

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

## **SUNDAY 2nd May – The fourth Sunday after Easter**

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rev. Norman Thorpe. It is a particular delight to welcome Norman to our Church once again and after a rather long break. We would like to thank you, Norman, for this morning's service. Everyone is warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The readings this morning are: **Genesis 22 vs. 1 – 18**; and **Acts 11 vs. 1 – 18**.

The Holy Gospel reading is taken from **John 13 vs. 31 – 35**.

### **THIS WEEK**

**On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** the funeral and burial of Mr Raymond Fairley will be held here. Mr Fairley grew up in Great Brickhill, but lived in Milton Keynes more recently.

**Thursday Group** will meet at Knightleys, Heath Road at **2pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May (please note the earlier time)**. The plan is to visit Ashridge to see the Bluebells, but if the weather is bad then everyone is invited to have tea and a chat instead!

The next **Benefice-wide Family Service** will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Bow Brickhill. This family service will be held in a glade in the Bow Brickhill woods. All are very welcome to attend. The service starts at Bow Brickhill Parish Church at 11am and then everyone will take a short walk to the glade where the main part of the service will be held. Please bring along a picnic and join us after the service for some refreshment. We hope to see you then. If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Clarke on 01908 370811.

### **NEWS**

#### **THE CHURCH BELLS**

The work to rehang the bells is going well and should be completed very soon. The Church will not be open to visitors until Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the earliest because of safety considerations.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Church Annual Meeting was held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Reports were presented on the many aspects of our Church life. For anyone not able to be present at the meeting all the reports will shortly be contained in a white ring file on the bookcase near the entrance to the Church, or can be downloaded from the website. Do feel free to take the file away to read the reports but in fairness to others, do please return it as soon as possible.

Following uncontested elections:-

- Julia and Christine continue in the role of Wardens
- The following were elected as members of the P.C.C. – Phillippa Cook, Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin, Rosie Dawson and David Duncombe.

Jeremy Hopkinson and Clare Amies continue to serve as our Deanery Synod Representatives for a further year.

The Rector thanked Julian Dawson who had stepped down from the P.C.C. during the year, and Kay Seaman who is retiring from the P.C.C. after serving for many years.

The first meeting of the newly elected P.C.C. will be on Ascension Day at a Joint Benefice P.C.C. Meeting following a short service at Bow Brickhill School on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert will be **next Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> May, here in the Church at 7.30pm. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO EVENSONG ON THIS EVENING)**. The programme includes Bach's Cantata 172 and Rutter's Gloria. Tickets are available from Jerry Breslin or Robin Dawson and are available on the door, as usual. Please come and tell your friends too.

### A MOVEABLE FEAST

On **June 19<sup>th</sup>**, we are planning a Midsummer Evening of eating, drinking and convivial company around the Parish. Please save the date in your diary and join in. The emphasis will be on 'social' but we hope to raise some money for the Church, as well. Please tell your friends. Everyone is invited!

## **MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES**

This year's programme of recitals and concerts held in village churches in Aylesbury Vale is now published. If you are interested, please collect a brochure from the bookcase near the door.

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY**

Next **Sunday, 9th May**, there will be **Morning Worship here at 9.30am**, led by Jeremy. There will also be a **Family Service at 11am at Bow Brickhill**.

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