning Coffee Club of the year** for mothers and toddlers, is tomorrow from 9.30am to 11.30am. The weekly sessions will re-start on Monday 10th January.

**The weekly Drop In** takes place on Mondays from 2.00 pm to 3.30pm. Call in at the Parish Hall for a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake. Everyone is welcome.

### **SILENT AUCTION OF THE PAINTING BY ANNE MARLOW:**

A reminder that bids are being accepted until mid-day next Saturday 18th December - the owner of the winning bid will then be contacted to arrange payment and collection.

## **ADVENT WINDOWS:**

We are now half way through the lighting of the Advent Windows, a new window being lit every day until the final one at the church on Christmas Eve. The windows will be lit up at night until 31st December. A map is available showing the dates from which each window will be lit. There are copies of the map in the porch and on the bookcase. Donations for the maps would be gratefully received!

## **THE ANNALS OF St ETHELDREDA'S:**

Many of you will remember that Sister Hazel spent many, many hours writing a book, which was published just in time for the celebration in October 2019 of 150 years of Sister Fanny and the work of St. Etheldreda's. A second revised edition of "The Annals of St Etheldreda's" has been published and Sister Hazel has kindly given us a copy, which is on the bookcase just inside the church for all to enjoy.

## **THE VILLAGE NATIVITY, NEXT SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER:**

The Village Nativity, 11.00am at the Cricket Club. Come and see an enactment of the Nativity Story with carols and readings - Mary and Joseph in the stable in Bethlehem with the shepherds and the kings.

## **OTHER SERVICES IN DECEMBER:**

### **Sunday 19th December**

9.30	(Stoke Hammond)	Morning Worship
15.00	(Bow Brickhill)	Carol Service Choir
17.00	(Little Brickhill)	Carol Service Choir

### **Friday 24th December Christmas Eve**

16.00	(Stoke Hammond)	Crib Service
* 17.00	<b>(Great Brickhill)</b>	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols</b>
23.30	(Stoke Hammond)	Holy Communion
23.45	(Bow Brickhill)	Holy Communion

### **Saturday 25th December Christmas Day**

9.30	(Little Brickhill)	Holy Communion
* 11.00	<b>(Great Brickhill)</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

### **Sunday 26th December (No services)**

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