

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th May – The fifth Sunday after Easter and Rogation Sunday.

This week is **Christian Aid Week**. We are asked to use the following prayer during the week when we pray:

Father God in heaven

We thank you for the people of Nairobi, of Kenya, and of poor communities around the world.

Thank you for their dreams and aspirations to improve their lives and give their children better futures.

Thank you for the challenge to make their dreams, our dreams, their children's future, our future.

Thank you for vision.

Thank you for faith to believe all is possible.

Thank you for courage to turn ideas into action, and hope to endure until they become reality.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Welcome to **Morning Worship**, led by Jeremy with Susan Noon providing the music for our singing. Everyone is warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The readings this morning are:

Ezekiel 37 vs. 1 – 14; and John 5 vs. 1 – 9.

TODAY at 11am there is a Benefice-wide Family Service which will be held in a glade in the Bow Brickhill woods. The service starts at Bow Brickhill Parish Church at 11am and then everyone will take a short walk to the glade where the main part of the service will be held. You are invited to bring along a picnic and join us after the service for some refreshments.

THIS EVENING AT 7.30PM, IN THE CHURCH: MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert will be **this evening, here in the Church at 7.30pm. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO EVENSONG THIS EVENING)**. The programme includes Bach's Cantata 172 and Rutter's Gloria. Tickets are available on the door, as usual. Please come and tell your friends too.

NEWS

Last Wednesday 5th May at 11am the funeral and burial of Mr Raymond Fairley was held here. Mr Fairley grew up in Great Brickhill, but lived in Milton Keynes more recently.

THE CHURCH BELLS

The work to rehang the bells is going well and should be completed very soon. The Church will not be open to visitors next week. Also, work will be undertaken on the leaking central heating pipes beginning on Monday 10th May.

THE NEXT PCC MEETING

The first meeting of the newly elected P.C.C. will be on **Ascension Day, Thursday 13th May**, following on from a Communion Service and a short Joint Benefice P.C.C. Meeting to be held at Bow Brickhill School.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A MOVEABLE FEAST

On **June 19th**, we are planning a Midsummer Evening of eating, drinking and convivial company around the Parish. Please save the date in your diary and join in. The emphasis will be on 'social' but we hope to raise some money for the Church, as well. Please tell your friends. Everyone is invited!

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

This year's programme of recitals and concerts held in village churches in Aylesbury Vale is now published. If you are interested, please collect a brochure from the bookcase near the door.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 16th May, there will be Holy Communion here at 9.30am, led by the Rector.

Christine (261527) and Julia (261213)

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