

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

## **SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 2023: Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, led by the Rector. The theme of the service will be the first disciples, how Simon Peter and Andrew follow Jesus at the start of his ministry.

Thank you to Andrew for providing the music, and to Sophia who will be leading our singing. Please use the shakers to accompany our songs.

The reading this morning is:- John 1: 35 – 42

We will also hear the story from the Old Testament “Samuel Hears a Voice” from the Storyteller Bible.

**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.**

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

### **THE NATIVITY SCENE:**

Although the Christmas tree etc have been taken down, in accordance with tradition, the nativity scene which is located on the font, will remain until Candlemas, which this year will be celebrated on Sunday, 29th January.

### **SNOWDROP WALKS:**

The ever popular Snowdrop Walks will be held on **two Sunday afternoons in February, between 2pm and 4pm**. Starting from the church, a walk among the snowdrops, finishing off with the equally popular teas in the church. We will let you know the actual dates as soon as we can, it will depend on when the snowdrops will be at their best, it is too early to know when that will be.

Offers of help for either Sunday will be much appreciated, making cakes and/or helping to serve the teas – please contact Julia.

### **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

The Coffee Club is up and running again after the Christmas break - it is held every Monday during term time **from 9.30am – 11.30am**. All are welcome to call in to the church for a coffee and a chat.

## **BELL RINGERS WANTED - ANY AGE!**

David Middleton, our Tower Captain, is looking for new bell ringers. It is wonderful to hear the bells ringing out across the village but unless new ringers come forward it will not be possible to have a full band of ringers for the Coronation. There is a national campaign to recruit more ringers - see the link below:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-63873253>

David is arranging training sessions for new ringers. He says that you are never too old to learn to ring bells and children learn very quickly (initially, children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult). If you would like to learn to ring, or come back to ringing, please contact David:- 07966 458144 or [dgmiddleton440@gmail.com](mailto:dgmiddleton440@gmail.com).

## **FOOD BOX:**

Thank you to those who have been leaving items in the Food Box. The demand for goods continues. If anyone would like to leave suitable items, please place them either in or close to the box in the church porch. All items must be non-perishable and well in-date. Below is a list of suggested items:- Tea, coffee, long-life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tins vegetables, tins soup, tins meat/chicken/tuna, long-life tinned meals.

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

**Next Sunday 22nd January there is no service here, services in the Benefice are:-**

9.30am Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

11.00am Family Service (Little Brickhill)

11.00am Mattins (BCP) (Bow Brickhill)

**On Sunday 29th January there will be just one service in the Benefice:-**

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

This a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

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