

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY:- The Second Sunday Before Lent

Welcome to our **Family Service with Baptism** this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry Breslin who is playing the organ to accompany our singing today.

The reading this morning is:- **Mark 1: 4 – 11**

We are particularly pleased to welcome the family and friends of Billy and Kia Bunning on the occasion of the baptism of their son, Joseph Christopher.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat after the service.

Yesterday morning a most enjoyable Coffee Morning was held in the church, an opportunity to say thank you to all those who quietly give up their time to help out with the day to day running of the church. In counting up the number of people who volunteer with the various tasks there were over 90 people to whom invitations were sent - over 60 adults plus children were able to attend.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 24th February, at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group is now meeting fortnightly at 30 Pound Hill, a chance to meet up for a cup of tea and a chat at 2.30pm. Next meeting, this week:- **Thursday, 27th February.**

ASH WEDNESDAY is next week **5th March.** There will be two Benefice Services:- Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 10.30am and a Healing Service in Stoke Hammond at 7.30pm.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN, AS FROM NEXT WEEK:

The change to the **pattern of Sunday Services** will commence **next Sunday** – if you haven't already done so, please pick up **one of the green/blue flyers available from the bookcase**, giving details of the **new service pattern** across the benefice.

VALERIE VESTERGAARD:

Valerie has sent the following letter:

“To all at Great Brickhill Parish Church.

Please may I thank you all for the lovely farewell service I had on February 2nd and for the pictures. I was thankful for a Said Service, had it been a Sung one I would have been in tears!

It was wonderful to see so many people there and I was grateful for John’s kind words and an unexpected glass of wine!

I am going to miss you all.

I have had a marvellous welcome here with flowers from the family, Church Wardens, Church members and yesterday from the Women’s’ Fellowship.

Weather permitting I am in walking distance of church, Rectory and shops which is wonderful.

Again my thanks,

Valerie Vestergaard”

(N.B. The telephone number that Valerie gave for her new home in the Wirral was incorrect - it should be 01516 441461).

LENT COURSES:

The Lent courses will commence the week beginning 10th March. There will a course held in **Great Brickhill** on **Thursday afternoons** in the meeting room at the Parish Hall, and on **Wednesday evenings** at **Old Farm**, and in Stoke Hammond on Tuesday afternoons. Full details will be available shortly. **All will be welcome to join in any of the sessions at any of the venues.**

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 2nd MARCH:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

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