

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 8th May 2016:- The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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

The readings this morning are:-

**Ezekiel 36: 24 - 28; Acts 16: 16 - 34; John 17: 20 - 26**

**Thank you to those who met at Rectory Farm early yesterday morning to transfer the load of newspapers from the containers onto the lorry. News of the amount raised from the load will be notified shortly.**

### **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 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, 9th May at the Parish Hall.

**Thursday Group.** The next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday 19th May at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

**High Ash** would welcome anyone who would like to attend their monthly **Prayer Meeting** this Friday 13th May at 2.45 – 3.10pm.

### **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

**MIDSUMMER SUPPER, Saturday 18th June:** Meet at the church for drinks and canapes, then move on to enjoy supper with friends, returning to the church for desserts and coffee. Tickets £15. Contact Gill (279005) or Julia (261213).

**HELP REQUIRED:** If anyone could offer to assist with the following tasks please contact Phillipa:- 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)  
- **Sidesman**:- a simple but rewarding task, welcoming people to a service and collecting up the books at the end.

- **Newspaper Collecting** from those in the village who are unable to take their old newspapers/cardboard down to Rectory Farm.
- **Christian Aid Collecting, 15th - 21st May**:- this year we are short of collectors. Please consider helping, no matter how small an area you can do.

**MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES:** The first of this year's season of six classical concerts, all held in churches across Aylesbury Vale, is being held this coming Saturday, 14th May at the Church of St Mary & St Nicholas, **Chetwode** at 7.30pm. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** was held on 27th April. Ten parishioners attended plus nine PCC members. **The Annual Report and Accounts** were adopted - a copy of the Annual Report can be collected from the bookcase near the entrance to the church, or the file can be downloaded from the website.

**Elections**:- Julia Turner was elected as Church Warden. Clare Amies, Simon Bennett and David Duncombe did not seek re-election to the PCC. Phillipa Cook, Angela Northen, Margretta Smith and Joy Wilson continue, with newly elected member, Mary Maley. Jeremy Hopkinson continues as Deanery Synod Rep.

The **Wardens' report** summarised the work etc. that has been undertaken during the year. The Rector thanked Christine and Val for their hard work as Wardens and presented them with a **gift on their retirement**, flowers and a voucher to enjoy a lunch together with the two Steves at Hartwell House.

**The Rector** gave a presentation of slides accompanied by photos showing a summary of services/events/activities that have taken place. A PDF file of the presentation can be sent to anyone who would like a copy – please contact Phillipa:- [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com).

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY 15th MAY – WHIT SUNDAY:**

**There will be a service of Morning Worship at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by Jeremy.** Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill**:- [ Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am ]

**Little Brickhill**:- Family Service at 11.00am

**Stoke Hammond**:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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