

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 1st JUNE:- The Seventh 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:-

Ezekiel 36: 24 - 28; Acts 1: 6 - 14; John 17: 1 - 11

SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN: there are flyers available from the bookcase giving details of the service pattern across the benefice and also the details of **Family Services** for the next few months.

THIS WEEK:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 2nd June at the Parish Hall.

THE THURSDAY GROUP – the next fortnightly meeting will be held on this coming Thursday 5th June, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

There will be a **PCC Meeting on Thursday** evening, 5th June, in the Church at 8.00pm. Please contact a member of the PCC if you have a matter you wish to be discussed.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11th to 17th MAY

Thank you to all those who helped with the house to house Christian Aid collection in the village. The fantastic sum of **£800.29** was raised, which was in excess of last year's figure. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

We are now over half way through this year's season of eight classical concerts, all held on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm. Copies of the programme giving all the dates, venues and concert details are available from the bookcase.

POP CONNECTIONS CONCERT, THURSDAY 12th JUNE

This coming week is the High Ash annual curriculum week. All the children will be working with PopUK, a vibrant singing and recording project which involves every child in the school working towards recording a CD and performing a community concert. This will be held in the church on Thursday 12th June at 7.00pm.

Volunteers may be required to help in the church during the day of the concert while the preparations are taking place – if you can offer a little of your time, please contact one of the Wardens.

ON SUNDAY 15th JUNE a Garden Party will be held at the Church starting at 3.00pm. Cream teas will be available, served outside if possible. Jerry and Juliet will be arranging for the choir to provide some entertainment, singing secular songs. The afternoon will conclude with a simple half-hour **Evening Service at 5.00pm**, including some well-known hymns, short prayers and a short sermon.

NEWS FROM NUEVO RETO

Charlotte Pritchard has kindly sent news from Nuevo Reto. She made a trip back to Guatemala earlier this year and has sent an update of what is happening at the orphanage. Her report is on a separate pink sheet - copies are available for collection from the bookcase.

SERVICES ON WHIT SUNDAY - 8th JUNE, PENTECOST:

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, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- “Songs of Praise” at 3.00pm followed by tea.

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