

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th MARCH:- The First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning, led by the Rector with Susan Noon playing the organ. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat after the service.

The readings this morning are:-

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

New Sunday Service pattern:

The change to the **pattern of Sunday Services** started **last Sunday** – if you haven't already done so, please pick up **one of the green/blue flyers available from the bookcase**, giving details of the **new service pattern** across the benefice.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 10th March, at the Parish Hall.

The Lent Courses across the Benefice start this week.

There will be three Lent Courses per week - all will be welcome to join in any session at any of the venues:-

Great Brickhill on **Wednesdays** at 7.45pm at **Old Farm, Ivy Lane** – subject **“The Bible Course”**, a **DVD** at 8pm followed by **discussion**. Also on **Thursdays** in the **Lady Chapel** (note change of venue) - a series of **talks starting at 2pm** by the Rector, **“Faith and Experience”**, followed by refreshments and discussion.

Stoke Hammond on **Tuesday** at 2pm – Bible Study, exploring the gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

Full details of the courses can be found in the pink flyers that are available for collection from the bookcase.

High Ash Prayer Meeting – the monthly prayer meeting will take place **this Friday 14th March, 2.45 - 3.15pm**. You are welcome to join them! Tea and coffee are on offer and the Year 6 children would really appreciate some new faces joining them.

The fortnightly meetings of the Thursday Group will resume after Easter.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

COFFEE MORNING

A most enjoyable Coffee Morning was held in the church on Saturday 22nd February, an opportunity to say thank you to all those who quietly give up their time to help out with the day to day running of the church. In counting up the number of people who volunteer with the various tasks there were over 90 people to whom invitations were sent - over 60 adults plus children were able to attend.

FAMILY SERVICE, 23rd March at 11.00am

Advance notice for the Family Service later this month – the theme will be "Living Water". With plenty of activities for children of all ages, everyone is welcome to come and be part of this Family Service.

There is also the added bonus of BACON ROLLS & PASTRIES prior to the service. So if you fancy a late breakfast and coffee with friends, just follow the smell of bacon **at 10.30am**.

PLANT FAYRE, 12th April from 12 noon to 4.00pm

Please note the date of this annual event – flyers are available on the bookcase for you to distribute to friends and family who may like to attend.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 16th MARCH:

There will be a service of Morning Worship at *11.00am*** in Great Brickhill, led by Jeremy.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- (No Service – Church open, 9.00 - 11.00am)

Little Brickhill:- Family Service with Baptism at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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