

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

**SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2019: Easter Sunday**

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to our service of Holy Communion, led by the Revd. Robert Wright. Thank you to Rosemary Howell for playing the music for us this morning. Thanks also to Julia and the team of ladies who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. There will also be an Easter egg hunt for the young in the Churchyard.

**The readings this morning are:-**

**Isaiah 65: 17-25; Acts 10: 34-43; Luke 24: 1-12**

***“Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia”***

## **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, but no Drop-In tomorrow as it is Easter Monday.

**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 ([valeriejerr@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriejerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto: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.**

## **THE PLANT FAYRE:**

Well done to all those who helped to make yesterday's Plant Fayre such a success. The total of the amount raised is **£3207** (£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.

## **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 tomorrow**. **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:**

**On Bank Holiday Monday 6th May at 4.00pm**, the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers will hold the final of the eight-bell ringing competition on our bells. The winners of that competition will go on to compete in the National 8-bell Competition.

**The Ladies Fashion Show and Sale is being held on Saturday, 11th May** at the Parish Hall. The doors open at 6.30pm and the show starts at 7.00pm. Tickets are £7 including a free glass of wine - available from Phillipa 01525 261521 or [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 28th APRIL:**

There will be a **Family Service with Baptism here at 11.00am** led by the Rector. Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Café Church at 9.30am

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