

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 10th MAY 2015:-

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us and to the choir for leading our singing.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 55: 1 - 11; Acts 10: 44 - 48; John 15: 9 - 17

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th to 16th MAY

Christian Aid week starts today, through until next Saturday. There is special Prayer Card available, a copy for everyone to take home with them. Thank you to all those who have agreed to help with this year's house to house collection. Please give as generously as you are able when one of the collectors calls at your door.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the 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, 11th May at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be on Thursday 21st 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:

The first of this season's seven classical concerts (all held in churches across Aylesbury Vale on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm) started yesterday. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

SUMMER WALK AND BREAKFAST, SUNDAY 31st MAY:

Michael, Julia and Tom are hosting an early summer walk at Rectory Farm on Sunday 31st May. Meet at 7.45am or just arrive for breakfast, served from 8.30am. Please let them know if you would like to go:- Tel: 261213, e-mail: msturner@btopenworld.com

ANNUAL MEETING, 28th APRIL:

Ten parishioners attended the **Great Brickhill Annual Church Meeting**, along with nine members of the PCC. A presentation of photos taken during the year by David Marlow welcomed everyone as they arrived. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted – a copy can be collected from the bookcase near the entrance to the church, or the files can be downloaded from the church website.

Christine and Val continue as Church Wardens and the members of the PCC remain as for last year:- Clare Amies, Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, David Duncombe, Angela Northen, Margretta Smith, Julia Turner and Joy Wilson. Jeremy Hopkinson will serve the second of his three years term as Deanery Synod Representative.

Christine gave the Wardens' report detailing all the work that has been undertaken during the year. All items highlighted in last year's Quinquennial Report have been completed.

The Rector gave a presentation of slides accompanied by photos showing a summary of events / activities that have taken place. A PDF file of the presentation can be e-mailed to anyone who would like a copy – please contact Phillipa Cook:- pjcook6@gmail.com.

The Annual Meeting concluded with a short form of evening prayer.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 17th MAY:

There will be a service of Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill, led by Jeremy.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 9.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

[Please note that from next month the service on the second Sunday of the month will be held at 9.30am and not 9.00am.]

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