

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 28th April – The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, led by the Rector with Tim Holden playing for our singing. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The reading this morning is:

**John 13 vs. 31 - 35.**

### **THIS WEEK:**

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 29th April, at the Parish Hall.

On **Wednesday 1st May**, there will be a service of **House Communion** at 10.30am held at Knightleys, Heath Road. All will be very welcome to attend.

### **NEWS**

**The Great Brickhill Church Annual Meeting** was held on Tuesday 23rd April. Thank you to the Bell Ringers for ringing the bells from 6pm to celebrate St. George's Day. During the meeting updates were presented on the many aspects of Church life. Anyone who has not yet received a copy of the Annual report can collect a copy from the bookcase near the entrance to the church, or can download the report from the church website.

Following uncontested elections:

Christine Agambar and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin will serve as Church Wardens.

The following were elected as members of the PCC: Simon Bennett, Phillippa Cook, Robin Dawson, Rosie Dawson, David Duncombe, Jeremy Hopkinson, Kay Seaman Julia Turner and Joy Wilson. Clare Amies and Valerie Beardmore–Baldwin continue to serve as our Deanery Synod Representatives for the third year of their three year term.

The first meeting of the newly elected PCC will be held on **Tuesday 28th May** in the Church at 8pm.

The Annual meeting concluded with Compline.

**On last Thursday morning, 25th April, the funeral was held of Hazel Howson.** Her many friends from the village were able to celebrate her life and to hear some lovely singing from the church choir. Hazel's family asked that donations be made to the church choir and the choir have kindly passed the donations to the church organ fund. We send our condolences and prayers to the Howson family.

### **MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES**

The first concert in this annual series will be held next Saturday evening, **on the 4th May at 7.30pm** in Radclive Church. Leaflets giving details of all concerts in the series and where to buy tickets are on the bookcase by the door for you to pick up if you are interested.

**DOUBLE CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH ORGAN** will be held on **Saturday 11th May in the church at 7.30pm.** The concert will feature Launton Handbell Ringers and Cheryl Hawkins' "Talents to Amuse". The tickets are **FREE** and donations towards the first phase of the restoration work, of £740, will be requested. The work on this phase of the project will commence in the summer.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will commence in the Benefice during the summer in preparation for a Deanery confirmation service later in the year. Anyone interested in participating as a candidate for confirmation is asked to contact the Rector.

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 5th MAY, Rogation Sunday:**

**There will be a Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion at Great Brickhill, led by the Revd. Valerie Rushton at 11am.**

Other Services across the Benefice:

**Bow Brickhill:-** Rogation Walk and Prayers at 9.30am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Family Service at 11am.

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