

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2016:- The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service this morning to celebrate **Mothers Day** - instead of the usual said BCP Holy Communion we will be having a service of **Holy Communion (Common Worship) with hymns, led by the Rector**. Thank you to Rosemary for playing the organ for us and to Julia for organising the posies which will be distributed at the end of the service.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Exodus 2: 1 - 10; Colossians 3: 12 - 17; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

SAD NEWS:

We were saddened to hear that **Tim Amies** passed away on Monday. Tim was such a kind and generous man who will be much missed in the village. His funeral will take place here in the church next Sunday afternoon, 13th March at 2.30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Clare, Tom, Edward, Sarah, Harry and Alice, and their families at this difficult time.

Kaye Sanders' (Claire Pincott's grandmother) funeral will be tomorrow at 1.15pm at Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes, followed by refreshments at Abbey Hill Golf Centre, Two Mile Ash, MK8 8AA. Claire has asked to say that Kaye knew from when she first came to hear Jon and Claire's Banns being read, that this was the church for her. She was always so grateful for how welcome everyone made her, and the friendship they offered.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!**

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 7th March at the Parish Hall.

High Ash would welcome anyone who would like to attend their monthly **Prayer Meeting** this Friday 11th March at 2.45 - 3.10pm.

Thursday Group is continuing to meet through Lent. The next meeting will be **this Thursday, 10th March at 30 Pound Hill – 2.30pm** for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome.

THE LENT GROUPS continue this week. The two sessions will be at 2pm on Tuesday afternoon at Stoke Hammond and on Wednesday evening, 8pm at The Stables, Woburn Road, Little Brickhill. All will be welcome at any of the sessions at any venue.

The course "**The Psalms – Prayers for Today's Church**" reflects on the psalms in general (and five psalms in particular). **The white fliers** available from the bookcase give full details of all the dates and venues of the Lent Course. **This week's Psalm is Psalm 23.**

NEWS & EVENTS:-

COFFEE MORNING:

The annual Coffee Morning was held last Saturday in the church. This was an opportunity to say thank you to all those who support St Mary's, and to all who contribute their time on the various church rotas. If anyone else would like to be included on the rota for any of the tasks, please contact Phillipa Cook 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

SNOWDROP WALKS:

Thank you to all who helped over the two weekends for the Snowdrop Walks. We were so lucky with the weather on both Sundays and that is reflected in the fantastic result. **The amount raised was:- £779.79 & £549.70 giving a fantastic total of £1329.29.** Thank you to those who baked and served the delicious cakes. And the biggest thank you goes to David and Sally Duncombe without whose support this event would not be possible.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 13th MARCH:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am 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:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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