

# The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

## SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2022: Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

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 this morning are:-

Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

Lent Course Psalm for this week:- Psalm 130

### Lifting of COVID regulations:

Following the general lifting of restrictions, **the collection plate will now be passed** round during the offertory (third) hymn. Alternatively, collection can still be taken at the end of the service via the **debit/credit card device**.

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.

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

### LENT COURSE:

This will be the last week of the 5-week Lent Course, **Travelling Songs: Through Lent with the 'Psalms of Ascent'** based on five of the Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 120 – 134):-

#### **Week 5 Psalm 130 Waiting 'My soul waits for the Lord'**

(1). Tuesday afternoon April 5th, at St Luke's Church, Stoke Hammond, 1.00pm for Soup Lunch, 1.30pm for the course.

(2). An evening course held on Wednesday 6th April, 7.45pm for 8.00pm at:- Green Farm, Stoke Lane, Great Brickhill.

A copy of the pre-course reading material for all 5 weeks 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.brickhillchurches.org.uk/lent-course/](http://www.brickhillchurches.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](mailto:sisterhazelsmith@gmail.com) or [admin@stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk)

## **PLANT SALE AT THE CHURCH, NEXT SATURDAY 9th APRIL:**

Next Saturday from 11.00am - 3.00pm there will be plants on sale at the church from professional nurserymen and also a church plant stall. Refreshments will be available. Donations of plants and cakes etc will be gratefully received – please deliver them, if possible, to the church on Saturday morning from 10.00am. We would welcome any help that you could give - please contact Julia or me if you have any queries.

## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

**Tomorrow will be the last Coffee Club before Easter** - anyone is welcome to call into the church for a coffee and chat from 9.30am to 11.00am. The Coffee Club will resume after the Easter holidays.

## **SERVICES TO THE END OF APRIL:**

**Next Sunday, 10th April is Palm Sunday - the service here will be a Family Service with dramatized readings at 10.00am. Come along and hear an enactment of the Easter story.**

## **HOLY WEEK:**

**Compline (Said) at 7.30pm on:-**

Monday 11th April, Little Brickhill; Tuesday 12th April, Great Brickhill; Wednesday 13th April Bow Brickhill

**Maundy Thursday, 14th April:-** 7.30pm Benefice Service of Holy Communion (Said) at Stoke Hammond

## **GOOD FRIDAY, 15th April:**

Bow Brickhill:- 9.30am Hymns and Readings

Great Brickhill:- 2.00pm Hour of Devotion

## **EASTER SUNDAY, 17th April:**

9.30am Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill & Stoke Hammond

11.00am Holy Communion at Great Brickhill

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion at Little Brickhill

**Sunday 24th April:-** Bow Brickhill 10am Benefice Holy Communion

**The 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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