

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

**SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2020:**

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, when we will celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas). We welcome back Revd Steve Barnes to lead our service and we hope that Sister Hazel might also be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Malachi 3: 1 - 5; Hebrews 2: 14 - 18; Luke 2: 22 – 40**

**If anyone knows who is leaving piles of old magazines in the church porch, could you please let them know that we haven't been able to recycle old newspapers/magazines for two years.**

## **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 from 10.00am to 11.15am during term time.**

**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 at 11.00am in church on the second and fourth Mondays** of each month. Do come early around 10.45am to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with one another and with the young families gathering in the Chapel area. **The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held on Mondays 10th & 24th February.** There is an e-mail Prayer Chain for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr ([valeriejkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriejkerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto:mary@maley.org.uk)).

## **THE FOOD BOX:**

The Food Box in the church porch is to help anyone who is in need of food either in an emergency or longer term. **Please collect a green/blue flyer from the book case explaining how the scheme works and please spread the news of this initiative as widely as you can.** At present we do not need any more donations. However,

we have an outlet for any excess food should the supply be greater than the need – surplus items will be taken to the MK Food Cupboard

### **THE SNOWDROP WALKS, SUNDAYS 9th & 16th FEBRUARY:**

The first of the two walks is next Sunday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Please spread the word to your friends and family and bring them along. 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:-** 261618 or 07714 028785 [juliaturner.it@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.it@icloud.com).

### **FUNDRAISING ORGANISERS:**

We have been extremely fortunate in recent years that Val Baldwin and Gill Wilson, along with Julia, have taken the lead on organising most of our fundraising events. Val and Gill no longer live in the village and are stepping down - we owe them a huge debt of thanks. Please get in touch if you would like get involved with our fundraising events. It would be wonderful if we were to have a few people who would be willing to take on organising individual events – anyone interested please contact Julia or Phillipa.

And talking about events, ..... This year's Plant Fayre is being held on Saturday 18th April.

### **ADMIN ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECTOR:**

Marion Ridgway has been providing admin assistance for the Rector on a Benefice level for over ten years. She has retired from the post and was presented with a gift as thanks at the Wardens' Meeting earlier this month. We are very pleased that Gill Wilson has taken over this task from Marion. The Rector will be having a sabbatical (which all members of the clergy are encouraged to take every ten years) from 18th April to 13th July. Gill's assistance, especially during the time of the sabbatical, will be much appreciated.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 9th FEBRUARY:**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am here led by the Revd Robert Wright. Other Services:-**

**Bow Brickhill:-** Family Service at 11.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

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

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