

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

## **SUNDAY 5th February 2017:- The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning – we are pleased that Revd Steve Barnes will be leading the service, his first visit since Easter 2015. We hope that Sister Hazel may also be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Isaiah 58: 1 - 9a; 1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 12; Matthew 5: 13 - 20**

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

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 6th February.** 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.** Please note that there will **no Coffee Club next Monday, 13th February** as it will be half term.

**Village Drop-In, tomorrow 6th February.** 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.

**High Ash** will give a warm welcome to anyone who would like to attend their monthly **Prayer Meeting this Friday 10th February**, from 2.45 – 3.10pm.

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:**

#### **SNOWDROP WALKS:**

Our first fundraising event of the year will be the annual Snowdrop Walks, which will take place on the **NEXT TWO SUNDAYS, 12th and 19th February** between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please come along to this very popular event and bring your friends with you. There will be homemade cakes and teas in the church – if anyone could **help with baking some cakes**, please contact Betty Kinsey (261836).

## **St MARY'S YEAR BOOK 2016:**

David Marlow has very kindly produced another fantastic St Mary's Year Book featuring photographs he has taken at various events throughout the year. **The new 2016 edition is on display on the small table on the left as you enter the church.** Do take a moment to enjoy looking through the book. If you would like to order a copy, or any individual photographs, the details of how to contact David can be found at the back of the book. We would like to record our thanks to David for all the time and effort he puts in to taking the photos and then compiling the book for us all to enjoy.

## **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 on a Tuesday and there will be an evening course at venues across the Benefice. The full details will be available shortly.

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 12th FEBRUARY:**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Family Service at 11.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

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

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