

## **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

### **SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2019: The Third Sunday Before Lent**

Welcome to our service of Morning Worship led by Phillipa. We will be using recorded music to accompany our hymns this morning. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:- **Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Luke 6: 17-26**

Today's psalm is **Psalm No 1**. The response for the congregation is:- "***Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord***"

### **SECOND SNOWDROP WALK THIS AFTERNOON, 2 – 4pm:**

It promises to be a lovely spring-like afternoon for our second Snowdrop Walk this afternoon. Do come along and enjoy the walk, followed by teas in the church. Thank you to the **91** who braved the threat of rain last week for the **first Snowdrop Walk**, which raised an amazing **£514.42** plus gift aid. Well done to all concerned and grateful thanks to our hosts David and Sally Duncombe.

### **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. 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 held on Mondays 25th February and 11th & 25th March.**

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:**

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

If you would like to help with this initiative to raise funds for the new toilet facilities, please take an empty jar that you will find in the church porch and return the jar when full of coins to Phillipa, ..... and then collect a new jar if you wish to continue supporting the scheme.

## **“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 on the book case. The main articles in “Pathways” can be found on the following link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

## **St MARY’S YEAR BOOK 2018:**

David Marlow has been producing an annual photo album of our church since 2014. The latest edition showing events throughout 2018 is now available to view on the table just inside the church. Thanks to David for another wonderful photographic record of the year. Copies of the Year Book and back copies may be purchased – enquiries to Phillipa Cook. The photos can be viewed on David’s website where there is also a link to the publisher, Blurb’s, website:- [www.davidmarlowphotography.com](http://www.davidmarlowphotography.com)

## **FUTURE DATES & EVENTS:**

**The annual Plant Fayre** will be on **Saturday 13th April**, from 11am to 4pm at the Parish Hall.

**A Fashion Show and Sale** is being held on **Saturday, 11th May** at the Parish Hall, from 6.30pm onwards. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

**The re-scheduled “Sweet Music” Concert** will be held on **Saturday, 12th October**. Nearer the time those who purchased tickets for the earlier concert will be given first choice for these tickets.

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 24th FEBRUARY:**

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector. The theme will be the Transfiguration. The Rector has asked that everyone is encouraged to **bring something to the service that is precious or valuable** to them. Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Morning Worship at 9.00am

## **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT:**

**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**. Information for **the Lent Course** will be included in the Pew Sheets when the details are finalised.

*Julia Turner – Warden (01525 261213)*

[juliaturner.it@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.it@icloud.com)

*Phillipa Cook – Secretary (01525 261521)*

[picook6@gmail.com](mailto:picook6@gmail.com)

**To contact the Rector, Revd John Waller:**

[rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk)

**The address of the Benefice website:**

[www.brickhillschurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk)