

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2016:- Palm Sunday

Welcome to our Family Service this morning on Palm Sunday, led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us today. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

Palm crosses will be distributed at the end of the service. Palms will also be folded and made as an activity during the service - on this occasion the children will be encouraged to stay in the main body of the church rather than go into the Lady Chapel for activities.

The story will be "**The Great Parade**" - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

The Psalm will be:- **Psalm 118 verses 19 - 29**

The response for the congregation after each will be:-

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Many of those at today's service will have been at the funeral service last Sunday for **Tim Amies** – it was a wonderful celebration of Tim's life and he will be missed in so many ways by so many people. Our thoughts and prayers are with Clare and all the family as they mourn their loss, and also with the families of Kaye Sanders and John Harrup.

We have also received the sad news of the passing of Marjorie Griffin – her funeral will be in the church after Easter. Our prayers are with her husband Tom who until recent years was on the church mowing and locking rotas.

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 morning during term time from 9.15am to 11.15am in the church**. It will be held **tomorrow and then there will be a break until after Easter**.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 21st March at the Parish Hall. There will be no Drop-in next week on Easter Monday.

Thursday Group will re-start after Easter on **Thursday, 7th April at 30 Pound Hill – 2.30pm** for a cup of tea and a chat.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

BOOK OF EVENTS DURING 2015:

A big thank you to David Marlow who has produced another fantastic book featuring photographs of events through the year. The new edition showing photos taken during 2015 is on the small table on the left as you enter the church.

St MICHAEL'S PRIORY AT THE WELL:

St Michael's Priory is part of the European Province of the Society of the Sacred Mission. Based in Milton Keynes on the beautiful shore of Willen Lake, it is a religious community that provides a peaceful, inclusive environment for all. This is where Sister Hazel and formerly Father Colin reside. They offer a full programme of community events, workshops, quiet days and retreats. A booklet is available on the bookcase, or go to www.stmichaelspriory.org.uk

PLANT FAYRE:

The annual **Plant Fayre** is being held on **Saturday 9th April**, from 11.00am 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. Donations of plants and cakes gratefully received on the day. Any offers of help, please contact:- John or Celia Hall 261075.

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th April in the Church at 7.30pm. More details about the Annual Meeting will be available shortly.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:-

Maundy Thursday: Benefice Holy Communion (Said), 7.30pm.

Good Friday: Hour of Devotion (hymns, readings, reflections) 2pm.

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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