

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

## **SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2019: Second Sunday before Advent**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) led by Reverend Robert Wright. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat. The readings this morning are: -

**Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19**

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND PARADE:**

The annual Remembrance Service last Sunday was as ever, a moving service with poignancy added by sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by a bugler. Following the parade to the War Memorial wreaths were laid by the Great Brickhill Ex-Servicemen's Association, the Parish Council, AVDC, the WI, and High Ash School. The collection from the service raised £448 for The Poppy Appeal. Thank you to Edward Maley for co-ordinating the arrangements for the service. David Marlow took some photographs which can be viewed on his website:- [www.davidmarlowphotography.com](http://www.davidmarlowphotography.com)

### **LETTER FROM NEW RURAL DEAN, The Revd Val Plumb:**

*"As from the 1st November 2019 I was delighted to take up the role of Rural Dean of Mursley Deanery. For me this will be a temporary interim post of two years that I will run alongside my other two roles, namely Area Dean for Rural Mission and Development and temporary oversight Vicar for Stowe. During my time with you as Rural Dean I hope to be able to work closely with each and everyone one of you in all areas of mission and ministry offering support, good communication and a chance to explore where and who we are as a Deanery. I can't promise to do everything right, but know this; whatever I do will be done with love and dedication. I very much look forward to working with you all in the next couple of years."*

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

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

**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 at 11.00am in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held on Mondays, 25th November & the last meeting of the year, 9th December.**

**There is an e-mail Prayer Chain for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included should contact:- Valerie Kerr ([valeriejkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriejkerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto:mary@maley.org.uk)).**

#### **THE FOOD BOX:**

**From 1st December there will a Food Box in the church porch to help anyone who is in need of food either in an emergency or longer term. Please collect a blue flyer from the book case explaining how the scheme works and please spread the news of this initiative.**

#### **ADVENT FAIR, SUNDAY AFTERNOON 1st DECEMBER:**

**The Advent Fair will take place in the church from 2.00 – 5.00pm:-  
Cake Stall, Refreshments, Toys, Plants, Accessories (scarves, jewellery etc), Gingerbread house raffle, Bottle Raffle.  
Donations are requested of unwanted scarves and jewellery, to be given to us or left in the vestry for a church stall. There is also please a 'call for whole cakes for the cake stall', which can be delivered to the church from 11.00am.**

#### **CANDLES AND CANAPES ON FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER:**

**You are invited to come and share some festive spirit in the church from 6.00 – 8.00pm. Donations on the night. RSVP to [gillewilson57@gmail.com](mailto:gillewilson57@gmail.com) or [vafutcher@hotmail.com](mailto:vafutcher@hotmail.com)**

#### **SERVICES NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER:**

**There will be a Family Service here celebrating Christ the King at 11.00am led by the Valerie. Other Services across the Benefice:-**

**Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am**

**Little Brickhill:- No Service**

**Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am**

#### **ADVANCE DATE FOR "THE VILLAGE NATIVITY"**

**An enactment of the Christmas story with readings and carols at the Cricket Club on Sunday, 22nd December at 11.00am.**

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