

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

## **Sunday 14th January 2024: Celebrating the Baptism of Christ**

Welcome to our Morning Worship service this morning, led by Phillipa, when we will be celebrating the Baptism of Christ. Thank you to Andrew for providing our music today and Sophia for leading our singing. The hymns include modern worship songs and they all reflect the breath of God or Holy Spirit that transcends with the baptism of Jesus.

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

The readings for this morning are:- **Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11**

Today's psalm is verses from **Psalms No 29**.

The response for the congregation is:-

***“The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
(the God of thunders)”***

**The collection plate will be passed** round during the final hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. If you prefer to give your collection via our **debit/credit card device**, please see Phillipa after the service.

### **THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:**

Now that twelfth night has passed, the Christmas decorations have all been taken down. The Christmas flowers are in the main surviving well and will remain in place as long as possible.

### **“INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY”, STOKE HAMMOND:**

A reminder that a basic Introduction to Christianity course is being held at the Community Centre on six Tuesday evenings at 6pm. The course is open to anyone who would like to find out what it means to follow Jesus. Each session lasts 2 hours including a hot meal to start with. The course started last Tuesday but it is not necessary to join in all of the sessions.

For more details, download the flyer from the front Home page of the website, or contact the Stoke Hammond Wardens:-

Diane Webber 01525 270409 or Harry Davies 07773 065271

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

**The Snowdrop Walks** will be held on **Sundays 4th & 11th February**, from 2.00pm – 4.00pm

The date of **the Plant Fayre** at the Parish Hall and Cricket Field is **Sunday 14th April**, 11.00am – 3.00pm.

## **PLANT POTS:**

John Hall is hoping to be able to grow tomato plants again this spring. He would be grateful for any plant pots that anyone may have spare - small, seedling pots about 3" / 10cm diameter. If anyone has any, could they please leave them on the bench in the church porch.

## **FOOD BOX:**

Demand for produce from the Food Box has been high in recent weeks. If anyone would like to contribute to the stocked goods, we would be very grateful. All contributions can be placed inside the box or next to it. The main requirements at the moment are:

Tea, coffee, long life milk, cereal, tinned meals, pasta sauce, soup, baked beans, tinned fruit, custard. There is a full list of suggestions inside the box lid. Please note that no more pasta is required.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this initiative, please pass this information on. For anyone in real need, there is also information near the Food Box on some local Food Larders, held in various locations on different days in Milton Keynes.

## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

The Coffee Club is held every Monday in the church during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. All are welcome to come to the church for coffee and a chat.

## **SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF JANUARY:**

**Next Sunday, 21st January** – the service here is our monthly Family Service but with Baptism, when we will be welcoming friends and family of Brian & Clare Hankins-Lewis for baby James' christening.

Other services in the Benefice:-

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Café Church

**On Sunday 28th January** (Presentation / Candlemas) the services will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Mattins (BCP)

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