

LITTLE BRICKHILL CHURCH NEWS

Annual Church Meeting – Sunday 17th March

At this time of year we look back over the past year, reflect on past events and progress made and look forward to plans for the coming year. This is the reason for our Annual Church Meeting, as well as hearing about the church's finances. This meeting will be held in the church after the Family Service, at about **12.15pm** on Sunday 17th March. Members on the Electoral Roll can vote on any proposals, as always, everyone will be made very welcome.

Mothering Sunday – 31st March



This year we want to offer something a little different and we hope lots of you will want to come and join us to celebrate this special day. This year our Mothers' Day All-age Family Service will be held in the Village Hall rather than in the church. We've chosen an earlier time than usual, **9.30am**, to fit in with families who have plans for celebration lunches. To make this extra special, we're inviting everyone to join us at **9 o'clock** for **breakfast of bacon or sausage sandwiches** before the service. All Mums will be presented with a posy of flowers, specially made by village residents and the service will have something for people of all ages. We're looking forward to welcoming you.

Good Friday – 19th April, 2pm

We're again inviting all the children and young people to come and help build an Easter garden in the church. We've done this for several years now and they're getting very good at creating a really beautiful entrance to the church and a reminder of the story of the First Easter Day. We'd love to welcome any new helpers who'd like to come and join us.

Easter Day – Sunday 21st April

Our Easter Day All-age Family Service is another special date for your diary. The service to celebrate this happy day will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments.



Open Gardens – Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July

Yes, it's time, once again, to spruce up those gardens and open them up to the many people who love to come and visit the wonderful range of gardens Little Brickhill has to offer. We are, again, hugely indebted to Denise Bushell for her tireless hard work in organising this great event every other year. The 2017 Open Gardens weekend broke all records and topped £2,000! This is the biggest fund raiser for the church and is a massive help in maintaining our lovely 14th century building. It's also a great weekend for getting around the village and meeting friends old and new. Do watch out for further details later in the year, but in the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about opening your garden this year, or if you can offer to help to sell tickets or refreshments, Denise would love to hear from you. Contact her at denisebushell@aol.com or call her on 01525 261170.

Ladies That Lunch and Coffee Mornings

Many of you will know that, thanks to the great generosity of our hosts, around £1,500 a year is raised for the maintenance of the church through these events. At the same time, we enjoy some good company and delicious meals! All welcome!

If you'd like to know more about the Lunches contact Julie Mayson on 261676 and for the Coffee Mornings contact Denise Bushell on 261170. Huge thanks to Julie and Denise for organising these great fund-raising activities.

The Lunches for the next few months will be hosted by:

Peggy Bellingham on 7th March

Denise Bushell on 5th April

Valerie Kerr (in Village Hall) on 15th May

The Coffee Mornings for the next few months will be hosted by:

Alison Packer at The Stables, Woburn Rd on 29th March (come and help make the Mother's Day posies over coffee, cake and a chat!!)

Theresa Simpson at Tantalon, Watling St on 24th April

Peggy Bellingham at Wainstones, Watling St on 23rd May

If anyone would be willing to host a Coffee Morning during the year, Denise would be delighted to hear from you!

Church Services

Services for the next few months are as follows:

17 th March	11am All-Age Family Service, followed by Annual Meeting
24 th March	11am United Benefice Service in Stoke Hammond Church
31 st March (Mothers' Day)	9.30am Special All-Age Family Service for Mothers' Day in the Village Hall (preceded by breakfast at 9am!)
7 th April	9.30am Holy Communion
21 st April (Easter Day)	11am All-Age Family Service with Holy Communion
5 th May	9.30am Holy Communion
19 th May	11am All-Age Family Service
2 nd June	9.30am Holy Communion
16 th June (Fathers' Day)	11am All-Age Family Service

A warm welcome to all is guaranteed at all our services and events!