

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 29th January 2017:-

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Welcome to our United Benefice Service of Holy Communion this morning. As the Rector is having a late Christmas break we are pleased that Revd Robert Wright is here today to lead our service. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be leading our singing. Everyone is welcome 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

The funeral of Margaret Wolfendale will be held here in the church this coming week.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 30th January. The child-friendly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am.**

Village Drop-In, tomorrow 30th January. Although there is no longer a Post Office, the Drop-In continues on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from 1.20 – 3.20pm, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat.

The Thursday Group is taking a break. Further information will be provided when the details are known.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION:

Thank you to those who met at Rectory Farm on a Saturday morning earlier this month to transfer the load of newspapers from the containers onto the lorry. News of the amount raised from this load will be notified shortly.

The four loads collected in 2016 raised £1030.

THEFT OF LEAD:

Following another theft of lead sometime between Christmas and the New Year from the south side of the roof, the remaining strips from the north side have been taken down. Thank you to Michael Turner for arranging the disposal of the lead, and to Henry Clark, James Northen and Steve Wilson for helping Michael with the removal of the lead from the church. Our roofing contractor has done a temporary repair to make the roof water tight.

SNOWDROP WALKS:

Due to the cold weather the snowdrops are only just beginning to come out and so the dates for our two **Sunday afternoon** walks (from 2.00 – 4.00pm) in **February** are yet to be confirmed. Please look out for the posters or check the website (see below). There will be homemade cakes & teas in the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT:

On **Ash Wednesday 1st March** there will be one service in the four parishes, a United Benefice service of Holy Communion here in **Great Brickhill at 10.30am**.

The **Lent Courses** will start the following week beginning 6th March. The Sunday readings and theme for the services during Lent will form the subject for the Lent Group the following week - the theme will focus on particular bible stories based on journeys / pilgrimages. At Stoke Hammond there will be the usual midweek afternoon Lent Group and there will be an evening course at venues across the Benefice. Full details will be available shortly.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 5th FEBRUARY:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by Revd Steve Barnes.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

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