

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th March – The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning and a particular welcome to Isabel Bruce and her parents Alex and Rachael and family and friends. Isabel will be baptised during the service. Alex and Rachael were married here in 2008 and it is lovely to welcome them back. The service is led by the Rector with Tim Holden providing the music. We would also like to say thank you to Clare, who will be leading our prayers of intercession, to Rosie who will serve tea or coffee after this morning's service, and you are very welcome to stay for a chat.

The bible reading for the service will be used in the third session of this year's Lent Course:

Luke 5 vs. 27 - 32.

THIS WEEK

The third session of the LENT COURSE: At The Table will be held on **Thursday 31st March at Furze Hill, Ivy Lane** beginning with a simple lunch served at 12.30pm followed by the course discussion session between 2.00 – 3.30pm. This Thursday's session is entitled

“Eating with sinners: The company Jesus kept”.

Please could you let Rosie know if you will be coming to this session, especially if you would like to have lunch? You will be very welcome to join in even if you were unable to come to earlier sessions. Thank you. Rosie's number is: 261425 or e-mail: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk

****** Saturday, 2nd April ******

Next Saturday, April 2nd, we plan to give the church a Spring Clean and general tidy-up. We would love everyone to come and give us an hour or so during the morning. Refreshments will be provided!

NEXT SUNDAY - Sunday, 3rd April – Mothering Sunday

This service will be at 11am and **NOT** at the usual time of 9.30am. It will be led jointly by the Rector and Sister Hazel, who will celebrate Holy Communion with hymns. The service will be followed by a pre-lunch celebration of drinks and light refreshments. Please invite your friends.

NEWS

CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.

There have already been a number of programmes on television and radio to mark this anniversary and parishes are joining in the celebrations in varied ways. In the Benefice, the Rector and Wardens have chosen to have a month of activity in October which includes Bible Sunday. It is likely that the King James Bible will play a significant part in the regular services during October. If you have any thoughts on how we might achieve this please let us know and if you have a particular reading from the King James Bible that you would like to see be part of the celebrations, please give us the details. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates!!!

****** Saturday, 9th April ******

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 9th at noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and marquee. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall. Stephen Agambar has posters if anyone is willing to display one in a prominent place locally. If anyone is willing to display a poster in a prominent place locally please call 01525 261527.

****** Thursday, 14th April ******

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Thursday April 14th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. **Please see below for further details. The meeting will conclude with Compline** (a short said service of evening prayer).

****** Thursday, 21st April ******

The Maundy Thursday Supper will be held this year at Little Brickhill in the Parish Hall. The supper begins at 7pm with a simple service followed by the meal. Please sign the list on the board on the bookcase if you would like to come.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Church Annual Meeting is being held on **Thursday 14th April in 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, from Thursday 7th April.

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

- Two Church Wardens
- Two Deanery Synod Representatives (to serve a three year term)
- PCC Members (the number to be elected is 9, as determined by an Electoral Roll of 51 to 100 people)

Nomination slips for the above elections are available from the Church or from the PCC Secretary, Phillipa Cook (TEL: 01525, 261521; e-mail: neilacook@aol.com) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by Monday 4th April. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch by 7th April.

Any parishioner wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available from the Church Wardens or from Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the "Electoral Roll" section of the website.

NEXT SUNDAY, 3rd April, there will be a special service of **Holy Communion** to celebrate Mothering Sunday **at 11am**, led by the Rector with Sister Hazel, followed by a pre-lunch drinks party. Everyone is invited to come on this joyful occasion. **PLEASE NOTE THE UNUSUAL TIME FOR THIS 'FIRST SUNDAY' SERVICE.**

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