

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 27th January – The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector with Margaret Oliver playing the piano and Renu Tribhuvan leading our prayers of intercession. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The reading this morning is:

Luke 4 vs. 14 – 21.

THIS WEEK:

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

HOUSE COMMUNION will be held on **Wednesday 30th January at 10.30am**, at Knightleys, Heath Road. **This is the final House Communion in Great Brickhill before Easter.**

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 **6 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.

Planning for the **LENT COURSES** in the Benefice is underway. It is hoped that two of the three courses will run in Great Brickhill:

An evening course based on the Lectionary Readings for Lent, followed by quiet reflection, prayers and discussion.

An afternoon course based around a short series of audio recordings of lectures/sermons followed by quiet reflection.

At Stoke Hammond the course will be held on Tuesday afternoon and will be based on the Lectionary Readings for Lent.

Full details of all the courses will be available next week. Everyone will be welcome to join in any of the sessions at any of the venues.

COFFEE MORNING

A week ago 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. Such was its success that we plan to make this an annual event in January.

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.brickhillchurches.org.uk/electoral-roll/>

The form must be completed and handed to Jeremy Hopkinson at the latest by the next Annual Church Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd April (but ideally earlier and in good time for the meeting).

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY

There will be Prayer Book Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 11am, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill Holy Communion at 9.30am

Little Brickhill No service

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

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