

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2015:- Palm Sunday

Welcome to our **United Benefice Family Service with Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector. We do hope that weather allows us to have the procession from the top of Pound Hill to the church before the service. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ and to the choir who will be singing an anthem. Everyone is welcome to stay after the service for coffee and hot cross buns.

The New Testament reading is:- **Philippians 2: 5 – 11**

GOSPEL READING: The Passion (Mark: Chapter 14.1 – 15.47)

Today's Gospel will be the full bible reading of the Passion and will take the place of the sermon. It will be read in dramatic form with a number of people reading the various parts:-

Narrator: Phillipa

Jesus: John

Pilate: James

Peter / Centurion: Stuart

High Priest / Judas: Andrew

Servant Girl / Bystander: Christine

The congregation is asked to read the group voices (the relevant lines are highlighted in the sheets that will be handed out):-

Front Pulpit side congregation: Disciples; Bystanders; Crowd

Front Lectern side congregation: Priests; Passers-by; Crowd

Rear congregation: Scribes; Soldiers; Witnesses; Crowd

The Palm Crosses will be blessed and distributed before the reading of the Passion. The congregation is asked to remain seated while the Passion is being read.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children held in the church on Monday mornings, has now taken a break for Easter until the older children are back at school on **Monday 20th April**.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 30th March at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group will resume after Easter on 9th April.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

WORK IN THE CHURCHYARD:

Thank you to all those who joined the working party to tidy up the churchyard and surrounding area last Saturday. Further work has been done on the churchyard bank, which will soon be seeded with grass. The wrought iron gateposts and gate have been lifted from the ground and are being safely stored for the time being. Thank you to David Duncombe and the Turner family for their assistance with this project.

PLANT FAYRE:

The annual **Plant Fayre** is being held on **Saturday 11th April**, from 12 noon to 4.00pm at the Parish Hall. Please take some of the flyers from the bookcase away with you to pass on to your friends. Anyone able to offer items for sale please contact:- Celia Feetam 261075 (plants) and Betty Kinsey 261836 (cakes).

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th April in the Church at 7.30pm. More details about the Annual Meeting will be available shortly. 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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:-

Maundy Thursday: In **Great Brickhill** 7.30pm, United Benefice Holy Communion (Said).

Good Friday: In **Bow Brickhill** 9.30am, Hymns & Readings;
In **Great Brickhill** at 2.00pm, Hour of Devotion, a service of hymns, readings and reflections.

On Easter Sunday there will be a service of Holy Communion here at 11am, led by the Rector. Other services across the benefice are:

- Holy Communion, 9.00am at Bow Brickhill & Stoke Hammond
- Family Service & Holy Communion, 11.00am at Little Brickhill

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