

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2022: First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector whom we welcome back after his month's leave. 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:-

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

Lent Course Psalm for this week:- Psalm 123

Lifting of COVID regulations:

Following the general lifting of restrictions, the collection plate will now be passed round. (Additional collection can still be taken at the end of the service via the debit/credit card device.)

Holy Communion will continue in the administration of bread only.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:

Thank you to those who contributed to the Ash Wednesday service, especially Roger who led the service. Those who came will know that it was a different style of service from normal - any feedback would be very welcome. We would like to offer this type of service on a more regular basis. We would love to hear from YOU what YOU would like, so that we can develop the service in a way that appeals to YOU. Any thoughts or suggestions to either John, Julia or Phillipa.

LENT COURSE:

The 5-week Lent Course starts this week. Led by the Rector it is based on five of the Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 120 – 134):-

Week 1 Psalm 123 Mercy 'Until he have mercy upon us'

There will be two sessions each week:-

- (1). Tuesday afternoon March 8th, in the Church at Stoke Hammond, 1.00pm for Soup Lunch, 1.30pm for the course.
- (2). An evening course held on Thursday 10th March, 8pm at:-
The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill, Great Brickhill

Full details of the course with dates and venues can be found via the blue flyer on the bookcase. Also, pre-course reading material for each week and full details of the course is available on the website:-

www.brickhillchurches.org.uk/lent-course/

Oxford Diocese Lent Course - "Come and See"

All over the world, every day, Christians pray the Lord's Prayer. The prayer reshapes our lives in sorrow and in joy. During "Come and See" this year the material from the Diocese will be reflecting on more of what this means:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

SNOWDROP WALKS:

An update on the amount raised from this event - further donations have been received, increasing the total raised for the two weeks to £878. Huge thanks to all who contributed to this amazing total.

THE 2021 YEAR BOOK:

Copies of the new 2021 Year Book and earlier Year Books can be purchased at £29.99 plus postage. The link to the Blurb page is:- <https://www.blurb.co.uk/b/11058390-great-brickhill-church-year-book-2021>
[This page gives you a preview of all the pages - just click on the picture of the book to turn the pages.]

PLANT SALE AT THE CHURCH, SATURDAY 9th APRIL:

There will be a Plant Sale at the church on Saturday 9th April from 11.00am to 3.00pm, a smaller version of the popular Plant Fayre we have held for many years at the Parish Hall / cricket field. There will be plants on sale from professional nurserymen and also a church plant stall. Refreshments will be available. Donations of plants and cakes etc will be gratefully received.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

Anyone is welcome to call in for a coffee and chat - every Monday in the church during term time, between 9.30am and 11.30am.

THE NEXT SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

Next Sunday, 13th March:-

9.30 Holy Communion (Little Brickhill)

11.00 Family Service (Stoke Hammond)

Sunday 20th March:-

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

Sunday 27th March Mothering Sunday:-

10.00 Family Service here at Great Brickhill

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