

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2015:- Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us and to the choir for leading our singing. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31; Colossians 1: 15 - 20; John 1: 1 – 14

COFFEE & CAKES in the church yesterday morning.

Invitations were sent to over 80 people who help with the various church rotas. A convivial time was had by all present. The Rector took the opportunity to thank the 50 plus people attending for the time they contribute to help run St Mary's, Great Brickhill.

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 is held every Monday in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 9th February at the Parish Hall.

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

Ash Wednesday, 18th February. There will be a United Benefice service of Holy Communion at Great Brickhill at 10.30am and an evening Healing Service at Stoke Hammond at 7.30pm. **The Lent Groups** will start week commencing 23rd February – full details will be available next week. The successful evening "Bible Course" held last year will be repeated, on Thursday afternoons.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

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.** In recognition of the time that David has spent compiling the book, we would welcome **donations**, a suggested minimum of £5. Please send your e-mail address with your donation and **a PDF version of the book** will be sent to you. 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, 15th FEBRUARY:

There will be a service of Mattins at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by Phillipa.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 9.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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