

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2015:-

Celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. We hope that Sister Hazel may be able to join us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat. The readings this morning are:-

Malachi 3: 1 - 5; Hebrews 2: 14 - 18; Luke 2: 22 – 40

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:

Please note that an incorrect schedule was inserted in the Parish Newsletter for the February services. The correct version has been sent out to the St Mary's e-mail group – if you haven't received this, copies of the correct schedule are available printed on blue sheets on the bookcase.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, a child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children has had a successful start. The third session will be held **tomorrow morning, Monday 2nd February**. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you! Every Monday in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 2nd February at the Parish Hall

The Thursday Group – the last fortnightly meeting before Lent will be held on **Thursday 12th February, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill** when Janet Prichard will talk about **the Great Brickhill Charity**.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

COFFEE & CAKES, NEXT SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY:

There will be **Coffee & Cakes in the church at 11.00am** for all who contribute their time on the various church rotas to help run St Mary's, Great Brickhill. Invitations have been sent out and we do hope that you will come and join us. **Please contact Val Baldwin by 4th February if you would like to attend (237265 or vafutcher@hotmail.com).**

THE CD RECORDING OF THE BENEFICE CHOIR:

Well done to Jerry and the Benefice Choir for the recording of their CD. There are a few copies left - to purchase a copy contact Jerry: Tel: 01908 582952 or jerrybreslin@hotmail.com.

GREAT BRICKHILL CHRISTMAS BOOK:

David Marlow has produced a wonderful **book of over 50 photographs** that he took in the parish during the Christmas period. **The hard back book is on view on the small table to the left as you enter the church.** Further copies can be purchased from David. In addition, in recognition of the time that David has spent compiling the book, we would welcome **donations**, a suggested minimum of £5. A PDF version of the book is also available. All enquiries and donations (gift aid envelopes can be used if appropriate) to Phillipa Cook – Green Farm, Stoke Lane.

WORKING PARTY FOR THE CHURCHYARD:

Following the pruning of the trees in the north of the churchyard a series of working parties has been arranged for next month to tidy up the churchyard at the rear of the church. Weather provided the work will take place on three Saturdays, 14th, 21st & 28th March. Anyone who is able to help will be most welcome. We have been inundated with comments as to how much people like the improved view of the church, and this work will further enhance the area.

SNOWDROP WALKS, 15th & 22nd FEBRUARY:

The first of our fundraising events for 2015 is the **Snowdrop Walks on Sundays 15th & 22nd February, 2.00 - 4.00pm.** Starting from the church enjoy a walk among the snowdrops and then return to the church for homemade cakes and teas. Please make a note of the dates and spread the word to your friends and family!

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 8th FEBRUARY:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Café Church, 9.30am

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