



*Christmas Greetings
from everyone at
St Mary's, Great Brickhill
23 December 2012*

The Crib Service

Welcome to our special Crib Service this morning. Please join us for refreshments when you arrive and after the service. The programme for the service is given below:

Welcome

SINGING: See amid the winter's snow

Drama Sketch: 'Free Tickets'

Finding stars and crib figures

SINGING: While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Building the crib scene

Reading: Luke 2. 4 – 7
Mary and Joseph
Prayer

Reading: Luke 2. 8 – 16
Shepherds and sheep
Prayer

Reading: Matthew 2. 1 – 2, 7 - 11
Wise men
Prayer

SINGING: Away in a manger

Prayers:

Collecting the stars

Lord's Prayer

SINGING: In the bleak midwinter
as we sing we will all move to the West door for.....

The Nativity tableau

Closing Prayer and Blessing

CHURCH NEWS

OUR ANNUAL CHARITY EVENSONG on 9th December was in aid of our chosen Christmas charity, Willen Hospice. So far **£1032** has been raised – thank you for your generosity.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD TREE donations are also in aid of Willen. Please place your donation in the special “Willen Gift Aid” envelopes provided and pass them to me or Phillipa Cook.

CAROL SINGING round the village took place on Saturday 15th December. Thank you to the singers and collectors. The fantastic sum of **£374** was collected towards church funds.

SPONSOR A LIGHT in aid of St Mary 2000. As you can see, the outdoor lights are on the tower and along the path. Dedication forms are available on the bookcase inside the church entrance.

SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEXT SUNDAY

On Christmas Eve in Great Brickhill at 5pm there will be a **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**. Please come and join in some rousing carol singing.

On Christmas Day in Great Brickhill at 11am there will be **Holy Communion**, led by the Rector.

Other Christmas Services across our Benefice:

- Bow Brickhill:- Christmas Eve at 11.45pm, Holy Communion
- Stoke Hammond:- Christmas Eve, 11.30pm, Holy Communion
- Little Brickhill:- Christmas Day at 9.30am, Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 30th December there will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion here at Great Brickhill at 10.00am.

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