

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th May 2016:- Pentecost / Whit Sunday

Welcome to our service of Morning Worship led by Jeremy. Thank you to the ladies who have done the floral decorations to celebrate this Whitsuntide. Thanks also to Rosemary for playing the organ for us this morning.

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

The readings and theme this morning have been chosen to reflect the message of Christian Aid Week. There is a special Prayer Card available for everyone to take a copy home with them.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 15th to 21st MAY: Christian Aid Week starts today, through until next Saturday. 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. There is still one area of the village that needs covering. If anyone has any spare time and could help with this please get in touch with Phillipa – details below.

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, 16th May at the Parish Hall.

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

NEWS & EVENTS:-

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, 21st May at **the Church of All Saints, Marsworth** at 7.30pm. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION: Thank you to those who met at Rectory Farm last Saturday 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.

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).

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.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY 22nd MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY:

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Service with Bishop Alan, Bishop of Buckingham (to mark completion of the church toilet project) at 4pm

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