

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 14th March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent and Mothering Sunday (Combined Pew Sheet for both services)

Welcome to **Morning Worship** this morning, led by Phillipa with Susan Noon playing the organ. We would like to thank you both. We will be distributing posies of Spring Flowers during the final hymn of the service. Julia and Jan Simpson have made the posies this year and I would like to thank them on behalf of everyone.

The theme of the service will be a combination of Mothering Sunday and the Lent Course "Creating Vibrant Christian Communities". There are three readings this morning. They are:

1 Samuel 1 vs. 20 – 28; 1 John 4 vs. 7 – 12; and John 15 vs. 1 – 26. The last of these readings is linked with the fourth session of study of the Lent Course, to be held on Thursday 18th March.

Welcome to **Evensong**, led by the Rector with Paul Dickens playing the organ. We would like to thank you both.

The readings this evening are: **1 John 4 vs. 7 – 12; and John 15 vs. 1 – 26.** The second of these readings is linked with the fourth session of study of the Lent Course, to be held on Thursday 18th March.

THIS WEEK

The Lent Course continues on Thursday 18th March.

Everyone is welcome even if you were unable to come to the first three sessions. The fourth Thursday afternoon session will be held on **18th March** and will be hosted by at Church Close, with a light lunch from 12.30pm and the course commencing at 2.00 o'clock. Please let Lady Rachel know if you would like lunch. The final course session will be held on 25th March at Green Farm, Stoke Lane.

PCC Meeting

There will be a PCC Meeting on **Thursday 18th March at 8pm at Rectory Farm.** If you have any matter to raise please contact any member of the PCC.

FAMILY SERVICE ON PALM SUNDAY (28th MARCH)

On **Sunday 28th March the 11 o'clock Family Service** will be a special service for Palm Sunday involving families from across the Benefice. There will be an opportunity to process through the church and there will be a dramatised version of the gospel reading with everyone invited to take part in some way. If you wish, do bring along your own palms to wave and also an old coat for the procession! Please let friends know, especially if they have children.

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

It is our 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 the Supper 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 very welcome.

MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert will be held on **Sunday 9th May**. Details of the programme will follow soon. For more information visit the website.

THE SNOWDROP WALKS

The weather for the second snowdrop walk last weekend, made up for the miserable day the week before. We had a similar number of visitors on both days despite not being able to advertise the second date so widely. Many people came twice! We raised £981 (£1083 when the Gift Aid refund is included) and we would like to thank all who came and gave so generously. We also would like to thank Sally and David Duncombe for making the event possible, twice! and to all who helped with cakes, teas and hospitality in the Church.

The Deanery Newsletter

There is a copy of the February Newsletter in the church porch. It can also be downloaded from the "Deanery" section of the website.

Next Sunday, 21st March, there will be a service of **Holy Communion here at 9.30am**, led by the Rector.

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