

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th APRIL:- FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew for playing the piano and leading the singing of two of our songs. The theme for the service is the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning of the service and to those who have helped to prepare and provide the food for our Bring and Share Lunch immediately after the service.

The reading this morning is:- **Luke 24: 28 - 35**

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:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoons, 28th April, at the Parish Hall.

There are two "Bible Course" sessions remaining of the extended Lent Course being held on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.45pm - this week will be at **Green Farm, Stoke Lane** and the last session at **Old Farm, Ivy Lane**.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

THE PLANT FAYRE was a great success with 366 people attending, slightly up from last year. The tremendous figure of **£2,523** was raised (£2,161 in 2013). Thanks to all who helped on the day and in advance with potting up plants or baking cakes etc. Special thanks to John Hall and Celia Feetam who did the bulk of the organising this year, ably assisted by Stephen and Christine Agambar.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES.

This year's season of eight classical concerts, all held on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, commence next Saturday, 3rd May. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase.

THE THURSDAY GROUP fortnightly meetings will resume on Thursday 8th May, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

A FLOWER FESTIVAL is being held at **Stoke Hammond Church** **next weekend** on 3rd, 4th & 5th May, from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Please support this event if you are able to.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING

The **Annual Church Meeting** will be held on **this coming Tuesday 29th April** at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

Copies of the **Agenda** for the Annual Meeting, plus the **Annual Report and Accounts** for the year ended 31st December 2013 are available from the bookcase. As we move towards a paperless society, please consider obtaining an electronic copy of the documents from the "Great Brickhill – Annual Meetings & Reports" section of the website – see link below.

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice board 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)

A list of nominations is posted on the Church Porch.

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.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 4th MAY:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Revd. Liz Baker.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service, 11.00am

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