

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th February – The Third Sunday before Lent and Septuagesima

Welcome to everyone for this celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Tim Holden and the choir. Our thanks to you all.

The bible readings for the service are:

Leviticus 19 vs. 1 – 2 & 9 – 18;
1 Corinthians 3 vs. 10 – 11 & 16 – end; and
the Holy Gospel reading is: Matthew 5 vs. 38 – 48.

THIS WEEK

There is no **House Communion** this Wednesday because the Rector is away on Retreat. The next **Thursday Group meeting** is on **Thursday afternoon, March 3rd**.

THE SNOWDROP WALKS WILL BE HELD IN THE USUAL LOCATION ON NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 27th FEBRUARY AND THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY 6th MARCH, from 2pm to 4pm.

Please tell your friends. All the donations given will be for the running costs of the Church. There will be teas served in the Church on both days. **PLEASE COULD YOU BAKE A CAKE FOR THE REFRESHMENTS?** If you can help please ring 261836. Helpers are also needed to serve the teas in the Church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates!!!

****** Wednesday, 9th March ******

ASH WEDNESDAY this year falls on **Wednesday, 9th March**. There will be a Benefice service of **Holy Communion at 10.30am here in Great Brickhill**, led by the Rector.

****** Thursday, 17th March ******

The **Lent Lunches and Discussions begin** and are held every Thursday through Lent. The first will be held at 51A Lower Way on **Thursday, March 17th**.

**** **Saturday, 2nd April** ****

This is the date when we plan to give the church a **Spring Clean and general tidy-up**. We would love everyone to come and give us an hour or so during the morning. We plan to have the church looking lovely for Mothering Sunday on the following day, when

**** **Sunday, 3rd April – Mothering Sunday** ****

This service will be at 11am and NOT at 9.30am, as usual. It will be led jointly by the Rector and Sister Hazel, who will celebrate Holy Communion with hymns. The service will be followed by a pre-lunch celebration of drinks and light refreshments. Please invite your friends.

**** **Saturday, 9th April** ****

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 9th at noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and marquee. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall.

**** **Thursday, 14th April** ****

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Thursday April 14th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS

The Rector is on Retreat this week at the Society of Martha and Mary in Devon. We would like to join with you in wishing John a restful and spiritually refreshing week.

Open Door Food Collection: For many months we asked you to bring non-perishable food to church for the Open Door Food Cupboard in Milton Keynes. Then, doubts were raised about the future of the charity. Clare Amies has asked us to pass on that the charity has secured funding at least until May and so we would like you to resume your giving and place your contributions in the usual place. Clare will empty the basket regularly and take it to Open Door. Please see the letter in the basket for information.

Next Sunday, 27th February, there will be a **Family Service at 11am**, led by the Rector and followed by the first of the **Snowdrop Walks** with teas in the Church from 2pm – 4pm.

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