

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

## **SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2016:- The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our Service of Evensong, led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be accompanying our singing.

The readings this evening are:-

**Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-18; 9: 8-13**

**John 10: 22 - 30**

**Psalm No. 23**

We have received the sad news that Joy Lennard has died - in her 94th year. Her Funeral is at Amersham Crematorium this Friday, 22nd April at 1.15pm. Joy had a deep affection for Great Brickhill and all her friends here.

The announcement was made this week of the appointment of the new **Bishop of Oxford**, “**the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft**, who is currently Bishop of Sheffield. As both a diocesan bishop and formerly as a parish priest Bishop Steven has shown a passion for sharing the good news of Christ in both traditional and innovative ways .... Please do pray for him and for Ann over the next few months as they prepare to move to Oxford, and for the Diocese of Sheffield who will be very sad to say goodbye.”

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

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children **resumes tomorrow** after the Easter break. It is held **every Monday during term time in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am**. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held on Monday afternoon, 18th April at the Parish Hall.

**Thursday Group**. The next fortnightly meeting will be held this Thursday 21st April – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. Please note the **change of venue to Knightleys, Heath Road**.

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

**MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES**: This year's season of six classical concerts, all held in churches across Aylesbury Vale on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, commence on Saturday, 7th May. Copies of

the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

**THE PLANT FAYRE:** Thank you to all those who helped to make last week's Plant Fayre such a success. There were fewer people through the door (327 compared to 391 last year) but the amount raised was fairly similar. There are still a few expenses to be paid out of the current total **£2,310**. Special thanks to John and Celia Hall for masterminding the whole event.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:**

**The Annual Church Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday April 27th at 7.30pm in the Church**. All are invited to come and hear of all the good things that have taken place during the last year.

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

- Two Church Wardens
- PCC Members (the number to be elected will be determined by the number who have enrolled on the Electoral Roll)

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 **tomorrow, Monday 18th April**.

A list of all Nominations will be on the Notice Board by 19th April.

The Annual Report etc. will be available for collection from the Church, or to download from the website, from Tuesday 19th April.

**Electoral Roll:-** Any parishioner wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available from the Church Wardens, Phillipa Cook or Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the "Electoral Roll" section of the website.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 24th APRIL:**

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Morning Worship at 9.00am

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