The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 3rd February – The Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our Prayer Book service of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4: 1-end; Luke 8: 22-25

THIS WEEK:

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

A reminder that THURSDAY GROUP is taking a break until after 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. Please contact Betty Kinsey (261836) if you are able to help serve teas in the church or you can offer to make some cakes for either Sunday. 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 **Saturday 6th April 2013.** Look out for further news in the coming weeks.

ASH WEDNESDAY is **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. Two of the three courses will be 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 on Tuesday afternoons the course will be based on the Lectionary Readings for Lent.

Full details of all the courses will be available in next week's Pew Sheet and on the website as soon as the details are confirmed. Everyone will be welcome to join in any of the sessions at any of the venues.

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 at the latest by the Annual Church Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd April (but ideally earlier and in good time for the meeting).

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY:

There will be Morning Worship here in Great Brickhill at 9.30am, led by Phillipa and **Evensong** at 6pm, led by Jeremy.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill Family Service 11.00am, led by Jane Castle **Little Brickhill** No service

Stoke Hammond Holy Communion 9.30am, led by Father Colin Griffiths

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