

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 1st March 2026 – The Second Sunday of Lent

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

The readings for today are:-

Isaiah 53: 3-7; 1 Corinthians 15: 50 - 58; John 1: 29-34

The collection plate will be passed round during the third/offertory hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to and see Phillipa if you prefer to use the **debit/credit card device**.

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

CHURCH HEATING:

I am sorry to say that the heating in the church is still not working and won't be for some time. The good news is that the temperature in the church has been rising during the mild conditions over the last week. And we are now coming to the end of the cold weather months.

RECTOR'S MARCH MESSAGE:

**'Ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls' (Jeremiah 6. 16)**

Dear Friends,

Over the years I have lived here, one of the things I have enjoyed is walking around our villages. At the same time, there has been a revival of interest in pilgrimage – walking with a spiritual purpose. So I have decided to walk between our four churches, and pause for prayer in each church building, on Saturday 11th April, before I end my time here.

Below is a timetable for the walk (and nearer the time there will be a map available, showing the exact route). You are welcome to join in any part of the walk, and the times of prayer.

Rector's Farewell Pilgrimage – Saturday 11th April:-

8am Prayer in Stoke Hammond church **8.15am** Walkers leave for ...

8.30am Community breakfast in Stoke Hammond Community Centre,

9.30am Walkers leave for ... **10.30am** Prayer in Great Brickhill church,

11am Walkers leave for ... **12pm** Prayer in Little Brickhill church,

12.30pm Walkers leave for ... **1.30pm** Prayer in Bow Brickhill church,

2pm Walkers leave for ... Refreshments in Bow Brickhill Community Hall

Revd John Waller

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY 17th MARCH:

All the information and forms for the Annual Meeting are on the website and the notice board. If anyone would like to know more about becoming a member of the PCC, please contact Phillipa.

Photo review of the year showing from 7pm with refreshments. Formal meeting will commence at 7.30pm. The Rector will then depart and there will be an open discussion for people to give their thoughts on what are the priorities for the next Rector going forward. This is the opportunity for everyone to “have their say” during this recruitment process.

The Electoral Roll: If anyone would like to add their name to the Electoral Roll, application forms are available on the website and paper copies are available on the bookcase.

LENT COURSE:

The focus of the Oxford Diocese Lent Course "**Come and See**" is **Holy Communion** - those who sign up receive a short email reflection each day Monday to Saturday, and on Sundays a short video from Bishop Steven. To find out more, and to register, go to:-

<https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

The remaining sessions of the 6-week Benefice Lent Course using some of the material above will be:

(1). Tuesday afternoons in Stoke Hammond. Soup lunch if required at 1pm, Lent Course from 1.30pm-3pm. Contact Diane Webber for details:- 01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

(2). Midweek evening session across the Benefice at 8pm:

Week 2:- Wednesday 4th March at Green Farm, Stoke Lane

Week 3:- Tuesday 10th March at Bow Brickhill Community Hall

Week 4:- Wednesday 18 March Green Farm; Week 5:- Thursday 26 March The Rectory; Week 6:- Tuesday 31 March at Bow Brickhill

Lent Course fliers are available on the bookcase.

PLANT FAYRE:

The annual Plant Fayre will be held at the Parish Hall / Cricket Field on Sunday 12th April, from 11am to 3pm. Lots of help will be required. There will be a church plant stall and so please think about what plants etc you may be able to provide, and also preserves and cakes.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 8th March, there is just one service in the Benefice:- 11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service & Baptism

The next service here will be on Mothers' Day, 15th March:-

Family Service at ** 10.00am **

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