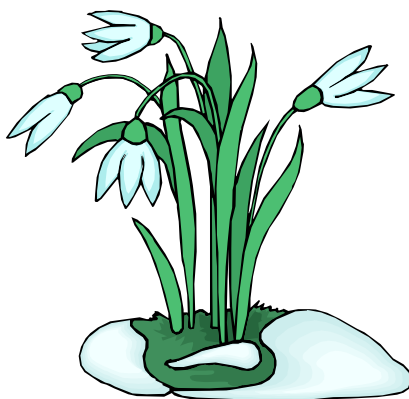


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

PCC NEWSLETTER, 8th FEBRUARY 2019



SNOWDROP WALKS - SUNDAY 10th & 17th FEBRUARY

Firstly, a report of recent events,

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

High Ash held end of term School Christingle Services on 17th December for the younger children and 18th December for the older children.

Thank you to all those who helped with the preparation or took part in all the Christmas services and to those who decorated the church so beautifully.

Thank you also to Helen Ivory at The Old Red Lion for hosting The Nativity on Sunday 23rd December. Thanks to all the children who took part and to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music.

The church was as usual full for the traditional Christmas Eve Carol Service. Thanks to the choir and to Jerry Breslin for their magnificent contribution to the musical content of the service.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY APPEAL:

Carol Singing around the village could only take place on Saturday 22nd December due to the poor weather the previous week. Thank you to the singers and collectors. A total of £389 was raised.

Our Christmas Charity Appeal was for "Willen Hospice". The donations collected at the Charity Songs of Praise service on 18th November amounted to £160, most of which was gift aided. With the later donations received, a cheque for £170 has been sent to the charity.

St MARY'S YEAR BOOK 2018:

David Marlow has been producing an annual photo album of our church since 2014. The latest edition showing events throughout 2018 is now available to view on the table just inside the church. Thanks to David for another wonderful photographic record of the year. Copies of the Year Book and back copies may be purchased – enquiries to Phillipa Cook. The photos can be viewed on David's website where there is also a link to the publisher, Blurb's, website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

MONDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH:

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers is held every Monday morning in the church during term time. **The new start time is 10.00am to 11.15am.** All are welcome to attend.

The Prayer Group is held in the church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, meeting around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club. The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be on Mondays 11th and Monday 25th February.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT:

On **Ash Wednesday**, 6th March there will be one service in the four parishes, a United Benefice service of Holy Communion here at Great Brickhill at 10.30am.

The following week **the Lent Course** will commence. Details still have to be finalised – please refer to the Pew Sheets in the coming weeks for details, or visit the “Lent Courses” section of the website.

And now, looking ahead

FUTURE DATES & EVENTS:-

PLANT FAYRE, SATURDAY 13th APRIL:

The annual Plant Fayre will be on Saturday 13th April, from 11am to 4pm at the Parish Hall – please pass on the details to your friends and family. Donations of plants and cakes gratefully received. Any offers of help, please contact:- Celia Hall 261075 celiafeetam@masafish.com

COLOURS FASHION SHOW & SALE, SATURDAY 11th MAY:

Big name High Street brands will be on show and for sale, at 50% cheaper than in store. Saturday 11th May, 6.30pm onwards in the Parish Hall. Tickets £7 including a glass of wine. Tickets will be on sale shortly from Phillipa Cook.

DATE FOR RE-SCHEDULED “SWEET MUSIC” CONCERT:

The concert postponed from 6th October last year will now be held on Saturday, 12th October 2019. Nearer the time those who purchased tickets for the earlier concert will be contacted and given first choice for tickets for the re-scheduled date.

And finally, this weekend and next, one of the highlights of the year,

THE SNOWDROP WALKS, SUNDAYS 10th & 17th FEBRUARY:

The two walks will be from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, starting at the church. As usual there will be homemade cakes and teas in the church. If anyone could help with the teas or baking some cakes, please contact Julia Turner:- 261213 juliaturner.it@icloud.com
Attached is a poster to pass on the details to friends and family.

For further information about any of the above, please contact:-

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Do please remember that all the information about Church events or services can be found on the Benefice website:- www.brickhillschurches.org.uk