

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY 2023: Celebrating the Baptism of Christ

Welcome to our Morning Worship service this morning, led by Jeremy when we will be celebrating the Baptism of Christ. We don't have an organist this week and so our music will be via our sound system.

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

The readings for this morning are:-

Isaiah 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

The collection plate will be passed round during the last 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.

THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

Now that twelfth night has passed, the Christmas tree etc have been taken down. In accordance with tradition, the nativity scene which is located on the font, will remain until Candlemas, which falls this year on 29th January. The Christmas flowers are in the main surviving well and will remain in place as long as possible.

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

As reported last week, we had a wonderful run up to Christmas. A review has been produced of the many events and services that took place in December. As there are lots of photos included, it is only available online. If anyone who hasn't already received the PDF file, would like to have a copy, please let Phillipa know and it will be e-mailed to you. It shows how busy a few weeks it was but there was a lovely feeling throughout. A huge amount of effort was put in by a lot of people - thank you to you all. We can see how the life of St Mary's is very much at the heart of life in Great Brickhill

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

All are welcome to come and discuss the bible passages from one of our forthcoming services. The date of the next monthly Bible Study at The Rectory is **this Thursday 12th January at 8.00pm**. The Bible readings, which will be studied will be those for Sunday 22nd January, the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany:-

Isaiah 9: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club will start up again **this Monday 9th January** - it 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

FOOD BOX:

Thank you to those who have been leaving items in the Food Box. The demand for goods continues. If anyone would like to leave suitable items, please place them either in or close to the box in the church porch. All items must be non-perishable and well in-date. Below is a list of suggested items:- Tea, coffee, long-life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tins vegetables, tins soup, tins meat/chicken/tuna, long-life tinned meals.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE UP TO THE END OF JANUARY:

Next week, 15th January, the service here will be a Family Service at 11.00am. We look forward to welcoming young families but all ages are welcome.

The other services in the Benefice are:-

9.30am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

9.30am Café Church (Stoke Hammond)

On Sunday 22nd January there is no service here, services in the Benefice are:-

9.30am Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

11.00am Family Service (Little Brickhill)

11.00am Mattins (BCP) (Bow Brickhill)

On Sunday 29th January there will be just one service in the Benefice:-

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

This a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

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