

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 7th December 2025 – the Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. 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 today are:-

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 11: 2-11

The collection plate will be passed round during the third, offertory hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. If you prefer to give your collection via our **debit/credit card device**, please see **Phillipa after the service**.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of last week's Christmas Coffee Morning. We raised £1107, slightly more than the last two years. But more important than that, there was a lovely atmosphere, helped undoubtedly by the addition of the High Ash and Little Ashes stalls. A printed copy of the full results is on display on the notice boards at the church.

The winners of the raffles etc were:-

Hamper Raffle:- David Carroll

Christmas Cake Raffle:- Amanda Cox

Guess the Number of Sweets:- Roger Blofeld

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE:

This year Carol Singing around the village in aid of general Church funds will take place, weather permitting, on:-

- **This Friday, 12th December, 5.30 - 7.30pm** (meet at Horsepond)

- **Thursday, 18th December, 5.30 - 7.30pm** (meet at Holts Green)

We will try and cover as much of the village as possible.

NO CASH – NO PROBLEM:- please note that donations can be made via a **QR code** which the collectors will have available for those who wish to donate online.

Anyone who would like to sing, or help with the collection, will be most welcome. Carol folders will be provided, just remember to wrap up warm and bring a torch.

POETRY EVENING, 27th NOVEMBER:

The Poetry evening hosted by the Rector at the Bow Brickhill Community Hall was extremely well received. A wide variety of poems were read by a number of people who gave an introduction

as to why they had chosen the poem. Due to its success a second Poetry Evening will be held in the early part of next year.

ADVENT WINDOWS:

Many thanks to Claire Pincott who is again coordinating the windows. The first Advent Window was lit on Monday, and a new window will be lit every day until the final one at the church on Christmas Eve. The windows will light up the village until 31st December. Together they will create a lovely walk around the village over the festive season. Copies of the map are available in the church porch.

WREATH MAKING, STOKE HAMMOND:

A reminder that next Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December 11am - 1.30pm there will be a Wreath Making Workshop and Table Decoration Making in the Community Centre at Stoke Hammond. The cost is £45, tea & coffee and cakes/biscuits are included. All proceeds will be used for urgent restoration work of St Luke's church. Anyone interested please contact Nicky:- 07885 472962

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday, 14th December, the service here will be:-

Family Service with an Advent theme at *10am*

Other services in the Benefice will be:

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Christingle at the School

16.00 (Stoke Hammond) Carol Service

THE VILLAGE NATIVITY, SUNDAY, 21st December, 11am at the Cricket Club. Come and see **an enactment of the Nativity Story** with carols and readings. There will be more characters this year accompanying Mary and Joseph in the stable in Bethlehem with the shepherds and the kings. Please pass on the details to friends.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN GREAT BRICKHILL:- Christmas Eve:- 5pm Carol Service; Christmas Day:-11am Holy Communion

BISHOP OF BUCKINGHAM VISIT, 4th JANUARY:

The Rt Revd Dave Bull will be making his first visit to the Benefice on Sunday 4th January. He will be here for the Holy Communion service at 10.00am during which he will preside over a confirmation service for the candidates in the Benefice.

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