

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

## **SUNDAY 8th April 2018:- The Second 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:-**

**Exodus 14: 10-31 & 15: 20-21; Acts 4: 32-35; John 20: 19-31**

Following the sad news last week that **Valerie Vestergaard** has passed away, the funeral will be held on Tuesday 24th April at St Andrew's Church, Bebington in the Wirral. Our thoughts are with her son David and family. We remember all that Valerie contributed to the life of this church over many years. A number of people will be meeting here at the church at the time of Valerie's funeral, 10.30am.

### **THE PLANT FAYRE:**

Well done to all those who helped to make yesterday's Plant Fayre such a success. **The provisional total** of the amount raised is **£2644** (£2730 last year) with 381 people through the gate (405 in 2017) – a full analysis of the results is on display in the porch. Thanks to all who helped to make the day such a success, especially John and Celia Hall who masterminded the event.

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:**

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings. There is a two-week break for the Easter holidays** - the first session of the new term will be held **on Monday, 16th April.**

**The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons** at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall is open on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

**The weekly Prayer Group** meets on **Thursday mornings** for tea and coffee **at 10.30am** - an informal gathering in the Lady Chapel with an opportunity for quiet, private and open prayer. All are welcome on any Thursday.

## **THE BIBLE COURSE:**

This course explores the world's bestseller, discovering how the key events, books and characters of the Bible all fit together. Following the introductory sessions, the **seven weekly follow-on sessions** will start **on Tuesday 17th April**, 1.30pm at The Rectory and **Thursday, 19th April** at 7.30pm in the small meeting room of the Parish Hall. It is not essential to have attended the introductory session. Full details are on **the blue flyers** available from the bookcase.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:**

**The Annual Church Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday April 17th at 7.30pm** in the Church. Elections will take place for:

- Church Wardens
- PCC Members

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. **Nomination slips** for the above elections are available near the main door, or can be downloaded from the website – details below. Completed nomination forms should be sent to Phillipa Cook by **tomorrow, Monday 9th April**.

**Electoral Roll:-** Anyone wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available near the main door or from the “Electoral Roll” section of the website, and returned to Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer).

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 15th APRIL:**

There will be a service of **Morning Worship with Baptism at 11.00am in Great Brickhill**, led by the Rector. We will welcome friends and family of Tom and Alice Turner on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter, Amelia.

### **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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