

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 19th February 2017:- The Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our Prayer Book service of Mattins this morning, led by Phillipa. As we do not have a choir the responses etc. will be Said. Thank you to Rosemary for playing the organ for us for the hymns.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Romans 8: 18 - 25; Matthew 6: 25 – 34

Today's **Psalm is No 136** (verses 1 - 9 & 23 - 26).

After each verse the response for the congregation is:-

“For his mercy endures for ever”

SECOND SNOWDROP WALK THIS AFTERNOON, 2 - 4pm:

Thankfully the temperature looks as if it will be ten degrees higher than for the first walk last Sunday and so no fear of the snowdrops being covered in white. Do come along and bring friends and family to enjoy the walk among the snowdrops, returning to the church for homemade cakes and teas. Thank you to those who braved the elements last week for the first Snowdrop Walk, which raised an amazing **£341.50** plus gift aid. Well done to all concerned and grateful thanks to our hosts David and Sally Duncombe.

PARKING AROUND THE CHURCH:-

The barriers are still on the road outside the church – apologies if you have found it difficult to park this morning. You may be aware that the work being carried out is to bring **superfast broadband into the village**. Information about this has been very poor – for those who do not already know there is a meeting in the **Parish Hall tomorrow, Monday, 20th February from 7.30 – 9.30pm**. The contractors Gigaclear will be there for you to discover the benefits of ultrafast broadband and to answer any questions you may have.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 20th 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**.

Village Drop-In, tomorrow 20th 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.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

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. This edition and the previous ones are available on the Blurb.co.uk website (search for David Marlow). Individual photos can be seen on David's website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com. 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 Course "Pilgrims: Meeting God on the Journey" 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. The full details will be available shortly. There will be an afternoon group at **Stoke Hammond on Tuesdays at 2pm** and an **evening course at venues across the Benefice at 8pm** on Wednesdays 8th & 15th March, Thursdays 23rd & 30th March and Wednesday 5th April.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY:

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector. 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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