

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 18th March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent and Mothering Sunday.

Welcome to everyone for our celebration of **Holy Communion and Mothering Sunday** this morning, led by the Rector. On your behalf I would like to thank Julia and Rosie for making the posies of flowers that will be blessed and distributed during the service.

The service will use readings and a theme that will be used in the fourth session of the Lent Discussion Course. The readings are taken from **Isaiah Chapter 40** and the theme for this week is **“Encountering God”**.

The readings:

Isaiah 40 vs. 21 – 26, the Lent discussion verses;

Colossians 3 vs. 12 – 17; and

Mark 1 vs. 35 – 39.

THIS WEEK

This Thursday, 22nd March, the fourth session of the Lent Course and lunch will be held. The details of the theme for the course and the session are given in the leaflet that can be found on the bookcase. If you were not able to get to any of the first three sessions of the course please do not be put off, you are welcome to join any of the sessions and the lunch that precedes it. Please telephone 261674 or e-mail lynghouse@tiscali.co.uk by the day before the session if you wish to come for the lunch.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates:-

Wednesday 4th April, the Wednesday in Holy Week. There will be a service of said Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 10.30am

Thursday 5th April THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER:

This year it is Bow Brickhill’s turn to host the Maundy Thursday Supper. Every one is warmly invited at 7pm to join friends from

the Benefice at the Bow Brickhill Pavilion for a service followed by a simple supper. There is a board on the bookcase for you to sign if you wish to participate in the supper and service.

On Good Friday, 6th April, there will be an Hour of Devotion of readings quiet reflections with hymns from 2-3pm. The service will be led by Jeremy and the Rector.

On Easter Sunday, 8th April, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11am, led by the Rector. You are most welcome to attend all the services during Holy Week.

AFTER EASTER on Saturday, 14th April:

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, April 14th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall. Various teams of helpers are being put together. If you would like to help, please could you get in touch with Stephen Agambar (Tel: 261527 or email: stephen.agambar@btinternet.com).

Tuesday, 24th April:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS

CHANGE TO SERVICE TIMES: The time of the service on the first Sunday of each month (Prayer Book Holy Communion) has been changed from 9.30am to 11 am. The change will enable those who are less mobile to get to the church for the service and it will also enable the Rector to take this service every other month. On Sunday 1st April, Palm Sunday, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11am.

Next Sunday, 25th March, at 11am there will be a Family Service led by the Rector.

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