

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2015:- Easter Sunday

Happy Easter and welcome to our service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday, led by the Reverend Steve Barnes – it is good to see Steve with us after quite a break since his last visit. We would like to thank Jerry Breslin and the choir for the music for the service. 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:-

Isaiah 25: 6 - 9; Acts 10: 34 - 43; John 20: 1 - 18

Thank you to Julia and the team of ladies who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for the wedding and our Easter celebrations. We send our very best wishes to Tom and Alice Turner who celebrated their marriage here yesterday.

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, returning on **Monday 20th April**.

Drop-in with the Post Office will not be held tomorrow afternoon.

The Thursday Group will resume this Thursday, 9th April - held at 30 Pound Hill, a chance to meet up every fortnight for a cup of tea and a chat at 2.30pm. All welcome.

PLANT FAYRE: The annual **Plant Fayre** is being held next **Saturday 11th April**, from 12noon 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).

NEWS & EVENTS:-

WORK IN THE CHURCHYARD:

Thank you to all those who joined the recent working party to tidy up the churchyard and surrounding area. 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.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 28th at 7.30pm in the Church**. All are invited to come and hear of all the good things have taken place during the last twelve months. The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

- Two Church Wardens
- PCC Members (the number to be elected will be determined by the number who have enrolled on the Electoral Roll)

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 **Monday 20th April**. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board by 21st April.

Electoral Roll. Any parishioner wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available from the Church Wardens, Phillipa Cook or Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the "Electoral Roll" section of the website.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 12th APRIL:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.00am in Great Brickhill, led by Revd Robert Wright.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Café Church, 9.30am

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