

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th April 2017:- EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to our service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday, led by Revd Robert Wright. Thank you to Jerry Breslin and the choir for the music for the service. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. There will also be an Easter egg hunt, weather permitting in the Churchyard, for the young or not so young amongst us.

The readings this morning are:-

Acts 10: 34 - 43; Colossians 3: 1 - 4; John 20: 1 - 18

“Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia”

Thank you to Julia and the team of ladies who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations.

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.**

The weekly Drop-in is not being held tomorrow afternoon.

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 near the main door, or can be downloaded from the website – details below. Completed nomination forms should be sent to Phillipa Cook by **tomorrow, Easter Monday, 17th April.**

Electoral Roll:- Anyone wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available near the main door or from the “Electoral Roll” section of the website, and returned to Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer).

NEWS AND EVENTS:

THE PLANT FAYRE:

The annual Plant Fayre last Saturday was a huge success. We were blessed with fantastic weather, resulting in more people (405) through the “gate” than in recent years. The provisional result was an amazing total of **£2,701**, the second highest amount, topped only in 2012 when we had almost 300 additional people attending. An analysis of the figures is on display in the church porch - without exception each of the figures has increased, none more so than the Cafe – well done to those who slaved away in the kitchen (both at home making the produce, and at the Hall). Most of all thank you to John and Celia Hall for masterminding the whole event.

David Marlow has uploaded photos taken at the Plant Fayre onto his website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

The next event will be **Brickstock 2017 at the Cricket Club** on Sunday 28th May. Fliers advertising the event are available near the entrance. The Church Roof Fund is one of the beneficiaries of the event - the teas and raffle will be in aid of the church. The Family Service that day will be held in one of the marquees - the service will start at 11.00am and will be finished in plenty of time for those without a ticket and not intending to attend the event, to depart before the gates officially open at 12 noon.

There is a **Schedule of Events on pink sheets** on the bookcase near the entrance setting out the dates of events planned for 2017.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 23rd 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:- Evensong (Said) at 6.00pm

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