

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2021: 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 reading for this morning is:- Jeremiah 33: 14 -16

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

ADVENT WINDOWS:

The Advent Windows will start lighting up the village from this coming Wednesday 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 has kindly coordinated 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 and also at the Christmas Coffee Morning. Donations for the maps would be gratefully received!

MONDAY NEWS:

The Monday Morning Coffee Club for mothers and toddlers, and anyone else who would like to call in to the church for a coffee and chat, is held every week during term time between 9.30am and 11.30am. All welcome.

The weekly Drop In takes place on Mondays from 2.00 pm to 3.30pm. Call in at the Parish Hall for a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, NEXT SATURDAY:

A reminder this will be in the church next Saturday from 10am - 1pm. Coffee, mulled wine, mince pies, raffles, tombola, various stalls. An additional item is a **** SILENT AUCTION **** for a painting by local artist Anne Marlow, done deep in the middle of Covid times. A flyer is on the small notice board with a photograph and details of the painting. There are also Bidding Forms with details as to how to

submit your pledge. If anyone has any questions, or would like to have a private viewing of the painting, please get in touch with Phillipa. Bids will be accepted until mid-day on Saturday 18th December - the owner of the winning bid will then be contacted to arrange payment and collection.

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, 9th December, 5.30 - 7.30pm (meet at Holts Green)
- Saturday, 11th December, 4.00 – 7.00pm (meet at the church)

Anyone who would like to sing, or help with the collection, will be most welcome - remember to wrap up warm and bring a torch. It would be helpful if those interested could let Phillipa know.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER:

Sunday 5th December

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| 9.30 | (Great Brickhill) | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | (Bow Brickhill) | Family Service in the church |
| 16.00 | (Stoke Hammond) | Christingle |

Sunday 12th December

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| 10.00 | (Great Brickhill) | Holy Communion (1662) with hymns |
| 16.00 | (Stoke Hammond) | Carol Service |

Sunday 19th December

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| 9.30 | (Stoke Hammond) | Morning Worship |
| 11.00 | (Great Brickhill) | The Village Nativity on the cricket field |
| 15.00 | (Bow Brickhill) | Carol Service Choir |
| 17.00 | (Little Brickhill) | Carol Service Choir |

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

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| 16.00 | (Stoke Hammond) | Crib Service |
| 17.00 | (Great Brickhill) | Nine Lessons and Carols |
| 23.30 | (Stoke Hammond) | Holy Communion |
| 23.45 | (Bow Brickhill) | Holy Communion |

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

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| 9.30 | (Little Brickhill) | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | (Great Brickhill) | Holy Communion |

Sunday 26th December (No services)

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