

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

## **SUNDAY 19th JANUARY:- The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat after the service.

The readings this morning are:-

**Isaiah 49: 1 - 7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9; John 1: 29 - 42**

### **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:**

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 20th January, at the Parish Hall.

**The Thursday Group** held an enjoyable New Year Lunch on Thursday at The Wheatsheaf in Bow Brickhill. There will now be fortnightly meetings at 30 Pound Hill, a chance for to meet up for a cup of tea and a chat at 2.30pm. Next meeting:- 30th January.

There will be no more **Midweek Holy Communion** Services until further notice.

### **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 well attended. The Crib Service proved popular again with young families and the weather was dry for the Nativity tableau to be outside at the end of the service. There was as usual standing room only for the traditional Christmas Eve Carol Service, with some wonderful singing by the choir. On Christmas morning we celebrated the birth of Christ in our special Christmas Day Holy Communion Service.

The extremely stormy weather resulted in water coming in through the roof in several places. Thank you to those who did a splendid job in mopping up the water so that the services could go ahead.

## **CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS:**

The **Annual Charity Evensong** on 8th December and the donations from the Christmas Card Tree were in aid of our chosen Christmas charity, **The Lodge Trust** which provides a Christian provision in Rutland for adults with learning difficulties. Edward and Mary Maley's daughter Sarah-Lily is one of the 29 residents. Edward and Mary are delighted by the total of **£553** raised for The Lodge Trust. They would like to thank everyone for the interest they showed in Sarah-Lily's home and for their generosity.

**SPONSOR A LIGHT** in aid of the restoration of the church organ has raised **£60**. Thank you to Emily Hudson for transcribing the dedications into the Commemoration Book. Thank you to Michael and Julia Turner for providing the tree for the entrance to the church, and to Steve Agambar for assembling it, and setting up the lights on the tree and along the path.

## **VALERIE VESTERGAARD:**

**Valerie** has asked us to let you know **her new address:-**

Flat 34 The Court, Kirket Lane, Bebbington, Wirral, CH63 3EX

Valerie will be here on Sunday 2nd February for her last service before moving up to live close to her son David and family.

## **SNOWDROP WALKS:**

We have been extremely fortunate to have been able to hold this enjoyable event for a number of years but it is not possible to repeat the Snowdrop Walks in 2014. It is hoped that the event may return to the calendar of church events in the future.

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 26th January:**

**There will be a Family Service & Baptism at 11.00am** in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

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

**Bow Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 8.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 9.30am

**Stoke Hammond:-** Covenant Service at 11am (Methodist Church)

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