

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2019: Second Sunday Before Lent

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs. The theme will be the Transfiguration. The Rector had asked that everyone is encouraged to bring something to the service that is precious or valuable to them.

The reading this morning is:- **Luke 9: 28 - 36**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

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.**

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 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 held tomorrow 25th February and 11th & 25th March.**

To mark the tenth anniversary of the start of the bell restoration project, on the morning of Saturday 2nd March, it is planned to attempt to ring the first full peal rung here since 1992.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

SNOWDROP WALKS:

This year's Snowdrop Walks broke records in every respect, with the largest ever number of attendees and the most amount of money raised. The rain relented just in time on the first afternoon - **91 people** were "clicked" as they arrived and the donations amounted to **£514.42**. The mild weather on the second afternoon saw over **260 people** take the opportunity to walk among the wonderful snowdrops. The amount raised easily surpassed the previous record collected on any one day, an amazing **£1339.63**, giving the **total for the two weeks £1854.05**. A huge thank you to David and Sally Duncombe for again hosting the event and for welcoming the visitors.

Well done to the team behind the counter doing such a great job in serving the endless queue of people waiting to buy the tea and cakes. Also, thanks go to those who provided the delicious cakes.

SAVE A PENNY.....TO SPEND A PENNY!”:

If you would like to help with this initiative to raise funds for the new toilet facilities, please take an empty jar that you will find in the church porch and return the jar when full of coins to Phillipa, and then collect a new jar if you wish to continue supporting the scheme.

CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA:

The rota for mowing the churchyard this summer will be drawn up in the next few weeks. The mowing takes about three hours and can be done at any time during a two-week period. The mower and petrol is provided – a second mower can be made available if anyone wishes to share the load with another. Anyone who is able to help, or would like more information, please contact Phillipa.

FUTURE DATES & EVENTS:

The annual Plant Fayre will be on **Saturday 13th April**, from 11am to 4pm at the Parish Hall.

A Fashion Show and Sale is being held on **Saturday, 11th May** at the Parish Hall, from 6.30pm onwards. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

The re-scheduled “Sweet Music” Concert will be held on **Saturday, 12th October**. Nearer the time those who purchased tickets for the earlier concert will be given first choice for these tickets.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 3rd MARCH:

There will be a Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, when we will welcome back Revd Steve Barnes.

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

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**. Information for **the Lent Course** will be included in the Pew Sheets when the details are finalised.

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