

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2020: The Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service of Morning Worship led by Phillipa. Thank you to Rosemary for playing the organ for us this morning. The focus of the service is based on the gospel passage when Jesus met the the woman at the well.

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

The readings this morning are:- **Exodus 17: 1-7; John 4: 5-29**
(The gospel passage will be read in dramatic form with three voices)

Today's psalm is Psalm No 95. The response for the congregation is:-
***“O that today you would hearken to his voice!
Harden not your hearts”***

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK:-

The Benefice is adhering to the advice being given by the Church of England, which is following national guidance. This is clearly a fluid and developing situation and the advice and guidance issued by the expert authorities will be monitored in relation to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Church services and events are continuing but with changes made in accordance with the guidance received. To keep up to date with the current situation visit the website:- www.brickhillchurches.org.uk.

There will be a Prayer Walk next Saturday, 21st March starting from St Luke's Church, Stoke Hammond at 10.00am. All are welcome - anyone interested is asked to please contact Diane Webber who will then update you if the walk is called off due to the weather etc:- 01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

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. **Due to the Easter weekend, the next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held on Mondays 23rd March and 27th April. 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 (valeriejerr@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 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 surplus, items will be taken to the MK Food Cupboard.

THE PLANT FAYRE, SATURDAY 18th APRIL, 11.00am – 4.00pm.

A plea from the organisers, John and Celia Hall “We are particularly short of helpers this year and so we are asking for more volunteers to help organise this event, as well as run it on the day. It would be wonderful if you could spare a few hours on the day and take on one of the roles listed, or even better, offer to be one of our “team leaders”. **If you are able and willing to help, please add your name to the pink list on the bookcase,** or send an e-mail or telephone Celia at celiafeetam@madasafish.com or 261075 if you would like more information before committing yourself to something.

LENT COURSE & EASTER SERVICES (YELLOW FLIERS):

This is the second week of the Lent Course, Tuesday afternoons at Stoke Hammond and an evening course across the Benefice. All the details are available on the **yellow Lent Course / Easter Service leaflets** on the bookcase, or via the “Lent Courses” section of the website – address below. On the reverse of the leaflet is the information of all the special **Lent and Easter services; please note** the Choral Benefice Holy Communion 29th March and Palm Sunday when we will welcome Bishop Alan (both services at 11.00am).

SERVICES ON MOTHERING SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH:

There will be a Family Services across the Benefice:-

Great Brickhill:- 11am in the church, led by the Rector. **Bow Brickhill:-** 10am in the Church Hall; **Little Brickhill:-** 9.30am in the Village Hall; **Stoke Hammond:-** 10am in the Community Centre

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