

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 30th December – The First Sunday of Christmas

Welcome to our United Benefice Service of **Holy Communion** (Common Worship) this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

1 Samuel 2 vs. 18 – 20 & 26

Colossians 3 vs. 12 – 17

Luke 2 vs. 41 – end

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Services – those who helped with the preparation or took part in the services, the organists, choir, bell ringers, readers, and particularly those who decorated the church so beautifully. All three services were very special and successful in their own way. It was lovely to see so many young families at the Crib Service last Sunday. The Christmas Eve traditional Carol Service was as popular as ever, with some wonderful singing by both choir and congregation. On Christmas morning we celebrated the birth of Christ in our special Christmas Day Holy Communion Service.

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS

The **Annual Charity Evensong** on 9th December and the donations from the Christmas Card Tree were in aid of our chosen Christmas charity, Willen Hospice. So far **£1062** has been raised – thank you for your generosity.

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. The dedications received will be transcribed into the Commemoration Book in the New Year. £95 has been raised.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY (The Epiphany)

There will be a service of Prayer Book Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 11.00am, led by Father Colin.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion 9.30am, led by the Rector

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service 11.00am, led by the Rector

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