

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 20th January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector. There is some uncertainty about the arrangements for this morning's service because of the snowy weather. I hope that you have a safe journey both to and from the Church this morning. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Isaiah 62 vs. 1 - 5

1 Corinthians 12 vs. 1 - 11

John 2 vs. 1 - 11

YESTERDAY, a most enjoyable coffee morning was held for the 80+ members of our church family who, through their gift of time, make the day-to-day running of our church possible. The event was organised by Val Baldwin to whom we give our thanks for all she does for us. We hope to make this coffee morning into a regular diary date to say 'thank you'. We couldn't function without you. A particular thank you goes to Steve Wilson who cleared the snow from the church path.

THIS WEEK:

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

THURSDAY GROUP now takes a break until after Easter.

On THURSDAY there will be a **PCC Meeting** at Green Farm, Stoke Lane. Please let any member of the PCC know if you have a matter you wish to be raised.

CHURCH EVENTS AND SERVICES:

SNOWDROP WALK

The next event in the Church Calendar is the Snowdrop Walk which will happen again in the usual location. The dates have been set for **17th and 24th February**. Please look out for the notice boards

confirming the dates, and invite your friends as we depend on you letting people know by word of mouth. The church bells will be rung on both days. Teas will be served in the church and we are asking for offers of help and donations of cakes etc. Visitors will be invited to make a donation towards the running costs of the church.

PLANT FAYRE

The 14th Annual Plant Fayre supporting St Mary's Church will take place at Great Brickhill Parish Hall and Marquee on **6th April 2013**. Look out for further news in the coming weeks.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **Wednesday, 13th February**. There will be a service of Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 10.30am.

Information about the LENT COURSE will be available soon.

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised and this year is when that has to happen. In order to continue as a voting member of the church it is necessary for you to register by completing a short form. The forms are available from the Warden or can be downloaded from the "Electoral Roll" section of the Benefice website: <http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk/electoral-roll/>

The form must be completed and handed to Jeremy Hopkinson by the next Annual Church Meeting to be held in April (but ideally earlier and in good time for the meeting).

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 27th JANUARY:

There will be a Family Service here in Great Brickhill at 11am, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill Holy Communion at 8.00am

Little Brickhill No service

Stoke Hammond Morning Worship at 9.30am

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