

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2019:

The Sunday next before Advent celebrating “Christ the King”

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by Valerie. The projector and screen will be used for the words and hymns. The theme of the service will be to praise Jesus as our King, and look forward to the coming of his kingdom. Thank you to Roger for doing the prayers this morning and to Andrew and Margretta who will be playing the music to accompany our songs.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings set for this morning are: -

Colossians 1: 11 - 20; Luke 23: 33 – 43

ADVENT FAIR, NEXT 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. [Please note that next Sunday’s service will be at the earlier time of 9.30am, not 11.00am].**

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 tomorrow, Monday 25th November and the last meeting of the year, on Monday 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) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND PARADE:

The annual Remembrance Service was as ever a moving service with poignancy added by sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by a bugler. 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

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 green/blue flyer from the book case explaining how the scheme works and please spread the news of this initiative.

CAROL SINGING, SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER, 4 – 7pm:

Carol Singing around the village in aid of general Church funds - all are welcome. Singers and collectors meet at The Three Trees at 4.00pm. It would be helpful to let Phillipa know if you would like to sing or help with the collection (261521; pjcook6@gmail.com).

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 or vafutcher@hotmail.com

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER:

There will be the usual Holy Communion (BCP) Service in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector, but at the earlier time of 9.30am. Other Services in the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Advent Carol Service at 5.00pm

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Christingle Service at 4.00pm

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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