

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2022: Second Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to our Family Service, which will be led by the Rector. We are delighted that Andrew and Margretta will be providing the music for us this morning and Sophia will be leading our singing.

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

Jesus went to a lot of parties, he told stories about parties, and at a wedding party he turned water into wine. During the service we will be looking into what that tells us about Jesus, and about what it means to follow him.

The readings for this morning are:-

John 2: 1 – 9 (the gospel passage for today)

The story, “The Big Party” from The Lion Storyteller Bible, based on Matthew 22.

Please place your collection/envelopes in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service.

We are now able to accept collections via a contactless credit/debit card device; these can still be given through the gift aid scheme. Please see Phillipa if you would like to do this.

The current COVID regulations: There have been no further guidelines issued. The most recent change was with regard to the wearing of face masks, which are now required in a range of indoor venues including places of worship. While there are exemptions, this is a legal requirement and **so everyone needs to wear a face covering while at our services in church**, unless there is a legitimate reason not to.

THE RECTOR will be working throughout January but will be having the month of February off as extended leave. This had been planned for some time, since John's three-month sabbatical in 2020 and last year had to be cancelled.

FLOWER DECORATIONS AROUND THE CHURCH:

The flower arrangements around the church were done for the Christmas services and have kept remarkably well. The flowers in the display around the font, were placed there for Pauline Waller's funeral, made by people in various styles and materials, in recognition of Pauline's love of crafting and creativity.

“PATHWAYS” MAGAZINE:

"Pathways", is the quarterly magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford. The January - March 2022 edition is now available and can be downloaded from the front Home page of the website - see the text in blue halfway down the Home page. Please consider accessing the magazine via this environmentally friendly method. There are a limited number of printed copies available on the bookcase for those without internet access.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE, NEXT SATURDAY 22nd JANUARY:

There is no service here next weekend but come and join us for a coffee from 10.30am - 12 noon, an open invitation for anyone to call into the church at any time for informal coffee and biscuits.

We are starting to think about our fund-raising activities for the year. Do bring along any ideas that you might have and any offers of help with fund raising will be gratefully received.

Our next project is to replace the temporary covering of roof felt which was laid following the theft of lead with a permanent covering of terne-coated steel, and associated repair work to the ceiling. Application for planning permission for this work has been submitted.

MONDAY COFFEE CLUB:

The weekly Monday Morning Coffee Club for mothers and toddlers, and anyone else who would like to attend, is every Monday during term time in the church from 9.30am to 11.30am.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS IN THE BENEFICE:

The next service here will be on Sunday 6th February, Holy Communion at 9.30am and will be taken by Revd Ian Ogilvie.

The services in the Benefice next Sunday, 23rd January:-

9.30am Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

11.00am Family Service (Little Brickhill)

On Sunday 30th January, as it is the fifth Sunday of the month, there will be just one service in the Benefice:-

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

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