

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2019: The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by the Rector. We are delighted to welcome friends and family of Arran and Amye Aris to celebrate the baptism of their younger son, Jasper. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta who will be playing the music to accompany our singing.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The reading this morning is:- John 20: 19 – 21

Next month's Family Service on Sunday 26th May at 11.00am will be held in one of the marquees at the Cricket Field being used for Brickstock later in the day.

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 from 10.00am to 11.15am during term time. The Coffee Club resumes tomorrow after the Easter break.**

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 there will be **no Drop-In on Monday 6th May** as it is a Bank Holiday.

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) 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.**

THE PLANT FAYRE:

Thank you to those who made the 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 in any way, especially John and Celia Hall who masterminded the event.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held **this Tuesday, 30th April at 7.30pm in the Church**. All are invited to come and hear a report of all that has taken place during the last twelve months. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm. Elections will take place for Church Wardens and PCC Members. The Nomination List is displayed in the Church porch. For those without internet access, copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018 are available from the bookcase. An electronic copy of the documents can be downloaded from the “Great Brickhill – Annual Meetings & Reports” section of the website. **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 from 4.00pm until 7.00pm, the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers will hold their **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

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 5th MAY:

There will be a Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Revd. Robert Wright.

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

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