

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 10th MARCH 2019: The First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan 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: -

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11; Romans 10: 8b - 13; Luke 4: 1 - 13

LENT COURSE “ALIVE IN CHRIST”:

The Lent Course will be using three inspirational group **Bible studies on the Book of Colossians** produced by Bishop Steven. “**Alive in Christ**” is a study guide to explore more deeply what it means to be a Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world. There is a choice of afternoon or evening sessions. **Full details of dates/times/venues can be found on the blue/green sheets on the bookcase**, or via the “Lent Course” section of the website. Details are also given of the special Lent / Easter services.

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, 11th March and Monday, 25th March. There is an e-mail Prayer Chain** for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriekerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL FOR 2019:

Under the Church Representation Rules every six years a new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Applications to join the Electoral Roll should be submitted to Jeremy Hopkinson, the Electoral Roll officer. Forms can be downloaded from the "Electoral Roll" section of the website, or collected from the bookcase.

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.

ANNUAL PLANT FAYRE, SATURDAY 13th APRIL:

The annual Plant Fayre is being held on Saturday 13th April, from 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Parish Hall. Please take some of the flyers from the bookcase away with you to pass on to your friends. Donations of plants and cakes gratefully received. Any offers of help, please contact:- Celia Hall 261075 celiafeetam@madasafish.com

FUTURE DATES & EVENTS:

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, 17th MARCH:

There will be a service of **Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill**, led by Valerie Kerr. Other Services across the Benefice:-

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

Little Brickhill:- Family Service with Holy Communion, 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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