

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 15th February 2026 – The Sunday next before Lent

Welcome to our Family Service, led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music, and to Sophia who will be leading our singing this morning.

The theme for the service will be The Transfiguration. We will hear the Bible reading: Matthew 17: 1 - 9 when Jesus' face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.

The collection plate will be passed round during the final hymn. If you prefer to give your collection via our debit/credit card device, please see Phillipa after the service.

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

CHURCH HEATING:

With apologies for the temperature in the church, we have had major problems with a power outage. We have restored power to the inside of the church but not to the boiler. Unfortunately, despite efforts to sort out the problem right up to late yesterday, we have been unable to fire up the boiler. And so, we do not have any heating this morning.

SECOND SNOWDROP WALK – THIS AFTERNOON:

What a lovely afternoon it was last Sunday for the Snowdrop Walk. It is always wonderful to see the church buzzing with atmosphere, with lots of visitors sampling the delicious tea and home-made cakes. A fantastic sum of **£1056** was raised. **And we are doing it all again this afternoon!**

If you couldn't make it last week, do come today, starting from the church between 2pm to 4pm. If you did come last Sunday, then do come again, we would love to see you! A great start to the half-term holiday!

No need for cash - credit card payments will be accepted.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:

A reminder that due to the Rector's retirement, the Annual Meeting will be held early this year in the church **on Tuesday 17th March**. All the information and forms for the Annual Meeting will be on the website and the notice board by this Tuesday. There will be a photo review of the year showing from 7pm with refreshments, and the **formal meeting will commence at 7.30pm. Following that, the Rector will depart and there will be an open discussion** for people to give their thoughts/comments on where they would like the parish and benefice to be in say two years' time, what are the priorities

for the parish going forward. **This is the opportunity for everyone to “have their say” during this recruitment process.**

The Electoral Roll: The annual revision is held just before the Annual Meeting. If anyone would like to add their name to the Electoral Roll, application forms are available on the website and paper copies will be available on the bookcase - completed forms to be returned to our Electoral Roll Officer, Jeremy Hopkinson.

LENT COURSE:

It is not too late to sign up for the Lent Course "**Come and See**" which the Oxford Diocese is running. **The focus is on Holy Communion** - those who sign up will receive a short email reflection each day Monday to Saturday, and on Sundays there is a short video from Bishop Steven. To find out more, and to register, go to:-

<https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

Our 6-week Benefice Lent Course using some of the material above is being held on:

(1). Tuesday afternoons in Stoke Hammond. Soup lunch if required at 1pm, Lent Course from 1.30pm-3pm. Contact Diane Webber for details:- 01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

(2). Midweek evening session across the Benefice at 8pm:

Week 1:- Thursday 26th February at The Rectory, Pound Hill

Week 2:- Wednesday 4th March at Green Farm, Stoke Lane

Week 3:- Tuesday 10th March at Bow Brickhill Community Hall

Week 4:- Wednesday 18 March Green Farm; Week 5:- Thursday 26 March The Rectory; Week 6:- Tuesday 31 March at Bow Brickhill

Lent Course fliers are available on the bookcase.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Ash Wednesday, 18th February:-

Benefice Holy Communion (Said) at Stoke Hammond at 10.30am
(This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages)

Next Sunday, 22nd February, there will not be a service here.

The services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Taize Service

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service in the Community Centre

The next service here will be a Holy Communion Service, 9.30am on Sunday 1st March.

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