

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 25th April – The third Sunday after Easter**

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector with Tim Holden playing the organ. We would like to thank you both for this morning's service. You are all warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The reading this morning is: **John 10 vs. 22 – 30.**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Midweek House Communion** this week will be held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at 10.30am at Betty Kinsey's home. All are welcome to come.

Also on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**, there will be **Planning Meeting for the next Benefice-wide Family Service**, which will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Bow Brickhill. The Planning Meeting will be held at Greenways, Bow Brickhill, at 8pm. Please contact the Rector if you need any help to get to the meeting or more information.

### **NEWS**

#### **THE CHURCH BELLS**

The work to re-hang the bells is going well and should be completed very soon. The Church may not be open from time to time while this work is being undertaken because of safety considerations.

#### **THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**

The Church Annual Meeting was held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Reports were presented on the many aspects of our Church life. For anyone not able to be present at the meeting all the reports will shortly be contained in a white ring file on the bookcase near the entrance to the Church, or can be downloaded from the website. Do feel free to take the file away to read the reports but in fairness to others, do please return it as soon as possible.

Following uncontested elections:-

- Julia and Christine continue in the role of Wardens

- The following were elected as members of the P.C.C. – Phillipa Cook, Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin, Rosie Dawson and David Duncombe.

Jeremy Hopkinson and Clare Amies continue to serve as our Deanery Synod Representatives for a further year.

The Rector thanked Julian Dawson who had stepped down from the P.C.C. during the year, and Kay Seaman who was retiring from the P.C.C. after serving for many years.

The first meeting of the newly elected P.C.C. will be on Ascension Day at a Joint Benefice P.C.C. Meeting following a short service at Bow Brickhill School on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS**

The Spring Concert will be held on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May, here in the Church at 7.30pm.** The programme will include Bach's Cantata 172 and Rutter's Gloria. Tickets are available from Jerry Breslin or Robin Dawson and will be available on the door, as usual. Please tell your friends. (More details are available on the website).

### **A MOVEABLE FEAST**

On **June 19<sup>th</sup>**, we are planning a Midsummer Evening of eating, drinking and convivial company around the Parish. Please save the date in your diary and join in. The emphasis will be on 'social' but we hope to raise some money for the Church, as well. Please tell your friends. Everyone is invited!

### **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY**

Next **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, there will be said **Holy Communion** at 9.30am, led by the Rev Norman Thorpe, as Sister Hazel is unable to be with us for family reasons. The next **Family Service** will be on **May 9<sup>th</sup>** at Bow Brickhill.

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