

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022: Celebrating the Baptism of Christ

Welcome to our Morning Worship service this morning, led by Jeremy. 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:-

Acts 8: 14 - 17; Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 – 22

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

We are now able to accept collections via a contactless credit/debit card device; these can still be given through the gift aid scheme. Please see Phillipa if you would like to do this.

The current COVID regulations: There have been no further guidelines issued. The most recent change was with regard to the wearing of face masks, which are now required in a range of indoor venues including places of worship. While there are exemptions, this is a legal requirement and **so everyone needs to wear a face covering while at our services in church**, unless there is a legitimate reason not to.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PAULINE WALLER:-

As you will know the funeral service for Pauline took place on Tuesday. The beautiful flowers on the coffin, lovely hymns and music, and the family memories made it a memorable occasion. The flowers in the display here in the church around the font, were made by people in various styles and materials, in recognition of Pauline's love of crafting and creativity. The display will remain in the church for a little while for anyone who would like to come in and see them.

The Rector would like to thank everyone for the messages and cards he has received; the lovely things that have been written have been a real comfort and help to the family. John would also like to thank those who came to the service and Parish Hall afterwards. The sample of Pauline's work, which was on display in the Parish Hall, showed just how skilful Pauline was.

Looking ahead, the Rector will be working throughout January but will be having the month of February off as extended leave. This had been planned for some time, since John's three-month sabbatical last year had to be cancelled.

COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 22nd JANUARY:

There will not be a service here over the weekend 22nd/23rd January but we will be holding a Coffee Morning in the church on Saturday from 10.30am - 12 noon, an open invitation for anyone to call into the church at any time for informal coffee and biscuits.

MONDAY NEWS:

The weekly **Monday Morning Coffee Club** for mothers and toddlers, and anyone else who would like to attend, will re-start tomorrow, **Monday 10th January** from 9.30am to 11.30am.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE NEXT WEEK:

The service here will be a Family Service at 11.00am. We look forward to welcoming young families but all ages welcome.

The other services in the Benefice:-

9.30am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

9.30am Café Church (Stoke Hammond)

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