

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

## **SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL:- The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday**

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, led by the Rector. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14; Romans 8: 6 - 11; John 11: 32 - 45**

### **New Sunday Service pattern as from March:**

**Flyers are available from the bookcase**, giving details of the **new service pattern** across the benefice. A flyer is also available giving details of the Family Services for the next few months.

### **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-**

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held, as usual on Monday afternoons, 7th April, at the Parish Hall.

**The three Lent Courses across the Benefice continue.** All will be welcome to join in any session at any of the venues:-

**Great Brickhill on Wednesdays “The Bible Course”**, at 7.45pm – please note this week the venue is **Green Farm, Stoke Lane**.

**Also in Great Brickhill on Thursdays - a series of talks starting at 2pm** by the Rector, followed by refreshments and discussion.

**The remaining sessions will be held in the \*at the Parish Hall\*.**

**Stoke Hammond on Tuesday at 2pm** – Bible Study, exploring the gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

**Full details of the courses can be found in the pink flyers that are available for collection from the bookcase.**

### **PLANT FAYRE, next Saturday, 12th April, 12 noon to 4.00pm**

This annual event takes place next Saturday. Please encourage your friends and family to come. If you are able to offer items for sale or you can help on the stalls, please contact:-

Celia Feetham 261075 (Plants) or Betty Kinsey 261836 (Cakes)

### **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

#### **CHURCH / CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP, Saturday 29th March**

Thank you to all who gave their time to help with the tidy-up session on 29th March. The first mowing in the churchyard has also been done and so everything is neat and tidy as we approach Easter.

**CONFIRMATION:-** There will be a Confirmation Service in the Deanery on 28th September. Preparation classes will be held between Easter and the summer holidays. Any potential candidates are asked to contact the Rector.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING**

**The Annual Church Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 29th April in the Church at 7.30pm**. 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 for three years)
- 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: [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by Monday 21st April. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board by 22nd 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.

**THE MAUNDY THURSDAY LAST SUPPER** will be held here in the church at 7pm. Please sign the list on the bookcase, or let Christine know, if you if you would like to come – contact details below.

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, PALM SUNDAY, 13th APRIL:**

**In Great Brickhill there will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship), including a dramatised reading of the Passion Gospel, at \*\*\*9.00am\*\*\*, led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Family Service at 11.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Holy Communion (Said) at 6.00pm

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