

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th May

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER and the Sunday after Ascension Day

Welcome to our celebration of **Holy Communion** today, led by the Rector. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The readings this morning are: **Acts 1 vs. 15 – 17 & 21 - 26;**
 1 John 5 vs. 9 – 13; and
 John 17 vs. 6 – 19.

THIS WEEK

Thursday Group meets this week on Thursday 24th May for afternoon tea and a chat at Janet's. All are very welcome to join us.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HM THE QUEEN

On **Sunday, June 3rd** our church will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There will be a special service of sung Holy Communion at 11am, led by Sister Hazel, with Colin Griffiths preaching the sermon. It will be lovely to welcome Sister Hazel back into our midst again and I am sure that you will all wish to be here to greet her. The service will be followed by a ceremonial tree planting in the churchyard by Sir David Duncombe, our Patron, and the 'unveiling' of the new churchyard seat that has been donated to us by Great Brickhill Parish Council to mark the Jubilee. The choir will sing, the bells will be rung and we will be serving refreshments. Everyone is warmly welcome to be there.

On Monday 4th June, Clare and Tim Amies warmly invite you all to join them at the Old Farm, Ivy Lane, for a **Picnic Garden Party with Scottish Country Dancing**. The details are in the poster in the church porch. It starts with a Country Walk (2.15pm for 2.30pm) followed by easy country dancing and then a 'Bring and Share' Picnic. Fun for all the Family and absolutely free! The event will be cancelled if the weather is poor. But it won't be !!!!!!!

NEWS

PARISH MEETING

A report from the PCC was presented at the Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 1st May. A copy of this report has been uploaded onto the

benefice website, in the Great Brickhill section on the “Annual Meeting and Report 2012” page. There will be a summary of the report in the June edition of the Parish Newsletter.

THE NEW CHURCHYARD SEAT

Please try it out !!!! Our thanks go to Great Brickhill Parish Council for buying us the seat and arranging for it to be ‘fixed’ in position. We chose the seat, and Frosts provided it, so we just hope that you like it.

PAPER COLLECTION

The recent collection of 6 tonnes of waste cardboard and newspapers raised £364.80 for church funds. Thank you to all who helped to load the collection lorry and to Frank for organising the regular collection of paper and card.

A (VERY) SMALL GARDEN

By the West Door of the church you will notice the introduction of two small gardened plots either side of the door. A new Community Gardening Club based at High Ash School is tending these. It is their first project and the garden will last through the summer and then the grass turves will be reinstated.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

The second concert in this series will be held on Saturday 26th May, at 7.30pm at St James the Great Church in Aston Abbots and is entitled “Sublime Chamber Music”. Details are to be found in the leaflets located on the bookcase by the church door.

NEXT SUNDAY, 27th May is Pentecost

In Great Brickhill next Sunday, at 11am there will be a **Family Service with Baptism**, led by the Rector. During the service two children will be baptised. Everyone is warmly invited to join with the family and their friends in welcoming the children into the church family.

At Bow Brickhill at 8am and at Little Brickhill at 9.30am there will be celebrations of Holy Communion, and at **Stoke Hammond at 9.30am** there will be Morning Worship.

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