

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th February – The Fifth Sunday before Lent

Welcome to all who have come together this morning to celebrate **Holy Communion**, led by Father Colin. We hope that you will stay for coffee and tea and a chat after the service.

The bible readings for this morning are:

**Isaiah 58 vs. 1 – 9a and
1 Corinthians 2 vs. 1 – 12.**

The Gospel reading is: **Matthew 5 vs. 13 – 20.**

THIS WEEK

The Midweek House Communion Service will be held this week on **Wednesday, 9th February at 10.30am** at Knightleys, Heath Road. Everyone is very welcome to come for the service and the bible discussion that follows the service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note this special date!!! ** Saturday, 2nd April ******
This is the date when we plan to give the church a Spring Clean and general tidy-up. We would love everyone to come and give us an hour or so during the morning. We plan to have the church looking lovely for Mothering Sunday on the following day.

The next **Thursday Group meeting** will be held on **Thursday 17th February** and **Lent Lunches and Bible Study** will begin on **Thursday 17th March**. The Lent Course will follow a theme about food and eating and fellowship as described in the Bible. The first of the lunches will be held at Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin's house in Lower Way.

The Snowdrop Walk will happen again this year on two consecutive Sundays in the usual location. The dates have been set for 27th February and the 6th March, but are subject to

change depending on the snowdrops being at their best. Please look out for the notice boards confirming the dates and invite your friends!! Visitors are invited to make a donation towards the running costs of our church. There will be teas served in the church on both days and the organisers will be asking for offers of help and donations of cakes etc.

NEWS

Open Door Food Collection: For many months we asked you to bring non-perishable food to church for the Open Door Food Cupboard in Milton Keynes. Then, doubts were raised about the future of the charity. Clare Amies has asked us to pass on that the charity has secured funding at least until May and so we would like you to resume your giving and place your contributions in the usual place. Clare will collect the items regularly and take them to Open Door.

The **new Cleaning Rota** has been compiled and copies are on the bookcase. You will see that there are lots of changes. Please disregard the previous list and apply the new rota from now on. We would like to thank Helle for looking after this rota for us.

Almost 50 photos have been added to the church website to cover recent events. Do visit the site to view the four new Photo galleries covering the recent snow scenes, the Nuevo Reto, the Nativity and the Christmas decorations / flower arrangements around the church:- www.brickhillschurches.org.uk

Next Sunday, 13th February, there will be **Morning Worship at 9.30am**, led by Phillipa and **Evensong at 6pm**, led by the Rector.

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