

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2015:- The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Family Service this afternoon, led by the Rector. The 4 o'clock start for the service is an experiment – we would welcome your comments for future planning of the Family Services.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service to join in a-bring-and-share tea.

The reading this afternoon is:- **John 10: 11 - 18**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, a child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday in the church**, from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 27th April at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be on Thursday 7th May, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill, a chance to meet up for a cup of tea and a chat. All welcome.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

INFORMATION SHEET FROM THE PCC CONCERNING THE PLANNING OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CHURCH

Please collect one of the pink sheets from the bookcase giving an update on the project to provide additional facilities for our church.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES:

This year's season of seven classical concerts, all held in churches across Aylesbury Vale on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, commence on Saturday, 9th May. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

MASONRY WORK ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE CHURCH:

Mike Bunning, the local stone mason, has completed the conservation repairs to the exterior of the church. This work, completes all the items which were marked as "urgent" in last year's Quinquennial Report.

THE PLANT FAYRE:

Well done to all those who helped to make the Plant Fayre such a success. With a little more money received after the event, the fantastic total of **£2636.75** has been raised (£2461.60 last year) with **391** people through the gate – a full analysis of the results is on display in the porch. Special thanks to John and Celia Hall for masterminding the event and to Steve Agambar for his work on the publicity front and to Christine for spending the whole of the preceding week in her kitchen to provide food for us all.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on this coming **Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm in the Church**. All are invited to come and hear of all the good things that have taken place during the last twelve months. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014 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.

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice board 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 enrolled on the Electoral Roll)

A list of nominations is posted on the Church Porch.

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, 3rd MAY:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service, Methodist Church 11.00am

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