

## THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT BRICKHILL

### SUNDAY 18th April

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Rosemary Howell playing the organ. We would like to thank you both for this morning's service. The readings are: **Zephaniah 3 vs. 14 – 20**, and **Acts 9 vs. 1 - 6**.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

### THIS WEEK

On **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** the **Annual Church Meeting** will be held in the Church at 7.30pm. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

All papers (Annual Report etc.) will be available for collection from the Church, or to download from the website.

Elections will take place for Church Wardens and P.C.C. Members (9 members will be elected, as determined by an Electoral Roll of 51 to 100 people.) Nomination slips for the above elections have already been collected.

On **Thursday afternoon, 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, the first Thursday Group of the new season will be held at 2.30pm at 22 Cuff Lane because both Betty and Jan are away on Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

### NEWS

#### THE CHURCH BELLS

You will have noticed that work is underway to reinstate the bells which arrived back in the Church on Friday. John will bless the two new bells this morning. The Church will be locked for safety reasons during the daytime over the next two to three weeks while this work is undertaken. If you need access to the church please contact the wardens.

### THE PLANT FAYRE

The Plant Fayre was a great success last weekend. We were blessed with perfect weather and everyone who came enjoyed themselves hugely. The Fayre raised a total of £2270.55 for the Church. Thank you to everyone who helped, so many friends gave generously of their time to make the event possible but special thanks go to Martin and Pat Thomas for organizing the Fayre this year and making it such a success.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert will be held on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. Details of the programme will follow soon.

#### 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, 25<sup>th</sup> April** Family Service at 11.00 am.

#### THE BENEFICE WEBSITE

The website for the four churches of our Benefice is now fully operational. Visit [www.brickhillschurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk) to find details of all church services and forthcoming events, and reports/results/photos of activities are included. The Pew Sheets are also uploaded to keep you in touch with the weekly news.

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