

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2015:-

The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

Welcome to our **Family Service with Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector. We are delighted to welcome the families of Simon & Juliet Bennett and Angus & Emily Johnstone on the occasion of the baptism of Thomas and Hettie. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be singing an anthem. Everyone is welcome to stay after the service for coffee and a chat with the baptismal families.

The reading this morning is:- **Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34**

YESTERDAY'S WORKING PARTY IN THE CHURCHYARD:

Thank you to all those who joined the working party to tidy up the churchyard and surrounding area yesterday. Great progress was made - there is still a little work to be done but it will not be necessary to hold another working party next week. What a difference a few weeks have made to the look of the approach to the church!

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, a child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday during term time** in the church, **from 9.15am to 11.15am. Tomorrow will be the last session** before the Easter break, resuming when the older children are back at school on **Monday 20th April**.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 23rd March at the Parish Hall.

There will be a meeting of the PCC on Wednesday, 25th March, 8.00pm at Roxburgh House.

The Thursday Group will resume after Easter on 9th April.

This Friday, 27th March we will welcome High Ash School for their service of Easter Worship at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

The Lent Groups: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Thursday afternoon "**Bible Course**" has taken a break until after Easter. The date of the next session will be notified when confirmed.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

THE PRAYER ROOM:

The Prayer Room was in place last week as part of our Lent activities - a creative space to pray during this period. The Lent Group had been studying Exodus where we were fittingly reminded that wherever the people of Israel went, Moses pitched a tent which was called the Tent of the Lord's presence.

PLANT FAYRE:

The annual **Plant Fayre** is being held on **Saturday 11th April**, from 12 noon to 4.00pm at the Parish Hall. Please take some of the flyers from the bookcase away with you to pass on to your friends. Anyone able to offer items for sale please contact:- Celia Feetham 261075 (plants) and Betty Kinsey 261836 (cakes).

EASTER SERVICES:

The details of all the Holy Week and Easter Services can be found on the reverse of the pink Lent/Easter flyer available on the bookcase.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, 29th MARCH – PALM SUNDAY:

There will be just one service next Sunday - a United Benefice Family Service with Holy Communion led by the Rector.

For those who are able there will be a **procession to the church with readings and hymns**, carrying the wooden cross (which you will see is by the steps to the pulpit).

Meet at 10.30am at the Bus Shelter at the top of Pound Hill and process **to the Church for the service at 11.00am**. The service will include a dramatized reading of the Passion gospel.

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