

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 4th MAY:- The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by Reverend Liz Baker. We hope that Sister Hazel may also be joining us to read the gospel and assist at communion.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Zephaniah 3: 14 - end; Acts 2: 14a & 36-41; Luke 24: 13 - 35

FLOWER FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND at Stoke Hammond Church. The Flower Festival continues throughout the weekend – the church will be open today and tomorrow from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Please support this event if you are able to.

SUNDAY SERVICE pattern as from March:

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

THIS WEEK:-

There will be no Drop-in with the Post Office tomorrow in the Parish Hall due to the Bank Holiday.

The final session of the extended course for Lent, “The Bible Course” will be held on Wednesday evening starting at 7.45pm at **Old Farm, Ivy Lane.**

THE THURSDAY GROUP fortnightly meetings resume this coming Thursday 8th May, 2.30pm. This session will be held at Knightleys, Heath Road.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

THE PLANT FAYRE last month 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.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

This year's season of eight classical concerts, all held on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, commenced yesterday. Copies of the programme giving all the dates and venues are available from the bookcase.

ANNUAL MEETING, 29th APRIL

The Great Brickhill Annual Church Meeting was held last Tuesday evening. Thirteen parishioners attended, along with eight members of the PCC. During the meeting the Annual Report and Accounts were adopted and updates were presented on the many aspects of 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 it from the church website.

Following uncontested elections Christine Agambar and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin will continue as Church Wardens; Jeremy Hopkinson will serve for three years as Deanery Synod Representative. The following eight were elected as members of the PCC:- Clare Amies, Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, David Duncombe, Angela Northen, Margretta Smith, Julia Turner and Joy Wilson. The first meeting of the newly elected PCC will be held on Thursday 5th June in the Church at 8pm.

The Annual meeting concluded with Compline.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 11th MAY:

In Great Brickhill there will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship), at **9.00am led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service & Marriage Celebration, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Café Church, time t.b.c.

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