

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

## **SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023: The Second Sunday of Lent**

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:-

Genesis 12: 1 - 4a; Romans 4: 1 - 5, 13 - 17; John 3: 1 - 17

**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**.

### **WATER LEAK:**

Those of you who have visited the church in recent weeks will know that we have had a mains water leak and so, for most of the time, the water has had to be turned off. The location of the leak has been located and the repair has now been done. Normal services have now resumed! You will see that a flagstone now covers the area of the repair on the path, which is unfortunate but it will mean that if there are any future problems, it will be easy to gain access to the problematic area.

### **TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:**

The donations collected for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria came to £148. This has now been sent to the Earthquake Appeal.

### **LENT COURSE:**

This year we are following the Oxford Diocese "Come and See" course. For those who sign up, a short reflection email is sent each day during Lent, Monday to Saturday, and on Sundays there is a short video from Bishop Steven. To find out more, and to register for the daily e-mails, go to:- <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

**In addition, we are holding a 6-week Lent Course:-** Tuesday afternoons in Stoke Hammond and a midweek evening session at 8pm across the benefice, this week Tuesday 7th March at Bow Brickhill Church Hall.

**Full details can be found on the pink fliers near the bookcase, with a note of the Lent and Easter services on the reverse.**

## **BELL-RINGING**

Sinead Carroll arranged for some filming of our bell ringers on Thursday for BBC South Today, to highlight the need for new bell ringers so that we have enough ringers for the bells to be rung for the Coronation. The item was featured throughout the day on the local News. Below is a link to the lunchtime footage (after the headlines showing the ringing, go to 5:44mins into the clip for the report):-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001jq0n/south-today-lunchtime-news-02032023>

## **REPAIR / CAFE WORKSHOP:**

An idea has been raised to hold a repair workshop in the church on either an occasional or regular basis. The PCC are keen to progress this idea but would like to hear from anyone who would like to become involved with this initiative. Anyone interested might like to visit the monthly repair café, which is held at St Laurence Church, Winslow for local people to bring along their broken household items for repair. If you have any skills to offer such as woodwork, sewing, knitting, electrical, computer skills and would like to lend a hand in getting this off the ground, please get in touch with Phillipa or Julia.

## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

The Monday Morning Coffee Club is held every Monday during term time, from 9.30am – 11.30am. All are welcome to call in to the church for a coffee and a chat.

## **PLANT FAYRE, SUNDAY 16th APRIL:**

A reminder that our second big fund-raiser of the year is our Plant Fayre. After a few years' break due to Covid, it is returning to its original venue, the Parish Hall and cricket field. This year it is being held on a **SUNDAY, 16th April from 11am - 3pm.**

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

**Next Sunday, 12th March:-** Just one service, a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond:-

**10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill**

**The following Sunday 19th March is Mothering Sunday.** There will be a service in each of the four parishes - **here in Great Brickhill there will be a Mothering Sunday Family Service at \*\* 10am \*\***

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