

# The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

## Sunday 2nd February 2025 – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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:-

Malachi 3: 1-5; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

**The collection plate will be passed** round during the third/offertory 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.**

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

### RECTOR'S JANUARY MESSAGE:

#### Hope

Dear friends,

During February we come again to Valentine's Day, and all the associated customs and celebrations of romantic love.

We use that one word 'love' to speak of many different things, not just for the love of romantic partners, but also for the love that holds families together, the love that grows between friends, and for many other things as well, from the most serious, to the trivial.

At the heart of the Christian faith is the good news of God's love shown to us in the life, death and rising again of Jesus, and Christian people believe that every other expression of love is to be seen and understood in the light of this. As we read in the New Testament:

*" Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."*

(1 John 4, v. 7-10)

**Revd John Waller**

## **RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:**

The next Bible Study at The Rectory is on **Thursday 13th February at 8.00pm**. All are welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible from one of our forthcoming services. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

## **FIRST SNOWDROP WALK NEXT SUNDAY:**

The Snowdrop Walks are being held on **Sundays 9th & 16th February**, from 2pm – 4pm, starting at the church and ending with the usual teas. **Offers of cakes please would be most welcome** - we are hoping for good weather and many visitors, and so we will need a lot of cakes! Please invite friends and family to come along. Credit card payments will be accepted.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENT:**

**The 2025 Plant Fayre** will be held at the Parish Hall / Cricket Field on Sunday 13th April, from 11am to 3pm.

## **FOOD BOX:**

A reminder that, for those in need over these winter months, there is access to the Food Box in the church porch at any time of day.

## **SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**Next Sunday, 9th February** there will be one service in the Benefice, a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond:-

10.00 (Little Brickhill) Benefice Holy Communion

**The next service here will be on Sunday 16th February, a Family Service at 11.00am.**

Other services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

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