

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2019:

Mothering Sunday - The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by Phillipa when we will celebrate Mothers' Day. We will be using the CDs to accompany our singing. Julia has kindly made posies for distribution at the end of the service. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The service will follow the theme of the two readings:

Exodus 2: 1 - 10 Moses as a baby left in the reeds

John 19: 25 - 27 Jesus speaking to his mother while on the cross

LENT COURSE "ALIVE IN CHRIST":

The Lent Course on Tuesday afternoons at Stoke Hammond is using three inspirational group **Bible studies on the Book of Colossians** produced by Bishop Steven. "**Alive in Christ**" is a study guide to explore more deeply what it means to be a Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world. The evening sessions are not going ahead as had been hoped. **Information about the course can be found on the blue/green sheets on the bookcase.** Details are also listed for all the special services during Lent / Easter.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held every Monday morning in the church during term time. The new start time is 10.00am to 11.15am. Tomorrow is the last one before the Easter holidays.**

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 Prayer Group is held in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Meet around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club. **Due to Bank Holidays the next Prayer Group meetings will be held on Mondays, 8th April & 13th May. There is an e-mail Prayer Chain** for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriekerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL FOR 2019:

Under the Church Representation Rules every six years a new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Applications to join the Electoral Roll should be submitted to Jeremy Hopkinson, the Electoral Roll officer. **Forms can be downloaded from the “Electoral Roll” section of the website, or collected from the bookcase.**

ANNUAL PLANT FAYRE, SATURDAY 13th APRIL:

The annual Plant Fayre is being held on Saturday 13th April, from 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Parish Hall. Please take some of the flyers from the bookcase away with you to pass on to your friends. Donations of plants and cakes gratefully received. Any offers of help, please contact:- Celia Hall 261075 celiafeetam@madasafish.com

MUSICAL EVENTS:

- (1). The Cryers singers will be performing “Musica Antiqua de Pascha”, Eastertide Renaissance music, at St Michael’s Church, Woburn Sands on Sunday 14th April at 2.30pm. Free admission.
- (2). Actors, singers, musicians and designers (young and old) are required for “Saints Alive!”, a fun musical about Pentecost on Sunday 30th June – contact Jerry Breslin jerrybreslin@hotmail.com

FUTURE DATES & EVENTS:

A Fashion Show and Sale is being held on **Saturday, 11th May** at the Parish Hall, from 6.30pm onwards. Tickets will be on sale shortly. **The re-scheduled “Sweet Music” Concert** will be held on **Saturday, 12th October**. Nearer the time those who purchased tickets for the earlier concert will be given first choice for these tickets.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 7th April:

There will be a Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector. Other Services in the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

Julia Turner – Warden (01525 261213)

juliaturner.jt@icloud.com

Phillipa Cook – Secretary (01525 261521)

pjcook6@gmail.com

To contact the Rector, Revd John Waller:

rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk

The address of the Benefice website:

www.brickhillschurches.org.uk