

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 2nd April 2017:- The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning. Thank you to Revd Robert Wright for leading our service.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings for the services during Lent are those for the following week's **Lent Course** - the themes focus on particular bible stories based on journeys / pilgrimages. This is **Week 5** and the theme is "**Bartimaeus: What do you want me to do for you?**", focussing on the **Mark** reading. This morning's readings are:- **Isaiah 35: 1 - 6; Hebrews 4: 14 - 16; Mark 10: 46 – 52**

This is the final week of the **Lent Course "Pilgrims: Meeting God on the Journey"** - an afternoon group at **Stoke Hammond on Tuesday** at 2.00pm and the **evening Benefice course is on Wednesday** at 8.00pm. **A Lent Course leaflet and a leaflet for each of the five weeks** is available on the table near the entrance, or download the information from the "Lent Courses" section of the website (details below).

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am. There is a three week break for the Easter holidays** - the first session of the new term will be held **on Monday, 24th April.**

Village Drop-In, tomorrow 3rd and 10th April. Although there is no longer a Post Office, the Drop-In continues on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from 1.20 - 3.20pm, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat.

The monthly Healing Prayer Meeting will be held **from 7-8pm** on this **Wednesday evening at The Rectory.** All are welcome. Please send any requests for prayer to the Rector.

The annual Plant Fayre takes place next Saturday 8th April, from 11.00 – 4.00pm at the Parish Hall. Plants and cakes are required for the stalls, plus offers of help – please contact Celia Hall:- TEL: 261075 celiafeetam@madasafish.com

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 25th at 7.30pm in the Church**. Elections will take place for:

- Church Wardens
- Deanery Synod Representatives (maximum two)
- PCC Members

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. **Nomination slips** for the above elections are available **from the font**, or can be downloaded from the website – details below. Completed nomination forms should be sent to Phillipa Cook by **Easter Monday, 17th April**.

Electoral Roll:- This year sees a revision of the Electoral Roll – **all parishioners have to re-apply**. Anyone wishing to be included on the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available from the font, Phillipa Cook or Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the “Electoral Roll” section of the website.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / EASTER SERVICES:

The first event of the year was the highly successful Snowdrop Walks – the total raised for the two Sundays has now reached an amazing **£1,451** plus gift aid. There is a **Schedule of Events** available on the bookcase near the entrance setting out the dates of events planned for 2017. On the reverse are the details of all the **special services planned during the Lent / Easter period**.

NEXT SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY, 9th APRIL:-

The Rector will be doing a pilgrimage walk across the Benefice. John would welcome anyone to join him on all, or part, of the walk. There is a handout giving all the timings and a map of the route. **Prayer at 8.30am** Stoke Hammond Church; **9.30am** (approx.) Great Brickhill Church; **10.10am** (approx.) Little Brickhill Church. **Family Service with Holy Communion at 11.00am** (including a dramatized reading of the gospel passage) at Bow Brickhill.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SERVICES:

Good Friday: Hour of Devotion (hymns, readings, reflections) 2pm.
On Easter Sunday, 16th April there will be a service of Holy Communion here at 11.00am, led by the Revd Robert Wright.
Other Easter Services across the Benefice – see separate leaflet.

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