

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th May, Pentecost – Whit Sunday.

Thank you to all who decorated the church for this special festival.

Welcome to our **Family Service with Baptism**, led by the Rector. We particularly welcome family and friends of the New family - during the service their two young children will be baptised.

Thank you to Jerry Breslin for playing the organ and to the choir.

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The reading this morning is: **Acts 2: 1 – 8**

THIS WEEK

There is a PCC Meeting on Tuesday in the church at 8.00pm. If you have any item that you would like raised at the meeting please contact a member of the PCC.

Midweek House Communion will be held at **The Rectory** on Wednesday 30th May at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HM THE QUEEN

On **Sunday, June 3rd** our church will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There will be a special service of sung Holy Communion at 11am, led by Father Colin Griffiths with Sister Hazel reading the gospel. It will be lovely to welcome Sister Hazel back into our midst again and I am sure that you will all wish to be here to greet her. The service will be followed by a ceremonial tree planting in the churchyard by Sir David Duncombe, our Patron, and the formal 'unveiling' of the new churchyard seat that has been donated to us by Great Brickhill Parish Council to mark the Jubilee. The choir will sing, the bells will be rung and we will be serving refreshments. Everyone is warmly welcome to be there.

The seat is now in place - our thanks go to the Parish Council for providing the seat and arranging for it to be 'fixed' in position.

On Monday 4th June, Clare and Tim Amies warmly invite you all to join them at the Old Farm, Ivy Lane, for a **Picnic Garden Party with Scottish Country Dancing**. The details are in the poster in the church porch. It starts with a Country Walk (2.15pm for 2.30pm) followed by easy country dancing and then a 'Bring and Share' Picnic. Fun for all the Family and absolutely free! The event will be cancelled if the weather is poor. But it won't be !!!!!!!

NEWS

PARISH MEETING

A report from the PCC was presented at the Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 1st May. A copy of this report has been uploaded onto the Great Brickhill section of the benefice website. There is also a summary of the report in the June edition of the Parish Newsletter.

PAPER COLLECTION

The recent collection of 6 tonnes of waste cardboard and newspapers raised £364.80 for church funds. Thank you to all who helped to load the collection lorry and to Frank for organising the regular collection of paper and card.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTION

Well done to the team of collectors who helped raise the magnificent sum of **£867.31**, which is £200 more than last year's collection in Great Brickhill. Thank you also to everyone who gave so generously.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

The series of concerts continues with performances at 7.30pm on Saturday 2nd June (Steeple Claydon), Wednesday 6th June (Aylesbury Waterside Theatre) and Saturday 9th June at Haddenham. Details are to be found in the leaflets located on the bookcase by the church door.

NEXT SUNDAY, 3rd June – Trinity Sunday:-

In Great Brickhill next Sunday, at 11am the service of Holy Communion to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – details above.

At Bow Brickhill at 9.30am there will be a service of Holy Communion.
At Stoke Hammond at 11am Family Service at the Community Centre.
There is no service next week at **Little Brickhill**.

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