

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2016:- Easter Sunday

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to our service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday, led by the Rector. 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 amongst us.

The readings this morning are:-

Acts 10: 34 - 43; 1 Corinthians 15: 19 - 26; Luke 24: 1 - 12

“Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia”

Thank you to Julia and the team of ladies who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations.

We were pleased to host the staff and pupils from High Ash School during this last week for the project “Experience Easter”. The church was transformed into a new Jerusalem, with tableaux set up around the church, each station depicting part of the Easter story. The church was open on Tuesday evening for families to visit and the classes went one by one to the church throughout Wednesday, with a service for the whole school held on Thursday morning.

The funeral service for Marjorie Griffin is being held this week. 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. There is now a break until after the Easter holidays.**

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

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:-

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.

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

ELECTORAL ROLL & 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. 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.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 3rd APRIL:

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

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