The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 3rd March – The Third Sunday in Lent.

Welcome to everyone for Prayer Book Service of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by Father Colin Griffiths.

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

The readings this morning are:

Isaiah 55 vs. 1 – 9;

1 Corinthians 10 vs. 1 – 13;

Luke 13 vs. 1 – 9.

THIS WEEK:

Drop-in with the Post office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon at the Parish Hall.

THE THIRD SESSIONS OF THE LENT COURSES will be held on this coming Wednesday evening (6th March) at Green Farm, and Thursday afternoon (7th March) at the Parish Hall with a simple lunch from 1.30pm and a talk/discussion from 2 – 3pm. The details of the themes for these sessions are given in the pink coloured leaflet that can be found on the bookcase. Please note that the Stoke Hammond Lent discussion Group will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 5th March at "The Birches", Church Road.

NEWS:

The Snowdrop Walks held on the last two Sundays of February raised the most wonderful total of just over \pounds 1,558. Our thanks go to all who made them possible and for all who helped on the afternoons, especially those who prepared and served the excellent teas in the Church.

CHURCHYARD MOWING

The rota for mowing the churchyard will be drawn up in the next few weeks. A few of those who have kindly done the mowing for a number of years are no longer able to continue. 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. Anyone who is able to help, or for more information, please contact Phillipa Cook:-Telephone: 261521 email: <u>neilacook@aol.com</u>

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised and this year is when that has to happen. In order to continue as a voting member of the church it is necessary for you to register by completing a short form. The forms are available from the Warden or can be downloaded from the "Electoral Roll" section of the Benefice website: http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk/electoral-roll

The form must be completed and handed to Jeremy Hopkinson at the latest by the Annual Church Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd April (but ideally earlier and in good time for the meeting).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please note these special dates:-

Sunday 24th March is Palm Sunday. There will be a special United Benefice Service at Bow Brickhill - the Palm Sunday procession starts from the Church Hall at 10.00am and the Holy Communion service in the Church starts at 10.30am. There will be no Family Service at Great Brickhill on that Sunday.

Saturday, 6th April

The PLANT FAYRE will be held on Saturday, April 6th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and Marquee. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 10th MARCH, MOTHERING SUNDAY:

There will be Morning Worship at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by Jeremy and Evensong at 6pm, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill Family Service for Mothers Day at 11am
Little Brickhill Morning Worship at 11am
Stoke Hammond Family Service for Mothers Day at the Methodist Church at 11am

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The address of the Benefice website: <u>www.brickhillschurches.org.uk</u>