

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 4th March – The Second Sunday in Lent.

Welcome to everyone at **11 o'clock** for our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by Father Colin Griffiths. This will be the second of the five Sunday services in Lent where the readings will be those used for the Lent Discussion Groups. The readings are taken from **Isaiah Chapter 40** and today the readings are:

Isaiah 40 vs. 3 – 5, the Lent discussion verses;
Hebrews 4 vs. 12 – 16; and
Mark 1 vs. 9 – 15.

THE SECOND SESSION OF THE LENT COURSE, preceded by a simple lunch, will be held this coming Thursday (8th March) at Roxburgh House, Ivy Lane. The details of the theme for the course and the session are given in the leaflet that can be found on the bookcase. About ten members came to the first session of the course and anyone not able to come last week will be welcome to either the lunch or the discussion session or both on Thursday this week. Please contact the host by the day before the session if you wish to come for the lunch. **(Tel: 261527, or email: christine.agambar@btinternet.com)**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates:-

Saturday, 14th April:

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 14th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall.

Tuesday, 24th April:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS

THE SNOWDROP WALKS held last Sunday and the week before raised the most wonderful total of £1386, (much of this gift aided and so raising even more for the church running costs). The success of the afternoons was due in part to the exceptionally fine and sunny weather enjoyed by all on both Sundays and the snowdrops were seen looking at their best. And, a special mention must be made of the excellent teas served in the church. Our thanks go to those who made it possible and for all who helped on the afternoons.

CHANGE TO SERVICE TIMES: From today the service held on the first Sunday of the month (Prayer Book Holy Communion) will start at 11am. The change will enable those who are less mobile to get to the church for the service and it will also enable the Rector to take this service every other month.

Your recently delivered Parish Newsletter for March did not contain details of the Church Service for March. Due to a technical fault the service schedule was omitted from the centre left page of the Newsletter. Copies of the schedule that should have appeared on that page are available on a pink handout on the bookcase near the door. The schedule has been uploaded onto the website as usual (in the "Great Brickhill" section – on the "Service Schedule GB" page).

Next Sunday, 10th March, at 9.30am there will be **Morning Worship**, led by Phillipa and **Evensong** at 6pm, led by the Rector.

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