

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH:- The Sunday Next Before Lent

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, led by Reverend Liz Baker with Sister Hazel reading the gospel and assisting at communion. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Exodus 24: 12 - 18; 2 Peter 1: 16 - 21; Matthew 17: 1 - 9

New Sunday Service pattern, as from today:

The change to the **pattern of Sunday Services** starts **this Sunday** – if you haven't already done so, please pick up **one of the green/blue flyers available from the bookcase**, giving details of the **new service pattern** across the benefice.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

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

Ash Wednesday this week **Wednesday 5th March** - there will be two Benefice Services:- Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 10.30am and a Healing Service in Stoke Hammond at 7.30pm.

The fortnightly meetings of the Thursday Group will resume after Easter.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

COFFEE MORNING. Last Saturday morning a most enjoyable Coffee Morning was held in the church, an opportunity to say thank you to all those who quietly give up their time to help out with the day to day running of the church. In counting up the number of people who volunteer with the various tasks there were over 90 people to whom invitations were sent - over 60 adults plus children were able to attend.

FAMILY SERVICE, 23rd March at 11.00am

Advance notice for the Family Service later this month - the theme of the service will be "Living Water", with plenty of activities for children of all ages. Everyone is welcome to come.

Bacon Rolls and Pastries prior to the service **at 10.30am.**

VALERIE VESTERGAARD:

Valerie has sent the following letter:

“To all at Great Brickhill Parish Church.

Please may I thank you all for the lovely farewell service I had on February 2nd and for the pictures. I was thankful for a Said Service, had it been a Sung one I would have been in tears!

It was wonderful to see so many people there and I was grateful for John’s kind words and an unexpected glass of wine!

I am going to miss you all.

I have had a marvellous welcome here with flowers from the family, Church Wardens, Church members and yesterday from the Women’s’ Fellowship.

Weather permitting I am in walking distance of church, Rectory and shops which is wonderful.

Again my thanks, Valerie Vestergaard”

(N.B. The telephone number that Valerie gave for her new home in the Wirral was incorrect - it should be 01516 441461).

LENT COURSES:

Starting next week there will be three Lent Courses per week - all will be welcome to join in any session at any of the venues:-

Great Brickhill on Wednesdays at 7.45pm at **Old Farm, Ivy Lane** – subject **“The Bible”**, a DVD to start at 8pm followed by discussion. Also on **Thursdays in the Lady Chapel** (note change of venue) - a series of **talks starting at 2pm** by the Rector, **“Faith and Experience”**, followed by refreshments and discussion.

Stoke Hammond on Tuesday afternoons - exploring the gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

Full details will be available next Sunday.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 9th MARCH:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at *9.00am*** in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Mattins at 9.00am

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