

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2020: Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our service of Morning Worship led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning. The theme of the service will be based on the gospel passage, "How to stop worrying". Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Romans 8: 18 - 25; Matthew 6: 25 - 34

Today's psalm is verses from Psalm No 136. The response for the congregation is:- "*For his mercy endures for ever*"

THE SNOWDROP WALK THIS AFTERNOON:

As you will know we had to cancel last Sunday's Snowdrop Walk. We are hoping that the worst of Storm Dennis will have blown through by this afternoon and, at the time of writing, the Snowdrop Walk is still on. Regardless of whether the Walk can take place, there will still be teas in the church and so do please come between 2.00 - 4.00pm and enjoy the delicious cakes that have been made.

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. Although it is half term there will be Coffee Club tomorrow, Monday 17th February.

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. The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held on Monday 24th February and Monday 9th March. 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) or Mary Maley (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

St MARY'S YEAR BOOK 2019:

The 2019 St Mary's Year Book showing events throughout the year is now available to view on the table just inside the church. Thanks to David Marlow for another wonderful photographic record of the year. Phillipa has a few spare copies if anyone would like to buy one, or alternatively they can be purchased direct from the publisher Blurb via David's website: www.davidmarlowphotography.com

FUNDRAISING ORGANISERS:

Val Baldwin and Gill Wilson have been taking the lead on organising most of our fundraising events. They no longer live in the village and are stepping down - we owe them a huge debt of thanks. 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.**

LENT COURSE:

The Lent Course will start the week beginning 2nd March. There will be a Tuesday afternoon group at Stoke Hammond and an evening course at venues across the Benefice. Full details are available on the pink Lent Course leaflets on the bookcase or from the "Lent Courses" section of the website – address below.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY:

There will be a Family Service here at 11.00am led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Café Church at 9.30am

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