

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

## **SUNDAY 11th March 2018:- The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by the Rector when **we will celebrate Mothers' Day**. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us today and to Jerry and the members of the choir who will accompany our singing. Julia has kindly made posies for distribution at the end of the service – thanks to Betty and Sue Head for the garden flowers for the posies. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Exodus 2: 1 - 10; Colossians 3: 12 - 17; John 3: 14 - 21**

**THE LENT COURSE** started last week – the second of the three sessions will be held at Stoke Hammond on Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday evening at 8.00pm in Little Brickhill. **The course “Exploring the Beatitudes”** follows the Bishop of Oxford’s initiative “Called to be Christ-like, a call for Christians to be contemplative, compassionate and courageous”. Full details including dates and venues can be found on **the pink sheets** on the bookcase, or via the “Lent Course” section of the website. **The reverse of the sheets gives all the information for the Lent and Easter services.**

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

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings during term time, in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am.**

**The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons** at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall is open on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

**The weekly Prayer Group** meets on **Thursday mornings** for tea and coffee **at 10.30am** - an informal gathering in the Lady Chapel with an opportunity for quiet, private and open prayer. All are welcome on any Thursday.

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:**

**ANNUAL PLANT FAYRE, SATURDAY 7th APRIL, 11.00 - 4.00pm**  
Plants and cakes required for the stalls, plus offers of help – please contact Celia Hall:- 261075 [celiafeetam@madasafish.com](mailto:celiafeetam@madasafish.com)

## **St MARY'S YEAR BOOK 2017:**

David Marlow has produced another wonderful Year Book, an excellent photographic review of the church events throughout 2017. The book is on the table just inside the entrance to the church. Thank you to David for all his time and effort taking the photos and compiling the book. He has sent a request for anyone who holds a fund raising event to send any photos to him for possible inclusion in the 2018 Year Book:- [david@davidmarlowphotography.com](mailto:david@davidmarlowphotography.com)

## **END OF NEWSPAPER COLLECTION:**

Sadly, the paper recycling company can no longer do the collection from Lower Rectory Farm. Newspapers and cardboard should now be recycled via the blue wheelie bins. Thank you to all who have supported this scheme either donating their unused newspapers, or helping with the collection and emptying the containers onto the lorry. And most of all thank you to the Turner family for supplying the container and allowing it to be located at Lower Rectory Farm.

## **THE BIBLE COURSE:**

This course explores the world's bestseller, discovering how the key events, books and characters of the Bible all fit together. There will be a choice of two introductory sessions on **Wednesday 28th (evening)** or **Thursday 29th (day-time) March** followed by **7 weekly follow-on sessions after Easter**. This course comes highly recommended by those who have done an earlier version of the course. Full details on **the blue flyers** available from the bookcase.

**NEXT SUNDAY, 18th MARCH - CAFÉ CHURCH, 9.30 - 11.00am**  
**A special form of Coffee Morning including a short time for worship**, to celebrate and give thanks for the support given by so many people for the church. Please feel free to come and join us for coffee and pastries, for as little or as long as you would like, at this informal gathering in place of our usual formal service.

## **Other Services across the Benefice:-**

**Bow Brickhill:-** [ Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am ]

**Little Brickhill:-** Family Service with Baptism at 11.00am

**Stoke Hammond:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

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