

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER 2021: The Second Sunday of Advent

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

The readings for this morning are:-

Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

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

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - YESTERDAY:

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Coffee Morning yesterday such a success. What a wonderful atmosphere there was in the church, over a hundred people came to enjoy looking round the various stalls and enjoying catching up with old friends and meeting newcomers. As a large portion of the money came in via credit/debit cards, it is too soon to know the exact amount that was raised. The best estimate is that it was just over £1200. Full details will be circulated next week.

The various winners were:- Hamper Raffle – Vivienne Bratt, Christmas Cake Raffle – Janet Pritchard, Guess the Number of Sweets – Suzanne Cook, Name the Snowman – Daisy.

Bids are still being taken for the **Silent Auction of the painting by Anne Marlowe**. 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. If anyone has any questions, or would like to have a private viewing of the painting, please get in touch with Phillipa.

MONDAY NEWS:

The Monday Morning Coffee Club for mothers and toddlers, is held every week during term time between 9.30am and 11.30am.

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.

ADVENT WINDOWS:

The Advent Windows started to light up the village on Wednesday and a new window will be lit every day until the final one at the church on Christmas Eve. The windows will be lit up at night

until 31st December. A map is available showing the dates from which each window will be lit. There are copies of the map in the porch and on the bookcase. Donations for the maps would be gratefully received!

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE – THIS WEEK:

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 (details below).

THE VILLAGE NATIVITY, SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER:

The Village Nativity, 11.00am at the Cricket Club. Come and see an enactment of the Nativity Story with carols and readings - Mary and Joseph in the stable in Bethlehem with the shepherds and the kings.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER:

Sunday 12th December

***10.00 (Great Brickhill) Holy Communion (1662) with hymns**

16.00 (Stoke Hammond) Carol Service

Sunday 19th December

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

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

9.30 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion

*** 11.00 (Great Brickhill) Holy Communion**

Sunday 26th December (No services)

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