

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th APRIL:- EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter and welcome to our service of Holy Communion for **Easter Sunday**, led by the Rector. We would like to thank Jerry Breslin and the choir for the music for the service, and everyone who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for the Easter celebrations today.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. There will also be an Easter egg hunt, weather permitting in the Churchyard, for the young or not so young among us.

The readings this morning are:-

Acts 10: 34 - 43; Colossians 3: 1 - 4; Matthew 28: 1 - 10

SUNDAY SERVICE pattern as from March:

Flyers are available from the bookcase, giving details of the **new service pattern** across the benefice. A flyer is also available giving details of the **Family Services** for the next few months.

THIS WEEK & NEXT:-

There will be no Drop-in or Post Office tomorrow, Easter Monday

Two of the Lent Courses across the Benefice have finished but the evening course in Great Brickhill is an 8 week course. There will be no session during Easter week - **"The Bible Course"** will continue at **Old Farm, Ivy Lane** on Wednesday 30th April.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

THE PLANT FAYRE last Saturday was a great success with 366 people attending, slightly up from last year. The tremendous figure of **£2,523** was raised (£2,161 in 2013). Thanks to all who helped on the day and in advance with potting up plants or baking cakes etc. Special thanks to John Hall and Celia Feetam who did the bulk of the organising this year, ably assisted by Stephen and Christine Agambar.

The THURSDAY GROUP will re-convene on Thursday, 8th May.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES. This year's season of eight classical concerts, all held on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, commence on 3rd May. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase.

A FLOWER FESTIVAL is being held at Stoke Hammond Church on 3rd, 4th & 5th May, from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Please support this event if you are able to.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29th April in the Church at 7.30pm**. The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

- Two Church Wardens
- Two Deanery Synod Representative (to serve for three years)
- 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: pjcook6@gmail.com) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by tomorrow, **Monday 21st April**.

The Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board by 22nd April. Any parishioner wishing to be added to the **Church Electoral Roll** should register on the forms available from the Church Wardens or from Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the "Electoral Roll" section of the website.

Copies of the **Agenda** for the Annual Meeting, plus the **Annual Report and Accounts** for the year ended 31st December 2013 are available from the bookcase. As we move towards a paperless society, please consider obtaining an electronic copy of the documents from the "Great Brickhill – Annual Meetings & Reports" section of the website – see link below.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 27th APRIL:

There will be a Family Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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