

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

## **SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2022: ADVENT SUNDAY**

Welcome to our service for Advent Sunday, which will be led by the Phillipa. It will be slightly different from our usual Family Services as throughout the service we will be exploring the traditions of the Advent season. Andrew and Margretta are providing our music and Sophia will be leading our singing with a mixture of well-known traditional Advent hymns and some more modern worship songs. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The Bible reading for this morning is:- Matthew 24: 36 - 44

**The collection plate will be passed** round during the last 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.**

### **NEXT SATURDAY CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:**

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in the church **next Saturday 3rd December, from 10am - 1pm.** There will be a variety of stalls including a St Mary's stall with cakes, preserves, Christmas decorations, plants, etc. Also raffles for a Hamper and a Christmas Cake, tombola, lucky dip, Little Ashes activity and much more.

**Please come along and bring family and friends with you.**

### **ADVENT WINDOWS:**

The Advent Windows will start lighting up the village from this coming Thursday with a new one being lit every day until the final one at the church on Christmas Eve. Together they will create a trail to walk round the village over the festive season. The windows will be lit up at night until 31st December. Claire Pincott is again kindly coordinating the windows and a map will be circulated showing the dates from which each window will be lit. Copies of the map will be available from the church porch.

### **CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE:**

This year Carol Singing around the village in aid of general Church funds will take place on two evenings, weather permitting, on:-

- Thursday, 15th December, 5.30 - 7.30pm (meet at Holts Green)
- Monday, 19th December, 5.30 – 7.30pm (meet at the church)

Anyone who would like to sing, or help with the collection, will be most welcome. It would be helpful if those interested could let Phillipa know

## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

The Coffee Club is held every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. All are welcome, call in to the church for a coffee and a chat. **Monday 19th December** will be last Coffee Club of the year, resuming again after the school holidays on **Monday 9th January**.

## **FOOD BOX:**

The Food Box is very well stocked at the moment and we have a good supply of spare stock. A lovely big bag of useful groceries was left on the box last week - **thank you to whoever kindly left this, and to all those who have been leaving items in the box.**

Items must be non-perishable and well in-date. Suggested items are:- Tea, coffee, long-life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tins vegetables, tins soup, tins meat/chicken/tuna, long-life tinned meals.

## **DECEMBER PARISH NEWSLETTER:**

The December Parish Newsletter has been circulated. A printed copy of a scaled down version, including just the news items, is being delivered each month to those known to us in the village who are not able to receive the Newsletter any other way. If you know of anyone who might like to receive this, please get in touch with Debbie Pincott who is kindly coordinating the list:-

01525, 261637 [debbiepincott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:debbiepincott@hotmail.co.uk)

A copy is also available in the folder in the church porch.

## **SERVICES IN DECEMBER:**

**Next Sunday, 4th December:**

- **Here at Great Brickhill Holy Communion at 9.30am**
- **Services also at:-**
  - 11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Christingle at Bow Brickhill School
  - 16.00 (Stoke Hammond) Christingle

## **Other December services in Great Brickhill:**

11th December 10.00 Holy Communion (1662) with hymns  
18th December 11.00 The Village Nativity on the cricket field  
Christmas Eve 17.00 Nine Lessons and Carols  
Christmas Day 11.00 Christmas Holy Communion

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