

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

## **Sunday 21st February – The First Sunday in Lent**

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Tim Holden playing the organ. Thank you to both of you.

The reading this morning is: **Colossians 1 vs. 15 – 20.**

This reading is linked with the first session of study of the Lent Course, to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **THE LENT COURSE BEGINS ON THURSDAY 25th**

All the details are in a special leaflet that you will find on the bookcase by the door. Please help yourself to one. Details have also been placed in the Parish Newsletter and on the new Website. The first Thursday afternoon session will be held on **25<sup>th</sup> February** and will be hosted at Furze Hill, with lunch from 12.30 and the course commencing at 2 o'clock. The course dates are: 25<sup>th</sup> February at Furze Hill, Ivy Lane; 4<sup>th</sup> March at Roxburgh House, Ivy Lane; 11<sup>th</sup> March at Old Farm, Ivy Lane; 18<sup>th</sup> March at Church Close, Church Lane; and the final session on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Green Farm, Stoke Lane.

The Rector has produced a handout for each of the weekly sessions. To download the handout visit the "Lent Course 2010" section of the website.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **THE SNOWDROP WALK WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**This year's Snowdrop Walk** will be held next Sunday from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Please tell your friends and ask them to come along. All the donations given will be for the running costs of the Church.

Betty Kinsey will be organising the refreshments in the Church. **PLEASE COULD YOU BAKE A CAKE FOR THE REFRESHMENTS?** If you can help please tell Betty Kinsey (261836). Helpers will also be needed to serve the teas.

## **AN INVITATION TO VISIT OUR BELLHANGERS ON SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

On the morning of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, the village and friends of the village bells have been invited to visit the workshops of Whites of Appleton in Oxfordshire to see our eight bells and the old 1681 Sanctus bell assembled in the new bell frame on the workshop floor before being installed back in our church tower. At 10.30am, there will be a tour of the workshops to see how the wooden bell wheels and the fittings are made, and there is a mini ring of bells, which we can ring.

If enough people wish to join the bell ringers on this tour, we will arrange a coach to leave at 9.00am, for which there will be a charge to cover the cost, and there will be a small contribution to the Bell Fund. On the return journey, we may arrange to have lunch in a village pub, arriving back home about 4.00pm. If you would like to visit the Appleton workshop, please call or e-mail David Middleton on 261024 or at [DMiddleton@themail.co.uk](mailto:DMiddleton@themail.co.uk) as soon as possible, giving your name and phone number and leaving a message indicating if you would like transport to Appletons and if you would wish to stop for a pub lunch.

## **MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS**

The Spring Concert will be held in church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. For more details go to the "Events in Great Brickhill" section on the website.

## **THE NEW BENEFICE WEB SITE**

Please use the new Benefice website whenever you need information about services, events or lists of rotas. The website is updated regularly and so is more current than say, the Monthly Newsletters. Also, the Pew Sheets are available on the website shortly after the service for you to read/download. The address of the web site is:- [www.brickhillchurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillchurches.org.uk)

**Next Sunday, 28th February, there will be a Family Service with Baptism here at 11am, led by the Rector.**

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