

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

## **SUNDAY 16th MARCH:- The Second Sunday of Lent**

Welcome to our Service of Morning Worship this morning, led by the Jeremy with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and a chat after the service.

The readings this morning are:-

**Genesis 12: 1 - 4a; Romans 4: 1-5 & 13-17; John 3: 1 - 17**

### **New Sunday Service pattern:**

The change to the **pattern of Sunday Services** started at the **beginning of March** – 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.

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

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 17th March, at the Parish Hall.

### **The Lent Courses across the Benefice started last week.**

There are three Lent Courses per week - all will be welcome to join in any session at any of the venues:-

**Great Brickhill on Wednesdays** at 7.45pm at **Old Farm, Ivy Lane** – subject **“The Bible Course”**, a **DVD at 8pm followed by discussion**. Also on **Thursdays in the Lady Chapel** (note change of venue) - a series of **talks starting at 2pm** by the Rector, **“Faith and Experience”**, followed by refreshments and discussion.

**Stoke Hammond** on Tuesday at 2pm – Bible Study, exploring the gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

**Full details of the courses can be found in the pink flyers that are available for collection from the bookcase.**

### **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

#### **CHURCH / CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP, Saturday 29th March**

On the morning of Saturday 29th March from 10.00am we will be holding a Church Spring Clean. Please try to give up a couple of hours to help - there will be inside and outside jobs, something suitable for everyone, ..... and there will be lots of refreshments to keep you going.

## **PLANT FAYRE, 12th April from 12 noon to 4.00pm**

Please note the date of this annual event – flyers are available on the bookcase for you to distribute to friends and family who may like to attend. If you are able to offer items for sale, or if you could give some time to help on the stalls, please contact:-

Celia Feetham 261075 (Plants) or Betty Kinsey 261836 (Cakes)

## **THURSDAY GROUP**

**The fortnightly meetings of the Thursday Group** will resume on Thursday 8th May.

## **FAMILY SERVICE, 23rd March at 11.00am**

The theme for next week's Family Service will be "Living Water". With plenty of activities for children of all ages, everyone is welcome to come and be part of this Family Service.

There's plenty of music & stories to enjoy, fun for all ages, and always a wonderful atmosphere. This month there is also the added bonus of **BACON ROLLS & PASTRIES prior to the service**. So if you fancy a late breakfast and coffee with friends, just follow the smell of bacon **at 10.30am**. Put it on the calendar to make sure you don't miss out!

Any queries about the service, contact:-

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## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 23rd MARCH:**

**There will be a Family Service at 11.00am** in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector – see details above.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Morning Worship at 9.00am

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