



The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 3rd April – The Fourth Sunday in Lent and Mothering Sunday

Welcome to our special celebration of **Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday** and to mark the **60th Wedding Anniversary of Lady Rachel and Sir Philip Duncombe**. A particular welcome is extended to friends and family of Rachel and Philip.

The service is led by Sister Hazel and the Rector with Jerry Breslin and the choir providing the music, much of which was part of Rachel and Philip's wedding service. After the service we will be serving light refreshments and wine and cold and hot drinks. Please join us for our celebration party.

The bible readings for the service will be used in the fourth session of this year's Lent Course:

Exodus 2 vs. 1 – 10;

Colossians 3 vs. 12 – 17;

and Luke 10 vs. 38 - 42.

THE FIRST HYMN We will sing the following doxology at the end of the first hymn – **Number 1 in Hymns and Psalms - “Now thank we all our God”**

“To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.”

THIS WEEK

The fourth session of the LENT COURSE: At The Table will be held on **Thursday 7th April at The Parish Hall Meeting Room at 1pm. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE AND TIME.** A simple lunch will be served followed by the course discussion session between 2.00 – 3.30pm. This Thursday’s session is entitled

“Feeding on the word of God; Mary and Martha”.

Please could you let me (Christine) know if you will be coming to this session, especially if you would like to have lunch? You will be very welcome to join in even if you were unable to come to earlier sessions. Thank you. My number is: 261527 or e-mail: christine.agambar@btinternet.com.

NEXT SATURDAY, 9th April is the PLANT FAYRE from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and marquee. Please tell your friends and bring your plants for the village plant stall during the morning. If anyone is willing to display a poster in a prominent place locally please call 01525 261527. **BETTY NEEDS CAKES TO SELL. Please help if you can by baking things to sell on the village stall.** If you can help could you let Betty know on 261836.

NEWS

Yesterday, a large band of enthusiastic volunteers gave the church a Spring Clean and general tidy-up outside and along the roadside. **Thank you!** I hope everyone agrees that the efforts were worthwhile.

CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.

There have already been a number of programmes on television and radio to mark this anniversary and parishes are joining in the celebrations in varied ways. In the Benefice, the Rector and Wardens have chosen to have a month of activity in October which includes Bible Sunday. It is likely that the King James Bible will play a significant part in the regular services during October. If you have any thoughts on how we might achieve this please let us know and if you have a particular reading from the King James Bible that you would like to see be part of the celebrations, please give us the details. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note these special dates!!!

Thursday, 14th April

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Thursday April 14th at 7.30pm in the Church. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm. All are welcome to attend. **Please see below for further details. The meeting will conclude with Compline** (a short said service of evening prayer).

All papers (Annual Report etc.) will be available for collection from the Church, or to download from the website, from Thursday 7th April.

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

- Two Church Wardens
- Two Deanery Synod Representatives (to serve a three year term)
- PCC Members (the number to be elected is 9, as determined by an Electoral Roll of 51 to 100 people)

Nomination slips for the above elections are available from the Church or from the PCC Secretary, Phillipa Cook (TEL: 01525, 261521; e-mail: neilacook@aol.com) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by Monday 4th April. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch by 7th April.

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

Thursday, 21st April is Maundy Thursday

The Benefice Maundy Thursday Supper will be held this year at Little Brickhill in the Parish Hall. The supper begins at 7pm with a simple service followed by the meal. Please sign the list on the board on the bookcase if you would like to come.

NEXT SUNDAY, 10th April, there will be **Morning Worship at 9.30am**, led by Phillipa; and **Evensong at 6pm**, led by the Rector.

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