

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2022: Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our Family Service, which will be led by Phillipa. Our music this morning will be via recordings and our singing will be led by Sophia – do join in with the singing and use the shakers as much as you like!

Quite coincidentally, given the weather we have experienced over the last couple of days, the theme of our service is based on a storm! When they are in a boat on the lake during a storm, Jesus says to his friends – no need to be frightened, no need to worry, all you have to do is trust me and all will be calm.

The bible reading this morning is the first few verses of Revelation chapter 4. Julia will read the story “The Storm on the Lake” from the Storyteller Bible, based on the gospel passage for the day:-
Luke 8: 22-25

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

Please place your collection/envelopes in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service.

We are now able to accept collections via a contactless credit/debit card device; these can still be given through the gift aid scheme. Please see Phillipa if you would like to do this.

Updated COVID regulations:

Following the lifting of plan B measures in England from 27th January, face coverings are no longer mandatory in any setting but may be recommended in enclosed or crowded places. At services in Great Brickhill and Little Brickhill churches it will be up to individuals to decide if they wish to wear a face mask or not. Due to the size of the building, at Bow Brickhill and Stoke Hammond churches it will be recommended that people continue to wear a face covering.

SNOWDROP WALK CANCELLED BUT TEAS WILL GO AHEAD:

After the poor weather last Sunday, we were hoping it would be better this afternoon. However, following the effects of the storm and the forecast for more strong winds and rain, today’s Snowdrop Walk has been cancelled. We will though be serving tea and cakes in the church from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Do come along and enjoy meeting up with others for a friendly chat. While disappointing not to be able to enjoy a walk among the snowdrops, we can guarantee the cakes will be delicious!!

THE RECTOR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

The Rector's period of extended leave continues until the end of the month. If you have any queries, please contact me or Julia. Any pastoral concerns please contact:-

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LENT COURSE:

The Lent Course will be led by the Rector on the five weeks of Lent. Entitled **Travelling Songs: Through Lent with the 'Psalms of Ascent'** each week the course will be focusing on a particular psalm. There will be two sessions each week, on Tuesday afternoons in Stoke Hammond and midweek evenings at venues across the Benefice. Full dates and venues can be found on the flyer, which also contains details of the Lent & Easter Services.

THE 2021 YEAR BOOK:

Hopefully you will have seen the 2021 Year Book on display, which David Marlow (www.davidmarlowphotography.com) kindly produced, a wonderful collection of over 70 photographs depicting the main events that took place during 2021. **Copies can be purchased via Blurb and are now ready to order at £29.99 plus postage - all profits come to St Mary's. The direct link to the Blurb page is:-** <https://www.blurb.co.uk/b/11058390-great-brickhill-church-year-book-2021>

MONDAY COFFEE CLUB:

There will be no Coffee Club tomorrow as it is half term. The weekly Monday Morning Coffee Club for mothers and toddlers will resume in the church next Monday, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

THE NEXT SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

Next Sunday, 27th February, there will be no service here in Great Brickhill. The services in the Benefice are:-

9.30	(Stoke Hammond)	Holy Communion
11.00	(Bow Brickhill)	Mattins
11.00	(Little Brickhill)	Family Service

The next services in Great Brickhill:

Ash Wednesday Service, 2nd March at 8.00pm:- a contemporary service with modern worship songs. Refreshments from 7.45pm.

Sunday 6th March, Holy Communion at 9.30am.

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