

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY:- The Third Sunday Before Lent

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

The readings this morning are:-

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5: 21-24

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 17th 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, this week:- **Thursday, 27th February.**

NEWS & EVENTS:-

VALERIE VESTERGAARD:

Valerie has been in touch to say that her move went well, she is beginning to unpack but expects to be surrounded by boxes for a little while! The telephone number that she gave for her new home in the Wirral was incorrect - it should be 01516 441461.

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:-
Phillipa Cook:- 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION LAST SATURDAY:

Thank you to the team who turned up early last Saturday morning at Lower Rectory Farm to load the newspapers and cardboard onto the lorry - the amount the load raised will be notified in due course.

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 **at the beginning of 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.

COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY:

Next Saturday 22nd February, there will be a Coffee Morning in the church **at 11am** for all who contribute their time on the various church rotas to help run St Mary's, Great Brickhill. You may have received an invitation already and we do hope that you will come and join us. **Please contact Val Baldwin** by **19th February** if you would like to attend (261592 or vafutcher@hotmail.com).

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, and on **Wednesday evenings** at **Old Farm**, and in Stoke Hammond on Tuesday afternoons. Full details will be available shortly.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY:

There will be a Family Service & Baptism at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 8.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.30am

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