

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 15th March 2026 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Welcome to our Family Service, led by Phillipa. 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 is Mary's relationship with Jesus, looking at a few of the times when she was mentioned in the Bible. The bible reading is:- Colossians 3: 12-17

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

CHURCH HEATING:

Apologies if you find it a bit cold in the church but the heating problem is more serious than we at first thought and we will not have any heating now until the autumn.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY 17th MARCH:

Photo review of the year showing from 7pm with refreshments; Formal meeting will commence at 7.30pm. Following that, the Rector will depart and there will be an open discussion at 8.15pm. Please come along if only for the discussion as we would like to hear your thoughts on what are the priorities for the next Rector going forward. **This is your opportunity to “have your say” during this recruitment process.**

The Electoral Roll: If anyone would like to add their name to the Electoral Roll, application forms are available on the website and paper copies are available on the bookcase - completed forms to be returned to our Electoral Roll Officer, Jeremy Hopkinson.

BELL RINGING:

We were pleased to welcome a team of eight bell ringers from Hampshire on Wednesday. They came to ring a peal (Indian Queens Delight Major) on our bells.

RECTOR'S FAREWELL PIGRIMAGE, SATURDAY 11th APRIL:

The Rector will be walking between our four churches, and pausing for prayer in each church building, on Saturday 11th April. Below is a timetable for the walk. You are welcome to join in any part of the walk, and the times of prayer.

Rector's Farewell Pilgrimage – Saturday 11th April:-

8am Prayer in Stoke Hammond church **8.15am** Walkers leave for ...
8.30am Community breakfast in Stoke Hammond Community Centre,
9.30am Walkers leave for ... **10.30am** Prayer in Great Brickhill church,

11am Walkers leave for ... **12pm** Prayer in Little Brickhill church,
12.30pm Walkers leave for ... **1.30pm** Prayer in Bow Brickhill church,
2pm Walkers leave for ... Refreshments in Bow Brickhill Community Hall

LENT COURSE:

The focus of the Oxford Diocese Lent Course "**Come and See**" is **Holy Communion**. To find out more, and to register, go to:-
<https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

The remaining sessions of the 6-week Benefice Lent Course:-

(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 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.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP:

A new Baby & Toddler Group will be meeting in the church during term time on Mondays, 10am - 12 noon from 20th April. All babies and toddlers are welcome to bring along their parents, grandparents, carers, child-minders, to meet up and enjoy coffee and a chat.

TOMATO PLANTS:

John Hall has again been busy growing tomato plants. Look out for more news in the coming weeks about how these can be purchased.

PLANT FAYRE, SUNDAY 12th APRIL:

The annual Plant Fayre will be held at the Parish Hall / Cricket Field from 11am to 3pm. Lots of help will be required. There will be a church plant stall and so please think about what plants etc you may be able to provide, and also preserves and cakes.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 22nd March, there will be just one service in the Benefice:- 10.00 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion, which will include a dramatised reading of the Passion gospel.

On Palm Sunday 29th March, meet at 10.50am at the bus shelter at the bottom of Pound Hill for a procession at 11am to the church.

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