

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany and World Religion Day to promote interfaith understanding.

Welcome to you all for **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector, with Tim Holden playing the organ.

You are very welcome to stay for coffee and a chat after the service.

The bible readings for this morning are:

Isaiah 49 vs. 1 – 7; and 1 Corinthians 1 vs. 1 – 9.

The Gospel reading is **John 1 vs. 29 – 42.**

THIS WEEK

Thursday Group recommences its programme on **Thursday January 20th** with a **New Year Lunch** at **The Hunt Hotel, Linslade**. Please arrive at about 12.30am for lunch at 1pm. Janet Simpson has kindly organised this year's lunch because Pat Clarke continues to be unwell, although she is now beginning to recover.

The next **PCC meeting** will be held at Green Farm at 8pm on **Thursday 20th January**. If you wish to raise any matter with the PCC please contact the Wardens on the numbers given below or Phillipa Cook (261 521).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday Group meetings will begin again on **Thursday, 3rd February** at 2.30pm and the **Lent Lunches and Bible Study** begin on **Thursday 17th March**. More details of the Lent Course will follow soon. Contact Betty Kinsey (on 261836) for details.

The Snowdrop Walk will happen again this year on two consecutive Sundays in the usual location. The dates have been set for 27th February and the 6th March, but are subject to

change depending on the snowdrops being at their best. Please look out for the notice boards confirming the dates and invite your friends!! Visitors are invited to make a donation towards the running costs of our church. There will be teas served in the church on both days and the organisers will be asking for offers of help and donations of cakes etc.

Neil Hartwell's funeral was held here on Friday, 14th January. We send our condolences and prayers to Keith and his family. The church was packed with mourners who came to give thanks for Neil's life.

This year's **Alpha Course** has begun at **Wing**. It is not too late to join the course and the details are given on the notice board in the church porch next to the door with contact names if you would like further information.

Almost 50 photos have been added to the church website to cover recent events. Do visit the site to view the four new Photo galleries covering the recent snow scenes, the Nuevo Reto, the Nativity and the Christmas decorations / flower arrangements around the church:- www.brickhillschurches.org.uk

Next Sunday, 23rd January there will be a special **Family Service here at 11am**, led by the Rector. The service is called "**Special People, Special Things**". What is special for you? Please bring something that is special for you to the family service next Sunday. Children, families, and people of all ages are welcome to come and join in our worship together.

On the following Sunday (January 30th) there will be a United Benefice Communion Service at Stoke Hammond at 10am.

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