

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

## **Sunday 19th January 2025 – The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Welcome to our Family Service today which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta who will be providing our music. Do join in with the singing and use the shakers as much as you like.

We will hear the Bible reading from **John 2: 1-11** which tells of the time when Jesus was at a **wedding in Cana** and the wine ran out! And so, he turned water into wine! We will also have a story from the Storyteller Bible, "**A Jar and a Jug**" based on **1 Kings 17**.

**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.

### **SAD NEWS:**

We were very sad to hear that Jean Frost has died. Until leaving the village a few years ago, Jean was a very regular worshipper at St Mary's. Her funeral will take place here in the church on Wednesday 29th January at 2pm, followed by burial in the churchyard.

### **RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:**

The next Bible Study at The Rectory is this **Thursday 13th February at 8.00pm**. All are welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible from one of our forthcoming services. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

### **"INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY" COURSE:**

Due to lack of numbers signing up for the course, the "Introduction to Christianity" course planned to take place in Stoke Hammond has been cancelled.

### **SNOWDROP WALKS:**

The Snowdrop Walks will be held on two Sunday afternoons in February from 2-4pm, dependent on when the snowdrops appear - the dates will be confirmed next week. The walk will start and finish at the church. **Alongside the Snowdrop Walk, we will be doing the teas as usual in the church, and will be very grateful for cakes.**

## **HALLELUJAH! THE WILLEN HOSPICE MESSIAH IS BACK!**

For those who missed this message last week, ..... 2025 is the year of the Willen Hospice Messiah revival. Many of you will remember that before Covid, this had taken place annually for many years, formerly held here in St Mary's and more latterly at other locations. The performance will be on Sunday 28th September at a venue to be decided. Rehearsals for the choir will be held here in on Tuesday evenings in July and September. The soloists will come from the choir and those rehearsals will be arranged separately. A final choral rehearsal will take place on Saturday afternoon 27th September. If you would like to commit to taking part, or would like further details, please e-mail Jerry Breslin so that he has some idea of numbers. He would also welcome orchestral volunteers:-

[jerrybreslin@hotmail.com](mailto:jerrybreslin@hotmail.com)

## **FORTHCOMING EVENT:**

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

## **FOOD BOX:**

A reminder that, for those in need over these winter months, there is access to the Food Box in the church porch at any time of day.

## **SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**Next Sunday 26th January** there will not be a service here at Great Brickhill. Services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Mattins

**The next service here will be Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd February at 9.30am.** Other services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Café Church

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Family Service in the Hall

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