

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2019: The Sunday Next Before Lent

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, when we welcome back Reverend Steve Barnes to lead the service. We hope that Sister Hazel is also able to be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning is: -

Exodus 34: 29-35; 2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36

Yesterday the bell ringers scored (succeeded) the peal. In celebration of the beginning of the Bell project ten years ago, they rang a peal of 5040 changes of Ullesthorpe Surprise Major, rung in 3.00 hours dead. It was the first peal rung since the re-hanging of the bells in 2010, and the first peal rung on 8 bells in the village. The last peal was rung in 1992, which, of course, was rung on six bells.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT:

This 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.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

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, 11th & 25th March.**

SNOWDROP WALKS:

This year's Snowdrop Walks broke records in every respect, with the largest ever number of attendees and the most amount of money

raised. The rain relented just in time on the first afternoon - **91 people** were "clicked" as they arrived and the donations amounted to **£514.42**. The mild weather on the second afternoon saw over **260 people** take the opportunity to walk among the wonderful snowdrops. The amount raised easily surpassed the previous record collected on any one day, an amazing **£1339.63**, giving the **total for the two weeks £1854.05**. A huge thank you to David and Sally Duncombe for again hosting the event and for welcoming the visitors. Well done to the team behind the counter doing such a great job in serving the endless queue of people waiting to buy the tea and cakes. Also, thanks go to those who provided the delicious cakes.

CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA:

The rota for mowing the churchyard this summer will be drawn up in the next few weeks. The mowing takes about three hours and can be done at any time during a two-week period. The mower and petrol is provided – a second mower can be made available if anyone wishes to share the load with another. Anyone who is able to help, or would like more information, please contact Phillipa.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, 10th 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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