

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th JANUARY 2019: The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs. Today's service is a little different from usual.

The service is shaped by the Old Testament reading / story - after Nehemiah and the people have rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, they 'rebuild' their faith and lives: giving thanks, listening to the word, saying sorry, and celebrating.

Activities for the children will involve some Duplo building at the front of the church and everyone of all ages will be offered a brick to add to the Duplo 'wall'/'building'.

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

The story this morning is from the Old Testament **Nehemiah** and the gospel reading is **Luke 4: 14 – 21**.

THE BIBLE COURSE AT STOKE HAMMOND:

The eight-week Bible Course is being held on Tuesday evenings, 8.00pm at Stoke Hammond Methodist Chapel. All will be welcome. For information contact Diane Webber 01525, 270409.

“PATHWAYS” QUARTERLY MAGAZINE:

“Pathways” is the new magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford. This quarterly publication replaces the former monthly newspaper “The Door”. A copy of the first edition is available today. The main articles in “Pathways” can be found on the following link:-

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers is held every Monday morning in the church during term time. From last week the new start time is 10.00am to 11.15am.

The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from 1.30 - 3.30pm, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall** is open on **Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

The Prayer Group is held in church on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month. Meet around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club. **The next meetings of the Prayer Group** will be **tomorrow, 28th January and 11th & 25th February.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

SAVE A PENNY.....TO SPEND A PENNY!":

As you will know we are saving to build a toilet and have started this new initiative – if you would like to help, please take an empty jar that you will find in the church porch. Please return the jar when full of coins via Phillipa to the Church Treasurer, Neil Cook who will count the coins and let you know how much was in your jar, and issue you with a new jar if you wish to continue supporting the scheme.

THE SNOWDROP WALKS, SUNDAYS 10th & 17th FEBRUARY:

The two walks will be from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. As usual there will be homemade cakes and teas in the church. **If anyone could help with the teas or baking some cakes**, please contact Julia:- 261213 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com

PLANT FAYRE, SATURDAY 13th APRIL:

A date for your diary, the annual Plant Fayre will be on Saturday 13th April, from 11am to 4pm at the Parish Hall.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY:

There will be a Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

ASH WEDNESDAY:

On Ash Wednesday, **6th March** there will be one service in the four parishes, a United Benefice service of **Holy Communion here at Great Brickhill at 10.30am.**

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