

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

**SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY:-**

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion to celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the temple, led by the Rector with Sister Hazel preaching and assisting at communion.

The readings this morning are:-

**Malachi 3: 1 - 5; Hebrews 2: 14 - 18; Luke 2: 22 - 40**

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments, an opportunity to say farewell to **Valerie Vestergaard** who will be moving on Wednesday, to live close to her son David and family. We send our best wishes to Valerie in her new home in the Wirral. Her telephone number will be 01516, 446461 and her new address is:- Flat 34 The Court, Kirket Lane, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 3HX

**THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-**

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 3rd February, at the Parish Hall.

**The Thursday Group** is now meeting fortnightly at 30 Pound Hill, a chance to meet up for a cup of tea and a chat at 2.30pm. Next meeting:- **Thursday, 13th February.**

There will be no more **Midweek Holy Communion** Services until further notice.

**High Ash Prayer Meeting** – the second prayer meeting for 2014 will take place on **Friday 14th February, 2.45 - 3.10pm.** 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.

**NEWS & EVENTS:-**

**SNOWDROP WALKS:**

We have been extremely fortunate to have been able to hold this enjoyable event for a number of years but it is not possible to repeat the Snowdrop Walks in 2014. It is hoped that the event may return to the calendar of church events in the future.

## **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:-  
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## **THE PCC MEETING, 28th JANUARY:**

The change to the Sunday Services pattern was discussed at length – a separate flyer is available on the bookcase, giving details of the new service pattern which comes into effect in March. The Draft Accounts were presented and approved to go to the Independent Examiner. Reports were received of the Christmas events and activities and the arrangements for Lent and Easter were discussed. There is nothing to report on the new facilities - the PCC is seeking to act properly by taking advice on certain matters.

## **LENT COURSES:**

The Lent courses will commence the week beginning 10th March. There will a course held in **Great Brickhill** on **Thursday afternoons** in the meeting room at the Parish Hall, on **Wednesday evenings** at **Old Farm** and in Stoke Hammond on Tuesday afternoons. Full details will be available shortly.

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY:**

**There will be a service of Mattins (Morning Prayer BCP), led by Jeremy at 9.30am. There will be no Evensong next Sunday.**

Other Services across the Benefice:

**Bow Brickhill:-** 11am Family Service

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** 9.30am Holy Communion

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