

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022: Mothering Sunday

Welcome to our Family Service for Mothering Sunday, which will be led by Phillipa. Well done for remembering that the clocks went forward overnight!

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 and Betty for making the posies for all the ladies here this morning.

Clare will read this morning's bible reading, which is the Psalm for this week's Lent Course, **Psalm 131** – the title for the session is 'Mothering' (verse 4:- 'But I have quieted and stilled my soul, like a weaned child on its mother's breast').

Andrew will read the story "The Secret Baby" from the Storyteller Bible, based on the Old Testament passage for today from **Exodus chapter 2: 1 – 10**, the events following the birth of Moses.

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

Lifting of COVID regulations:

Following the general lifting of restrictions, **the collection plate will now be passed round**. Please collect a Gift Aid envelope and if applicable place your collection in there ready for when the collection will be taken during the final hymn. Alternatively, collection can be taken at the end of the service via the **debit/credit card device** - please see Phillipa if you would like to do this.

We are allowed to **share the peace** in whatever way is deemed appropriate for those attending; please be mindful that there are some who need to be more careful than others.

Please note that in Communion services, Holy Communion will continue to be administered in the form of bread alone.

LENT COURSE:

The Lent Course, **Travelling Songs: Through Lent with the 'Psalms of Ascent'** is being led by the Rector. We are now into the last two weeks of the 5-week course based on five of the Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 120 – 134):-

Week 4 Psalm 131 Mothering 'My soul is quieted within me' (1). Tuesday afternoon March 29th, at St Luke's Church, Stoke Hammond, 1.00pm for Soup Lunch, 1.30pm for the course.

(2). An evening course held on Tuesday 29th March, 8pm at The Hyde, 36 Rotten Row, Great Brickhill

A copy of the pre-course reading material for this coming week is available on the bookcase, or can be downloaded from the website. Full details of the course can be found via the blue flyer on the bookcase, or on the website:- www.brickhillschurches.org.uk/lent-course/

THE WAY OF THE CROSS - A Handbook for Holy Week:

Sister Hazel has produced a new book to benefit Ukraine – “The Way of the Cross”, a Handbook for Holy Week, which is a series of reflections, published as a tribute to the people of Ukraine. The book costs £8, of which £3 goes to St Albans fund for Ukrainian refugees. A copy is on the bookcase. The books are obtainable from sisterhazelsmith@gmail.com or admin@stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk

PLANT SALE AT THE CHURCH, SATURDAY 9th APRIL:

The Plant Sale here at the church on Saturday 9th April from 11.00am to 3.00pm will be a smaller version of the popular Plant Fayre we have held for many years at the Parish Hall / cricket field. There will be plants on sale from professional nurserymen and also a church plant stall. Refreshments will be available. Donations of plants and cakes etc will be gratefully received. Please invite friends and family to come along.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

Anyone is welcome to call in for a coffee and chat - every Monday in the church during term time, between 9.30am and 11.30am.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 3rd April:-

The service in **Great Brickhill will be:- Holy Communion at 9.30am**

Other services in the Benefice will be:

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Cafe Church

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Family Service in the Church Hall

The following Sunday 10th April, Palm Sunday - the service here will be a Family Service with dramatized readings at 10.00am.

Details of the Holy Week and Easter services can be found on the reverse of the blue Lent Course flyer on the bookcase.

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