The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2022: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by Revd Ian Ogilvie who is making his first visit to St Mary's. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning.

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

The readings for this morning are:-Isaiah <u>6</u>: 1-8; 1 Corinthians <u>15</u>: 1-11; Luke <u>5</u>: 1-11

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.

Updated COVID regulations:

Following the lifting of plan B measures in England from 27th January, face coverings are no longer mandatory in any setting but may be recommended in enclosed or crowded places. At services in Great Brickhill and Little Brickhill churches it will be up to individuals to decide if they wish to wear a face mask or not. Due to the size of the building, at Bow Brickhill and Stoke Hammond churches it will be recommended that people continue to wear a face covering.

THE RECTOR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

The Rector has started an extended period of leave until the end of the month. Arrangements have been made to retrieve any answer phone messages or e-mails but, if you have any queries, please contact me or Julia. Any pastoral concerns please contact:-Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM (01525 261674 jeremysfh@gmail.com)

LENT COURSE:

There will be a Lent Course led by the Rector on the five weeks of Lent, an afternoon session on a Tuesday at Stoke Hammond and a midweek evening session at venues across the Benefice. Entitled **Travelling Songs: Through Lent with the 'Psalms of Ascent'** the course will be focusing on a particular psalm each week. Full details will be available next week.

SNOWDROP WALKS:

A reminder that the popular Snowdrop Walks will be held next Sunday 13th and 20th February, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Starting from the church, a walk among the snowdrops, finishing off with the equally popular teas in the church.

Offers of help for either Sunday would be much appreciated, making cakes and/or helping to serve the teas – please contact Julia.

THE 2021 YEAR BOOK:

David Marlow (www.davidmarlowphotography.com) has kindly produced another Year Book, a wonderful collection of over 70 photographs depicting the main events that took place during 2021 including a selection of photographs taken during the construction of the new facilities. The Year Book is on display on a table just inside the main door. Additional copies of the book will shortly be available for purchase online, more details to follow.

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. Please note that there will be no Coffee Club on Monday 21st February as it will be half term.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR THE REST OF FEBRUARY: Next Sunday, 13th February:

There is just one service in the Benefice:- 10.00am at Little Brickhill a Benefice service of Holy Communion, led by Revd Robert Wright.

Sunday 20th February:

9.30am (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30am (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

11.00am (Great Brickhill) Family Service

Sunday 27th February:

9.30am (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

- 11.00am (Little Brickhill) Family Service
- 11.00am (Bow Brickhill) Mattins

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