

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 24th February – The Second Sunday in Lent.**

Welcome to everyone for our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector with Rosemary Howell playing for our singing. The reading this morning will be one of those used for the Evening Lent Discussion Group this week.

I am sorry that we will be unable to offer refreshments after the service this morning because we will be preparing to serve the teas this afternoon at the second Snowdrop Walk.

The reading this morning is: **Luke 19 vs. 1 – 10.**

### **THIS AFTERNOON:**

**THE SECOND OF THE SNOWDROP WALKS WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON with AFTERNOON TEA IN THE CHURCH.**

Please come along to the Snowdrop Walk and bring your neighbours and your friends. All the donations given will be for the running costs of the Church.

**THE FIRST SESSIONS OF THE LENT COURSES** were held last week. The second sessions will be held on this coming Wednesday evening (27<sup>th</sup> February) and Thursday afternoon (28<sup>th</sup> February). The details of the themes for these sessions are given in the pink coloured leaflet that can be found on the bookcase.

Everyone is welcome to join in both these courses, but please let Simon and Juliet Bennett (261210 [simon.bennett7@tesco.net](mailto:simon.bennett7@tesco.net)) know if you intend coming to the Wednesday evening course session and Val Baldwin (261592 [vafutcher@hotmail.com](mailto:vafutcher@hotmail.com)) know if you are going to attend the light lunch in the Parish Hall at 1.30pm on Thursday afternoon.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Please note these special dates:-**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March is Palm Sunday.** There will be a special United Benefice Service at Bow Brickhill at 10am, to include a Palm Sunday procession. There will be no Family Service at Great Brickhill on that Sunday.

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and marquee. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall.

## **NEWS:**

**THE FIRST SNOWDROP WALK**, held last Sunday raised the most wonderful total of just over £1000, (much of this gift aided and so raising even more for the church running costs). The success of the afternoon was due in part to the exceptionally fine and sunny weather that showed off the snowdrops that were looking their best – and the excellent teas served in the church. Our thanks go those who made it possible and for all who helped on the afternoon.

## **CHURCHYARD MOWING**

The rota for mowing the churchyard will be drawn up in the next few weeks. A few of those who have kindly done the mowing for a number of years are no longer able to continue. The mowing takes about three hours and can be done at any time during a two-week period. The mower and petrol is provided – a second mower can be made available if anyone wishes to share the load. Anyone who is able to help, or for more information, please contact Phillipa Cook:- 261521 [neilacook@aol.com](mailto:neilacook@aol.com)

## **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, 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH:**

**There will be Prayer Book Holy Communion** in Great Brickhill at 11.00am, led by Father Colin.

### **Other Services across the Benefice:**

<b>Bow Brickhill</b>	Holy Communion at 9.30am
<b>Little Brickhill</b>	No Service this Sunday
<b>Stoke Hammond</b>	Family Service with Baptism at 11am

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