

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 13th March – The First Sunday in Lent

Welcome to everyone for **Morning Worship** this morning, led by Jeremy (and not Phillipa, as we wrote last week – our mistake!). Susan Noon is playing the organ for us. We would like to say thank you to Jeremy and Susan.

We will serve tea or coffee after this morning's service and you are very welcome to stay for a chat.

Welcome to **Evensong** this evening, led by The Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ.

The bible readings for the services are those which will be used in the first of this year's Lent Courses. They are:

Genesis 18 vs. 1 - 15, James 2 vs. 1 – 5 & Luke 10 vs. 1 - 11.

THIS WEEK

The LENT COURSE commences this Thursday with a simple lunch served at 12.30pm at 51A Lower Way, followed by the course discussion session between 2.00 – 3.30pm. For this year's course John has chosen a series of Bible readings concerning meals, food and eating as fellowship. The readings will be used at the Sunday services immediately before each of the following Thursday sessions. This Sunday and Thursday the readings are based on the theme: **Welcoming Strangers: Abraham and the three visitors.**

Please could you ring 261592 if you will be coming to this session, especially if you would like to have lunch? It is particularly difficult to judge the likely numbers at the first session of such a course. Thank you.

NEWS

THE SECOND OF THE SNOWDROP WALKS was a great success with almost as many visitors coming as came on the first Sunday. The total raised during both afternoons together was £1164, considerably more than last year, which was a wonderful result especially as the weather was so awful on the first afternoon. Thank you to the hosts for allowing the event to

take place and for welcoming all the visitors. Thanks also to those who baked all the cakes and served the teas.

CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.

There have already been a number of programmes on television and radio to mark this anniversary and parishes are joining in the celebrations in varied ways. In the Benefice, the Rector and Wardens have chosen to have a month of activity in October which includes Bible Sunday. It is likely that the King James Bible will play a significant part in the regular services during October. If you have any thoughts on how we might achieve this please let us know and if you have a particular reading from the King James Bible that you would like to see be part of the celebrations, please give us the details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates!!!

****** 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.

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

This service will be at 11am and **NOT** at the usual time of 9.30am. 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. If anyone is willing to display a poster in a prominent place locally please call 01525 261527.

****** 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. **The meeting will conclude with Compline** (a short said service of evening prayer). **If you wish to join the Electoral Roll you should do so before the Annual Meeting. Please contact Jeremy Hopkinson on 261711. For more details go to the “Electoral Roll” section of the website.**

****** Thursday, 21st April ******

The Maundy Thursday Supper will be held this year at Little Brickhill in the Parish Hall. The supper begins at 7pm with a simple service followed by the meal. Next week we will place a board on the book case for you sign up if you would like to come.

NEXT SUNDAY, 20th March, there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion at 9.30am**, led by the Rector.

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