

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2019: Palm Sunday

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion today, led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan Noon for playing the organ for us this morning. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The Old and New Testament readings this morning are:

Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a; Philippians 2: 5 - 11

GOSPEL READING: The Passion (Luke: 22: 14 - 23: 49)

Today's Gospel will be the full bible reading of the Passion and will take the place of the sermon. It will be read in dramatic form with a number of people reading the various parts:-

Narrator: Phillipa Cook **Jesus:** John Waller

Pilate: Valerie Kerr **Centurion/Peter:** Roger Blofeld

Minor Parts: Mary Maley & Julia Turner

The congregation is asked to read the group voices (the relevant lines are highlighted in the sheets that you will be given):-

Pulpit side congregation: Priests

Lectern side congregation: Disciples; Men; Soldiers

[Please remain seated while the Passion is being read.]

THIS AFTERNOON:

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.

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 **£3017** (£2694 last year) with **448** people through the gate (381 in 2018) – 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 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. **Due to Bank Holidays the next Prayer Group meeting will be held on 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 (valeriejkerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

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**.

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 22 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).

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**.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY, 21st April:

On **Good Friday** there will be an **Hour of Devotion** here in Great Brickhill at **2pm** led by the Rector and on **Easter Sunday Holy Communion** (Common Worship) at **11.00am**, led by the Reverend Robert Wright. For other services across the benefice see the schedule on the **pink sheets on the bookcase**.

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