

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 6th January – The Epiphany

Welcome to our Prayer Book service of **Holy Communion** to celebrate the Epiphany this morning, led by Father Colin Griffiths.

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

The readings this morning are:

Isaiah 60 vs. 1 - 6

Ephesians 3 vs. 1 - 12

Matthew 2 vs. 1 - 12

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. 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 has raised £95. The dedications received will be transcribed into the Commemoration Book over the next month or so.

TOMORROW, there is **Drop-in with the Post Office**, as usual, in the Parish Hall, from 1.30pm onwards.

NEXT THURSDAY, 10th January, the Thursday Group will hold their Christmas and New Year Lunch at the Wheatsheaf in Bow Brickhill at 12.30pm. Please contact 261836 if you would like to arrange a lift to the pub. Regular Thursday Group meetings will resume after Lent.

ON SATURDAY, 19th January, there is a Coffee Morning in the church at 11am for all who contribute their time on the various church rotas to help run St Mary's, Great Brickhill. You may have received an invitation already and we do hope that you will come and join us. Please contact Val Baldwin for details (261592 or vafutcher@hotmail.com).

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 13th JANUARY

There will be Morning Worship here in Great Brickhill at 9.30am, led by Jane Castle and **Evensong** at 6pm, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill Family Service with Baptism at 11am, led by the Rector

Little Brickhill Morning Worship at 11am

Stoke Hammond Covenant Service at the Methodist Church at 11am.

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