

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 7th February – The second Sunday before Lent and Sexagesima

Welcome to our service of **Holy Communion** and it is particularly pleasant to welcome Sister Hazel because she has been unable to join us for some time. Coffee will be served as usual after the service.

The readings this morning are: **Genesis 2 vs. 4b – 9**; and **Revelations 4 (the whole chapter)**.

The Holy Gospel reading is: **Luke 8 vs. 22 – 25**.

THIS WEEK

The next **House Communion and Bible Study meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, February 10th at 10.30am** at Knightleys, Heath Road.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE LENT COURSE

The day time course in Great Brickhill will follow the usual pattern of a simple Thursday lunch followed by the course discussion and study. All the details will be announced in a special leaflet that you will find on the bookcase soon and details have been placed in the Parish Newsletter and on the new Website. The first Thursday afternoon session will be held on **25th February** and will be hosted at Furze Hill, with lunch from 12.30 and the course commencing at 2 o'clock. The course dates are: 25th February at Furze Hill, Ivy Lane; 4th March at Roxburgh House, Ivy Lane; 11th March at Old Farm, Ivy Lane; 18th March at Church Close, Church Lane; and the final session on 25th March at Green Farm, Stoke Lane.

THE SNOWDROP WALK

The Snowdrop Walk will take place again this year - setting the date is particularly difficult as it is impossible to know how the flowering season will progress now the weather is a little

warmer. As soon as the date is determined please tell your friends and ask them to come along. All the donations given will be for the running costs of the Church.

NEWS

Louis Howley was baptized at the Family Service here at the end of January.

OPEN DOOR

We are continuing to collect items for the Open Door Food Cupboard which supports the homeless and vulnerably housed in Milton Keynes. Please continue to donate items for this good cause - the food is delivered as soon as there are enough items to take. With other things on our mind recently the gifts have rather dried up.

THE NEW BENEFICE WEB SITE

All the sections of the new Benefice website have now been built. There is a large amount of information on there including details and maps of the Deanery and Diocese. After a slow start there has been a very positive response to the new site, there were 6492 page visits to the site during January.

Do remember that the service schedule and monthly rota sheet is there for you to check any details that you require. It is updated regularly and so has more up to date information than say, the Monthly Newsletters. Also from this week the Pew Sheet will be available for you to read/download. It will be added shortly after the service but may be amended slightly for security purposes. www.brickhillschurches.org.uk

Next Sunday, 14th February, there will be Morning Worship at 9.30am and Evensong at 6pm.

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