

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th March – The Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. We would like to say thank you to Jerry and to Jeremy who will be leading our prayers of intercession.

We will serve tea or coffee after this morning's service and you are very welcome to stay for a chat.

The bible readings for the service include a reading from Exodus that will be used in the second of this year's Lent Course sessions. They are:

Exodus 12 vs. 1 - 14;
1 Corinthians 11 vs. 23 – 26; and
Luke 9 vs. 1 - 6.

THIS WEEK

The second session of the LENT COURSE: At The Table will be held on **Thursday 24th March at Green Farm, Stoke Lane** beginning with a simple lunch served at 12.30pm followed by the course discussion session between 2.00 – 3.30pm. This Thursday's session is entitled **“A Meal for the Journey: The Passover.**

Please could you let Phillipa know if you will be coming to this session especially if you would like to have lunch – tel: 261521, e-mail: neilaccok@aol.com. Fourteen people attended the first session. You will be very welcome to join in even if you were unable to come to the first session. Thank you.

NEWS

THE SECOND OF THE SNOWDROP WALKS was a great success with almost as many visitors coming as came on the first Sunday. The total raised during both afternoons together was £1164, considerably more than last year, which was a wonderful result especially as the weather was so awful on the first afternoon. Thank you to the hosts for allowing the event to take place and for welcoming all the visitors. Thanks also to those who baked all the cakes and served the teas.

CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.

There have already been a number of programmes on television and radio to mark this anniversary and parishes are joining in the celebrations in varied ways. In the Benefice, the Rector and Wardens have chosen to have a month of activity in October which includes Bible Sunday. It is likely that the King James Bible will play a significant part in the regular services during October. If you have any thoughts on how we might achieve this please let us know and if you have a particular reading from the King James Bible that you would like to see be part of the celebrations, please give us the details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates!!!

****** Saturday, 2nd April ******

This is the date when we plan to give the church a Spring Clean and general tidy-up. We would love everyone to come and give us an hour or so during the morning. We plan to have the church looking lovely for Mothering Sunday on the following day.

****** Sunday, 3rd April – Mothering Sunday ******

This service will be at 11am and **NOT** at the usual time of 9.30am. It will be led jointly by the Rector and Sister Hazel, who will celebrate Holy Communion with hymns. The service will be followed by a pre-lunch celebration of drinks and light refreshments. Please invite your friends.

****** Saturday, 9th April ******

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 9th at noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and marquee. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall. If anyone is willing to display a poster in a prominent place locally please call 01525 261527.

****** Thursday, 14th April ******

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Thursday April 14th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. **Please see below for further details. The meeting will conclude with Compline** (a short said service of evening prayer).

****** Thursday, 21st April ******

The Maundy Thursday Supper will be held this year at Little Brickhill in the Parish Hall. The supper begins at 7pm with a simple service followed by the meal. Please sign the list on the board on the bookcase if you would like to come.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Church Annual Meeting is being held on **Thursday 14th April in Church at 7.30pm**. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm. All papers (Annual Report etc.) will be available for collection from the Church, or to download from the website, from Thursday 7th April.

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

- Two Church Wardens
- Two Deanery Synod Representative (to serve a three year term)
- PCC Members (the number to be elected is 9, as determined by an Electoral Roll of 51 to 100 people)

Nomination slips for the above elections are available from the Church or from the PCC Secretary, Phillipa Cook (TEL: 01525, 261521; e-mail: neilacook@aol.com) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by Monday 4th April. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch by 7th April.

Any parishioner wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available from the Church Wardens or from Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the “Electoral Roll” section of the website.

NEXT SUNDAY, 27th March, there will be a **Family Service with Baptism at 11am**, led by the Rector. The service next week will include the baptism of a baby whose parents were married here in 2008.

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