

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 24th April – Easter Sunday

Happy Easter and welcome to our service of Holy Communion for **Easter Sunday**, led by the Rector. We also would like to thank Paul Dickens and Jerry Breslin and the choir for the music for the service. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments and there will also be an 'egg hunt' in the Churchyard for those of you who are young or young-at-heart.

The readings this morning are: **Jeremiah 31 vs. 1 - 6**; and **Acts 10 vs. 34 – 43**.

The Gospel Reading is: **Luke 24 vs. 13 – 35**.

THANK YOU everyone who decorated the Church so beautifully for the Easter celebrations today.

NEWS

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Church Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, 14th April. The written Annual Reports and Accounts for 2010 had been available in advance of the Meeting. Oral updates were presented on the many aspects of our Church life. Anyone who has not yet received a copy of the Annual Report can collect a copy from the bookcase near the entrance to the church, or can download the Report from the website.

Following uncontested elections:-

- Christine will continue in the role of Church Warden and will carry the responsibility, with the support of members of the PCC, there being no nomination for a second Warden to replace Julia, who is stepping down after serving as Church Warden for 7 years. An expression of warm thanks was recorded for all the support Julia has given to the Church.
- The following were elected as members of the PCC – Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, Rosie Dawson, David Duncombe and Julia Turner.

- Clare Amies and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin will serve as our Deanery Synod Representatives for a period of three years. Jeremy Hopkinson, as licensed lay minister, will also serve on the PCC.

The first meeting of the newly elected P.C.C. will be on Tuesday, 31st May in the Church at 8.00pm.

The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline.

CONFIRMATION

Please see the Rector's Newsletter (to be found on the bookcase – this month it is printed on yellow paper). The **Deanery Confirmation Service** is on **October 6th** this year and will be led by the Bishop of Buckingham. In our Benefice there will be a preparation group. If you are interested please contact the Rector or Jeremy.

MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

Please see the flyer on the bookcase giving all the forthcoming dates. Also, the poster in the porch gives the programme for the first concert on **May 8th at 7.30pm at All Saints, Leighton Buzzard**. Please support this and the forthcoming concerts because our many friends, especially Jerry Breslin, put a tremendous amount of work and time into the preparations for them, and the musical performance is really excellent. Tickets for the May 8th concert are available from Robin Dawson, Tel: 261425, e-mail: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk. Also, it is not too early to put the date for Handel's Messiah into your diary. Do not plan **anything** for **September 25th!!**

NEXT SUNDAY, 1st May, there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion by extension at 9.30am, led by Jeremy**.

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