

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 28th February – The Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to our **Family Service and Baptism** this morning, led by the Rector with Rosemary Howell playing the organ. Thank you to both of you. We also welcome most warmly the family and friends of Doug and Norina Muirhead, whose daughter will be baptised today. The family and godparents will be taking a central role in our service today.

The reading this morning is: **John 1 vs. 29 – 51**. This reading is linked with the second session of study of the Lent Course, to be held on Thursday 4th March.

THE SNOWDROP WALK WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON WITH TEAS IN THE CHURCH

We will be going ahead despite the atrocious weather. However the Walk and teas will be repeated next weekend, when we hope for better weather. Please join us on at least one of these afternoons – and tell your friends.

THIS WEEK

On **Wednesday 3rd March from 7 – 8pm**, there will be a **Prayer for Healing meeting** at the Rectory. Everyone is welcome and John would like to hear from anyone who would like to receive prayer or give prayers for someone they know.

The Lent Course continues on Thursday 4th March.

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. Everyone is welcome even if you were unable to come to the first session last week. The second Thursday afternoon session will be held on **4th March** and will be hosted at Roxburgh House, Ivy Lane, with a light lunch from 12.30 and the course commencing at 2.00 o'clock. The remaining course dates are: 11th March at Old Farm, Ivy Lane; 18th March at Church Close, Church Lane; and the final session on 25th March at Green Farm, Stoke Lane.

AN INVITATION TO VISIT OUR BELLHANGERS

On the morning of Saturday 13th 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 as soon as possible, giving your name and phone number and leaving a message indicating if you would like transport to Appleton and if you would wish to stop for a pub lunch.

THE BENEFICE MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER, 1ST APRIL 7PM.

It is Great Brickhill's turn in the Benefice to host the supper this year. The format will be the same as in previous years but we will be holding it in the Church this year because the Parish Hall is already booked for a regular class. Please keep the evening free and everyone is welcome to come to a simple meal around which a communion service is held. Families with children are particularly welcome.

MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert will be held on Sunday 9th May. Full details of the programme will follow soon but for more information go to the "Events in Great Brickhill" section on the website.

Next Sunday, 7th March, there will be a service of **Holy Communion here at 9.30am, led by Sister Hazel.**

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The address of the Benefice website is www.brickhillschurches.org.uk