

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 25th March – The Fifth Sunday in Lent and Passion Sunday.

Welcome to everyone for our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector with Rosemary Howell playing the organ. It is lovely to have Rosemary playing this morning – her efforts are usually invisible to us, although we can hear them, because she rings the bells most weeks.

The service will use readings and a theme that will be used in the fifth and last session of the Lent Discussion Course. The readings are taken from **Isaiah Chapter 40** and the theme for this week is “**Receiving fresh strength**”.

The reading is:

Isaiah 40 vs. 27 – 31, the Lent discussion verses;

THIS WEEK

This Thursday, 29th March, the final session of the Lent Course and lunch will be hosted by Phillipa Cook. The details of the theme for the discussion are given in the leaflet that can be found on the bookcase. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion and the lunch that precedes it. Please let Phillipa know by the day before the session if you wish to come for the lunch (Telephone: 261521 or neilacook@aol.com). **Please note that those coming to lunch are invited for 12.45pm, and not 12.30pm, as in previous weeks.** Details of the sum donated at the lunches will be given next week, together with this year's chosen charities.

On Thursday 29th March at 9.30am, High Ash School will be holding their Easter Service. Everyone is welcome to come and join in.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates:

Wednesday 4th April, the Wednesday in Holy Week. There will be a service of said Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 10.30am.

Thursday 5th April THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

This year it is Bow Brickhill's turn to host the Maundy Thursday Supper. Every one is warmly invited at 7pm to join friends from the Benefice at the Bow Brickhill Pavilion for a service followed by a simple supper. (You do not need to drive up the hill to the church and there is plenty of parking in the car park next to the Pavilion. There is a board on the bookcase for you to sign if you wish to participate in the supper and service.

On Good Friday, 6th April, there will be an Hour of Devotion of readings quiet reflections with hymns from 2-3pm. The service will be led by Jeremy and the Rector.

On Easter Sunday, 8th April, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11am, led by the Rector. You are most welcome to attend all the services during Holy Week.

AFTER EASTER on Saturday, 14th April:

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 14th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and marquee. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall. Various teams of helpers are being put together. If you would like to help, please could you get in touch with Stephen Agambar (Tel: 261527 or email: stephen.agambar@btinternet.com).

On Saturday morning, 21st April, we will be having the Church Spring Clean. Please try to give up a couple of hours to help us. There are inside and outside jobs. None of the jobs is arduous and there will be lots of refreshments and good cheer to keep you going.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS

CHANGE TO SERVICE TIMES: The time of the service on the first Sunday of each month (Prayer Book Holy Communion) has been changed from **9.30am to 11 am**. On Sunday 1st April, Palm Sunday, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11am.

Next Sunday, 1st April, at 11am there will be celebration of Holy Communion (Prayer Book). The service will include an extended dramatized reading of the Passion Gospel and will include hymns. The service will be led by Father Colin Griffiths.

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