

## **[ SERVICE CANCELLED DUE TO SNOW ]**

### **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

**SUNDAY 5th February – The Third Sunday before Lent and Septuagesima**

Welcome to everyone for this celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by Father Colin Griffiths. I am writing this Pew Sheet at 4.30pm on Saturday afternoon. The snow is forecast for 5pm. I hope that we do not have snow this morning and that Father Colin has had a comfortable journey to be with us.

The bible readings for the service are:

**Isaiah 40 vs. 21 - 31;**

**1Corinthians 9 vs. 16 – 23**

Holy Gospel reading is:

**Mark 1 vs. 29 – 39.**

### **THIS WEEK**

There is no **House Communion** until after Easter.

**THE SNOWDROP WALKS WILL BE HELD ON NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AND THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY from 2pm to 4pm.**

**This year's Snowdrop Walks** will take place at the usual location. Please tell your friends – we depend on you issuing personal invitations to friends further afield than the village. All the donations given will be for the running costs of the Church.

Betty Kinsey is organising the refreshments in the Church. **PLEASE COULD YOU BAKE A CAKE FOR THE REFRESHMENTS?** If you can help please tell Betty (261836). Helpers are also needed to serve the teas in the Church.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Please note these special dates**

**\*\*\*\* Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February \*\*\*\***

**ASH WEDNESDAY** this year falls on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. There will be a Benefice service of **Holy Communion at 10.30am in Stoke Hammond**, led by the Rector.

**\*\*\*\* Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March \*\*\*\***

The **Lent Lunches and Discussions begin**, and are held every Thursday through March. The first will be held at 51A Lower Way on **Thursday, March 1st**. Please see the separate sheet for details of the themes for this year's discussion sessions.

**\*\*\*\* Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April \*\*\*\***

The **PLANT FAYRE** will be held on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** from **noon until 4pm**, in the **Parish Hall and Marquee**. **Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall.**

**\*\*\*\* Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April \*\*\*\***

The **Annual Church Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>** at **7.30pm** in the Church. **All are welcome to attend.**

## **NEWS**

**The Rector is away from 7<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> February**. He is taking some leave to visit the Holy Land on a clergy tour. I am sure that you will wish him a safe, restful and spiritually refreshing holiday.

**Change to service times: From March 4<sup>th</sup>, the service held on the first Sunday of the month (Prayer Book Holy Communion) will start at 11am.** The change will enable those who are less mobile to get to the church for the service and it will also enable the Rector to take this service every other month.

## The Christmas Charity

A letter of thanks has been received from “The Worshipful Company of Carriage Drivers Disneyland Organising Committee”. The £339 raised from the Charity Evensong and Christmas Greetings Card Tree will go towards the £140,000 estimated cost of the “Children’s Magical Taxi Tour 2012” which departs on 12<sup>th</sup> October. A copy of the letter is on display in the church porch.

**Next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February**, there will be **Morning Worship at 9.30am**, led by Jeremy and followed by the first of the **Snowdrop Walks** with teas in the Church from 2pm – 4pm. **Evensong will follow at 6pm**, led by Jeremy with Judith Saunders preaching the sermon.

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