

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 19th MARCH 2023: Mothering Sunday

Welcome to our Family Service for Mothering Sunday, which will be led by Phillipa. Andrew and Margretta will be providing the music for our songs – do join in with the singing and use the shakers as much as you like! Thank you to Julia for making the posies for all the ladies here this morning.

Clare will read this morning's bible passage, a reading from Colossians 3: 12-17. Andrew will read the story version of Moses' birth, "The Secret Baby" from the Storyteller Bible, based on the Old Testament passage for today from Exodus chapter 2: 1 – 10.

An activity is set up in the Lady Chapel for the children to take part in and Imogen will be there to lend a hand to the children.

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

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.

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

The total donations collected for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria came to £148. This has now been sent to the Earthquake Appeal.

LENT COURSE:

This year we are following the Oxford Diocese "Come and See" course. For those who sign up, a short reflection email is sent each day during Lent, Monday to Saturday, and on Sundays there is a short video from Bishop Steven. To find out more, and to register for the daily e-mails, go to:- <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

In addition, we are holding a 6-week Lent Course:- Tuesday afternoons in Stoke Hammond and a midweek evening session across the benefice. This week, the fourth session will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 8pm at Bow Brickhill Church Hall.

Full details can be found on the pink fliers near the bookcase, with a note of the Lent and Easter services on the reverse.

REPAIR / CAFE WORKSHOP:

An idea has been raised to hold a repair workshop in the church on either an occasional or regular basis. The PCC are keen to progress this idea but would like to hear from anyone who would like to become involved with this initiative. Anyone interested might like to visit the monthly repair café, which is held at St Laurence Church, Winslow for local people to bring along their broken household items for repair. If you have any skills to offer such as woodwork, sewing, knitting, electrical, computer skills and would like to lend a hand in getting this off the ground, please get in touch with Phillipa or Julia.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Monday Morning Coffee Club 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.

PLANT FAYRE, SUNDAY 16th APRIL:

It is now just four weeks to the Plant Fayre, our second big fundraiser of the year:- **Sunday, 16th April from 11am - 3pm** at the Parish Hall and cricket field. Lots of help will be required and offers please of plants for the village Plant Stall and cakes etc for the refreshments and cake stall.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 26th March:- there will not be a service here in 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 on Palm Sunday - Holy Communion, 9.30am on 2nd April when we will have a dramatized reading of the Passion gospel.

Other Palm Sunday services in the Benefice:-

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Family Service in the Hall

11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

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