

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th May 2018:- The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion led by the Rector. We hope that Sister Hazel is able to be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 55: 1 - 11; Acts 10: 44 - 48; John 15: 9 - 17

FUNERAL NEWS:

The funeral service for John Walduck is being held this Wednesday, 9th May at the Crematorium (Oak Chapel) at 2.45pm.

THE BIBLE COURSE:

This is the fourth week of the **seven follow-on sessions** for the Bible Course, which explores the world's bestseller, discovering how the key events, books and characters of the Bible all fit together. It is not essential to have attended the earlier sessions. All welcome.

This week:- **Tuesday 8th May**, 1.30pm at The Rectory and **Thursday, 10th May** at 7.30pm in the small meeting room of the Parish Hall. Full details are on **the blue flyers** near the bookcase.

ASCENSION DAY, THURSDAY 10th May:

There will be one service this coming Thursday:- a United Benefice said service of Holy Communion at 9.30am at Stoke Hammond.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am. There will be no Coffee Club tomorrow, Monday 7th May due to the Bank Holiday.**

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. **Due to the Bank Holiday there will be no Drop-in tomorrow afternoon.**

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.

THE PLANT FAYRE:

Well done to all those who helped to make the Plant Fayre such a success. **The current total** of the amount raised is **£2694** (£2730 last year) with 381 people through the gate (405 in 2017) – a full analysis of the provisional 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.

ANNUAL MEETING, 17th APRIL:

Fifteen parishioners attended the Annual Church Meeting. Elections were held for the positions of Warden and PCC members. All positions remain unchanged. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted. A photographic review of the year was shown. Julia presented the Wardens' report summarising the work etc. undertaken during the year. The Rector presented his report with some thoughts on the Bishop of Oxford's book "Abundant Life," reflections on the raising of Lazarus. The Annual Report, the presentation of slides from the Annual Meeting, the Wardens' Report and a report from the Tower Captain are available to download from the "Annual Meeting 2018" page of the Great Brickhill section of the website. Also uploaded to that page is the Church Report presented to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday, 1st May.

David Marlow has recently updated his website with shots of the Plant Fayre, Snowdrop Walk and Christmas Eve / Nativity. There are also blog pages so that viewers can leave encouraging comments should they wish to. David would welcome photos of any events that he has not attended and any received will be put in his review set for the next Year Book. Any feedback to David from parishioners would be helpful:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 13th MAY:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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