

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th March – The Sunday before Lent and Quinquagesima

Welcome to everyone for our service of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by Sister Hazel. We would like to say thank you to Sister Hazel.

We will serve tea or coffee after this morning's service and you are very welcome to stay for a chat. We may have to curtail some of the social time because there are some preparations for the Snowdrop Walk this afternoon that will need to be completed before lunchtime.

The bible readings for the service are;

Exodus 24 vs. 12 – end;
2 Peter 1 vs. 16 – end; and
Matthew 17 vs. 1 – 9.

TODAY

THE SECOND OF THE SNOWDROP WALKS WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON, 6th MARCH, from 2pm to 4pm.

The **Snowdrop Walks** are taking place in the usual location. Last week's walk and teas were a great success and enjoyed by many, despite the awful weather. The donations from the first afternoon amounted to £597 (not including the tax rebate on Gift Aided donations) and we hope to have an equally successful afternoon today. So, please tell and bring your friends and come (again) yourself. Many, many thanks to everyone who made cakes and gave their time to make last week's Walk such a success.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 9th March is ASH WEDNESDAY. There will be a United Benefice service of **Holy Communion**, led by the Rector, **here in Great Brickhill at 10.30am.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates!!!

****** Thursday, 17th March ******

The **Lent Lunches and Discussions will begin** and will be held every Thursday through Lent. The first will be held at 51A Lower Way on **Thursday, March 17th.**

****** 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, when

****** Sunday, 3rd April – Mothering Sunday ******

This service will be at 11am and NOT at 9.30am, as usual. It will be led jointly by the Rector and Sister Hazel, who will celebrate Holy Communion with hymns. The service will be followed by a pre-lunch celebration of drinks and light refreshments.

****** Saturday, 9th April ******

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 9th at noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and marquee. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall. If anyone is willing to display a poster in a prominent place locally please call 01525 261527

****** Thursday, 14th April ******

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Thursday April 14th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will conclude with Compline (a short said service of evening prayer). If you wish to join the Electoral Roll you should do so before the Annual Meeting. Please contact Jeremy Hopkinson on 261 711. For more details go to the “Electoral Roll” section of the website.

CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.

There have already been a number of programmes on television and radio to mark this anniversary and parishes are joining in the celebrations in varied ways. In the Benefice, The Rector and Wardens have chosen to have a month of activity in October which includes Bible Sunday. It is likely that the King James Bible will play a significant part in the regular services during October. If you have any thoughts on how we might achieve this please let us know and if you have a particular reading from the King James Bible that you would like to see be part of the celebrations, please give us the details.

NEXT SUNDAY, 13th March, there will be Morning Worship at 9.30am, led by Jeremy and Evensong at 6pm, led by the Rector.

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