

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 1st April – PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to everyone for our **service of Holy Communion for Palm Sunday**, led by Father Colin Griffiths. As it is Palm Sunday, we will be having hymns as well as the dramatised reading of the Passion gospel within the Prayer Book service. We do not have an organist this morning but there will be music for each of the hymns played on CDs though the sound system.

The service will include the following readings:

**Isaiah 50 vs. 4 – 9a; and
Philippians 2 vs. 5 – 11**

The Palm Crosses will be blessed and distributed before the reading of the Passion. The congregation is asked to remain seated while the Passion is being read.

The **Gospel Passion reading** is taken from **Mark 14 vs.1 – end** and **15 vs. 1 – 47**. It will take the place of the sermon and will be read in dramatic form with a number of people reading the various parts:-

Narrator: Phillipa Cook **Jesus:** Father Colin

Pilate: Jeremy Hopkinson **Peter / Centurion:** Simon Bennett

High Priest / Servant Girl / Judas / Bystanders: Julian, Jasmine & James Dawson

The congregation is asked to read the group voices (the relevant lines are highlighted in the sheets that will be handed out):-

Front Pulpit side congregation: Disciples; Crowd

Front Lectern side congregation: Priests; Passers-by; Crowd

Rear congregation: Scribes; Soldiers; Witnesses; Crowd

THIS WEEK

Wednesday in Holy Week, 4th April.

There will be a service of said Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 10.30am

Thursday in Holy Week, 5th April, MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

This year Bow Brickhill is hosting 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. Please book today - there is a board on the bookcase for you to sign if you wish to participate in the supper and service.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates:

Saturday, 14th April:

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 14th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall. 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 on (Tel: 261527 or email: stephen.agambar@btinternet.com).

Saturday 21st April:

On the morning of Saturday 21 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.

Tuesday 24th April:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. 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 Tuesday 17th April.

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

- Two Church Wardens
- 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 16th April. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch by 17th April.

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

Lent Course

The five week course finished this week. Thank you to all those who hosted the lunches and discussion groups. Donations raised £185, which will be sent to “Combat Stress”, a charity which delivers dedicated treatment and support to ex-Service men and women with conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety disorders.

Next Sunday, Easter Day, 8th April, at 11am there will be celebration of Holy Communion led by the Rector. The services in Bow Brickhill and Stoke Hammond are at 9.30am and in Little Brickhill at 11 am.

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The address of the benefice website is: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk