

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

## **SUNDAY 1st April 2018:- EASTER SUNDAY**

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to our service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry Breslin and the choir for the music this morning. Thanks also to Julia and the team of ladies who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. There will also be an Easter egg hunt for the young, weather permitting, in the Churchyard.

**The readings this morning are:-**

**Isaiah 25: 6 - 9; Acts 10: 34 - 43; Mark 16: 1 - 8**

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

**Sister Hazel** would normally be with us on the first Sunday of the month, but as it is Easter she will be celebrating with the community at The Priory at Willen. She sends Easter greetings to us all and hopes to see us again soon.

We heard the sad news yesterday that **Valerie Vestergaard** has died. Our thoughts are with her son David and his family. We remember all that Valerie contributed to the life of the church here over many years.

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:**

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings. There is a two-week break for the Easter holidays** - the first session of the new term will be held **on Monday, 16th April.**

**The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons** at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall is also open on Mondays. The Drop-in will not be held tomorrow afternoon.**

**The weekly Prayer Group** meets on **Thursday mornings** for tea and coffee **at 10.30am** - an informal gathering in the Lady Chapel with an opportunity for quiet, private and open prayer. All are welcome on any Thursday.

### **THE BIBLE COURSE:**

This course explores the world's bestseller, discovering how the key events, books and characters of the Bible all fit together. Following

the introductory sessions, the **seven weekly follow-on sessions** will start on **Tuesday 17th April**, 1.30pm at The Rectory and **Thursday, 19th April** at 7.30pm in the small meeting room of the Parish Hall. It is not essential to have attended the introductory session. Full details are on **the blue flyers** available from the bookcase.

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

**The Annual Church Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday April 17th at 7.30pm** in the Church. Elections will take place for:

- Church Wardens
- 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 **Monday, 9th 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).

### **ANNUAL PLANT FAYRE, NEXT SATURDAY 7th APRIL:**

The annual Plant Fayre is being held next Saturday 7th April, from 11.00am 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. Donations of plants and cakes gratefully received. Any offers of help, please contact:- Celia Hall 261075 [celiafeetam@madasafish.com](mailto:celiafeetam@madasafish.com)

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 8th APRIL:**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Family Service at 11.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Said Evensong at 6.00pm

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