

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th May

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to our **Service of Holy Communion** this morning, led by Father Colin Griffiths. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The readings this morning are: **Genesis 22 vs. 1 -18;**
 Acts 8 vs. 26 - 40;
 John 15 vs. 1 – 8.

THIS WEEK

Thursday Group will meet on Thursday afternoon, 10th May. A visit to Ashridge is planned, to see the bluebells. Betty and Frank have already been and tell me that the bluebells are a little disappointing this year and the ground is very wet underfoot. If the weather is fine on Thursday afternoon the visit will go ahead but please wear suitable footwear for the wet ground. If the weather is wet or miserably cold and windy on Thursday, then you are invited to have tea at Knightleys, Heath Road. Either way, you are asked to meet at Knightleys, Heath Road at 2.15pm so that transport can be arranged (if the visit goes ahead). Everyone is welcome and please contact 261836 if you need any further information.

NEWS

The Annual Meeting and Elections

The Great Brickhill Church Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday 24th April. The written Annual Reports and Accounts for 2011 had been available in advance of the Meeting. 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 Agambar will continue in the role of sole Church warden, there being no nomination for a second Warden.

The following were elected as members of the P.C.C.
Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, Robin Dawson, Rosie Dawson,
David Duncombe, Jeremy Hopkinson, Kay Seaman,
Julia Turner and Joy Wilson.

Clare Amies and Valerie Beardmore Baldwin continue to serve
as our Deanery Synod Representatives, for the second of their
three year period.

The first meeting of the newly elected P.C.C. will be on **Tuesday
29th May in the Church at 8.00pm.**

The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline.

The list of **Sidesmen** is being revised - if anyone would like to help
with this role of welcoming people into the church as they arrive for
a service, then please contact Phillipa Cook on 261521 or at
neilacook@aol.com

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Following changes announced in the Budget we have to change
the wording used on Gift Aid Envelopes. We have a short period
when we can use up the older envelopes and, if you have
envelopes at home, please could you return them to the Church so
that we can use them up before they are no longer valid. I have
ordered new envelopes with the revised wording on them but, since
each envelope costs approximately 5p we don't want to waste any.

A (VERY) SMALL GARDEN

By the West Door of the church you will notice the introduction of
two small gardened plots either side of the door. A new
Community Gardening Club based at High Ash School is tending
these. It is their first project and the garden will last through the
summer and then the grass turves will be reinstated.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

The annual season of concerts in local churches commences again
with the first concert to be held in Brill Church on Saturday 19th
May, with a programme of Mozart, Verdi and Handel. Programmes
with details of each concert are now available in the church on the
bookcase by the door.

In Great Brickhill next Sunday, 13th May, at 9.30am there will be Morning Worship, led by Jeremy and Evensong at 6pm, led by the Rector.

At Stoke Hammond there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30am, and at Bow Brickhill there will be Family Service at 11am, both led by the Rector. At Little Brickhill there will be Morning Worship at 11am led by Jeremy.

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