

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 13th MARCH 2016:- The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us today. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21; Philippians 3: 4b - 14; John 12: 1 - 8

THIS AFTERNOON:

The funeral service for **Tim Amies** will take place here in the church this afternoon at 2.30pm, followed by burial in the cemetery. Tim was such a kind and generous man of deep faith who will be much missed in the village and beyond. Our thoughts and prayers are with Clare, Tom, Edward, Sarah, Harry and Alice, and their families at this difficult time.

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, 14th March at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group is continuing to meet through Lent. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 24th March at 30 Pound Hill – 2.30pm** for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome.

THE FINAL LENT GROUPS will be held this week with a session on Tuesday afternoon, 2pm at Stoke Hammond and on Wednesday evening, 8pm at Green Farm, Stoke Lane, Great Brickhill. All will be welcome at either of these sessions.

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 127.**

NEWS & EVENTS:-

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.

BOOK OF EVENTS DURING 2015:

A big thank you to David Marlow who has produced another fantastic book featuring photographs of events through the year. The new edition showing photos taken during 2015 is on the small table on the left as you enter the church.

PLANT FAYRE:

The annual **Plant Fayre** is being held on **Saturday 9th April**, from 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Parish Hall. Please take some of the flyers from the bookcase away with you to pass on to your friends. Donations of plants and cakes gratefully received on the day. Any offers of help, please contact:- John or Celia Hall 261075.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, PALM SUNDAY, 20th MARCH:

There will be a Family Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector. The service will include a dramatized reading of the Passion gospel. Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:-

Maundy Thursday: Benefice Holy Communion (Said), 7.30pm.

Good Friday: Hour of Devotion (hymns, readings, reflections) 2pm.

On Easter Sunday there will be a service of Holy Communion here at 11am, led by the Rector. Other services across the benefice are:

- Holy Communion, 9.00am at Bow Brickhill & Stoke Hammond
- Family Service & Holy Communion, 11.00am at Little Brickhill

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