

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 8th December 2024 – The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to our Family Service with Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. Thanks to Rosemary for providing the music for us this morning.

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

The Bible reading this morning is:- Malachi 3: 1-4. The Gospel passage will be from the Storyteller Bible, “Jesus is Baptized”

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 **Julia after the service**.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BISHOP OF BUCKINGHAM:

For those not here last week, it has been announced that the Revd Canon Dave Bull has been nominated as the next Bishop of Buckingham. Currently Team Rector of Marlow and Area Dean of Wycombe, he will take up his new ministry at the end of February.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:

Again, for those not here last week, Thank you to all who helped and contributed to last week's Christmas Coffee Morning. After a slow start, there was a good number who gathered in the church. It was a lovely occasion with a great atmosphere. The total raised was **£1032**, an increase of £1.50 from last year! A full analysis of the amount raised is on the blackboard in the church porch. The winners of the raffles etc were:- Hamper Raffle:- Barbara Wight; Christmas Cake Raffle:- Mary Smit; Guess the Number of Sweets:- Vivien Bratt

SILENT AUCTION FOR CHRISTMAS PAINTING:

There is still a week left for bids for Anne Marlow's painting, which was on display at the Christmas Coffee Morning. Proceeds will be shared between St Mary's and Calibre Audio, a national charity providing an audiobook service for everyone who has a disability.

For a private viewing, or to submit a bid, by 11am on Saturday 14th December, please email or phone Anne:-

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CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE:

This year Carol Singing around the village in aid of general Church funds will take place, weather permitting, on Thursdays:-

- **This week, 12th December, 5.30 - 7.30pm (meet at Holts Green)**

- **Next week, 19th December, 5.30 – 7.30pm (meet at Horsepond)**

We will try and cover as much of the village as possible.

It will be most helpful if you could please have **CASH READY** for when the collector calls.

Anyone who would like to sing, or help with the collection, will be most welcome. Carol folders will be provided, just remember to wrap up warm and bring a torch.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, St LUKE'S, STOKE HAMMOND:

The festival continues today in the church, from 10.30am – 3.00pm. The theme is "Village Life throughout the years". There are refreshments from 11am.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN GREAT BRICKHILL:

THE VILLAGE NATIVITY NEXT SUNDAY, 15th December, 11am 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. Please pass on the details to friends and family.

Christmas Eve:- 17.00 Carol Service

Christmas Day:- 11.00 Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS SERVICES ELSEWHERE IN THE BENEFICE:

Sunday 15th December:

16.00 (Stoke Hammond) Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December:

15.00 (Bw. Br.) Carol Service; 17.00 (Lt. Br.) Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve:

16.00 (Stoke Hammond) Crib Service

23.30 (St. H.) Holy Communion; 23.45 (Bw. Br.) Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day:

9.30 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion

Sunday 29th December:

10.00 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion Benefice

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