

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2019: The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning 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 43: 16 - 21; Philippians 3: 4b - 14; John 12: 1 - 8

POST LENT COURSE "ALIVE IN CHRIST":

For various reasons the evening Lent Course for the Benefice did not take place. It will now be held over three weeks in May. The course will use three inspirational group Bible studies on the Book of Colossians produced by Bishop Steven. **Dates and details** about the course can be found **on the pink sheets on the bookcase**. Details are also listed for all the special services during Lent / Easter.

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

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 Coffee Club will resume after the Easter holidays on Monday 29th 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 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 tomorrow, Monday 8th April and Monday 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).

ANNUAL PLANT FAYRE, NEXT SATURDAY 13th APRIL:

The annual Plant Fayre is being held next 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

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 30th** at **7.30pm in the Church**. Elections will take place for Church Wardens and PCC Members. The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Nomination slips for the elections are available near the main door, or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms should be sent to Phillipa Cook by Monday, 22nd April.

Electoral Roll:- Anyone wishing to join the new 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).

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:

Tickets for the Fashion Show and Sale on Saturday, 11th May at the Parish Hall, from 6.30pm onwards, are **available from Phillipa**. **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 PALM SUNDAY, 14th April:

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

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion (Said) at 6.00pm

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