

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

## **SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER 2018: Third Sunday of Advent**

Welcome to our service of Morning Worship led by Jeremy. Thank you to Rosemary for playing the organ for us today. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:- **Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Luke 3: 7-18**

**Thank you to the few who turned out to go carol singing yesterday evening. As it was so cold with pouring rain, the decision was made to abandon. We hope to cover more of the village than planned next Saturday. Anyone interested in coming along to sing or collect, meet at The Three Trees at 4pm.**

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:-**

**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. **Tomorrow, 17th December** will be the last time that the Coffee Club meets until it resumes next term on **Monday 7th January**.

**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 Prayer Group** is now held **in church on the second and fourth Mondays** of each month. Meet around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club. **The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be in the New Year on Mondays 14th and 28th January.**

### **ADVENT COFFEE MORNING ON 1st DECEMBER:**

Thank you to everyone who made the Advent Coffee Morning a success. With an additional donation the magnificent sum raised is now **£985.65** – a breakdown of the total is on display in the church porch. Pauline Sear was the winner of the Christmas Cake and Pauline Waller won the Ginger Bread House. David Marlow has uploaded some photos of the Coffee Morning to his website:-

[www.davidmarlowphotography.com](http://www.davidmarlowphotography.com)

### **CHRISTMAS CHARITY APPEAL:**

This year's chosen charity is Willen Hospice. There are various leaflets available on the bookcase and the font giving current

information about Willen. The donations collected at the Songs of Praise service amounted to £160, most of which was gift aided. **Our appeal is still open** – anyone who would like to contribute, please take one of the Willen envelopes and return it with your donation to Phillipa Cook (Green Farm) **before this Thursday, 20th December.**

### **SPONSOR A LIGHT:**

If you would like to sponsor a light on the Christmas tree at the church, the dedication sheets are available just inside the entrance to the church. Donations will go to general church funds and the dedications will be transcribed into the special Commemoration Book. The sheets should be returned to Phillipa along with your donation (suggested £5 per light) – please use the Gift Aid Scheme if you are a tax payer.

### **SAVE A PENNY.....TO SPEND A PENNY!":**

As you will know we are saving to build a toilet and have started this new initiative – if you would like to help, please take an empty jar that you will find in the church porch. Please return the jar when full of coins via Phillipa to the Church Treasurer, Neil Cook who will count the coins and let you know how much was in your jar, ..... and issue you with a new jar if you wish to continue supporting the scheme.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

**Please take away one of the orange/red leaflets** on the bookcase giving details of the services across the Benefice throughout the Christmas period to the end of the year. **In brief at Great Brickhill:-**  
**Sunday 23rd December** - The Nativity, 11am at The Old Red Lion  
**Christmas Eve** - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 5.00pm.  
**Christmas Day** - Holy Communion at 11.00am, led by the Rector.

**This is the last Pew Sheet until the New Year and so a note of:-**

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY:**

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

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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