

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 17th April – Palm Sunday

Welcome to our special service for **Palm Sunday** in which there will be a celebration **Holy Communion and the service will also include a dramatized reading of the Passion instead of a sermon.** The service is led by the Rector.

READINGS: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a & Philippians 2: 5 - 11

GOSPEL READING: The Passion according to Matthew

Today's Gospel will be the full bible reading of the Passion, verses from Matthew Chapters 26 & 27. It will be read in dramatic form with a number of people taking the various parts:-

Jesus: John Waller **Evangelist:** Phillipa Cook
Peter: Simon Bennett **Judas:** Jeremy Hopkinson
Pilate: Robin Dawson **Caiaphas/Centurion:** Tim Waller
Servant Girl 1 & 2 / Pilate's Wife: Julia Turner

The congregation is asked to read the group voices (the relevant lines are highlighted in the sheets that will be handed out):-

Pulpit side congregation: Bystanders; Passers-by;
Witnesses; Soldiers; Crowd

Lectern side congregation: Priests; Disciples; Crowd

The congregation is asked to remain seated while the Passion is being read.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Wednesday 20th April is the Wednesday in Holy Week

There will be a celebration of **Holy Communion** at **10.30am** here in **Great Brickhill.**

Thursday, 21st April is Maundy Thursday and 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. I would like the final numbers **by Monday morning**, please.

Good Friday, 22nd April: There will be a service of prayers, quiet contemplation and hymns at 2pm.

Easter Sunday, 24th April: There will be a service of **Holy Communion at 11am**, followed by refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.

NEWS

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Church Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, 14th April. The written Annual Reports and Accounts for 2010 had been available in advance of the Meeting. Oral updates were presented on the many aspects of our Church life. Anyone who has not yet received a copy of the Annual Report can collect a copy from the bookcase near the entrance to the church, or can download the Report from the website.

Following uncontested elections:-

- Christine will continue in the role of Church Warden and will carry the responsibility, with the support of members of the PCC, there being no nomination for a second Warden to replace Julia, who is stepping down after serving as Church Warden for 7 years. An expression of warm thanks was recorded for all the support Julia has given to the Church.
- The following were elected as members of the PCC – Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, Rosie Dawson, David Duncombe and Julia Turner.
- Clare Amies and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin will serve as our Deanery Synod Representatives for a period of three years. Jeremy Hopkinson, as licensed lay minister, will also serve on the PCC.

The first meeting of the newly elected P.C.C. will be on Tuesday, 31st May in the Church at 8.00pm.

The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline.

THE NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Yesterday morning was rather frustrating because the lorry to collect the newspaper and cardboard did not turn up as planned. The team of volunteers were able to reorder the waste into a large skip to give more room in the containers as a stop-gap measure. It is hoped that the next paper loading exercise will go more smoothly but, as usual, I would like to pass on your thanks to Frank and Betty for organising the collection and for organising the team of helpers.

THE PLANT FAYRE

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to this year's Plant Fayre. We had 568 visitors and were blessed with perfect weather and everyone who came enjoyed themselves hugely. The Fayre raised £2411 for the Church. Thank you goes to everyone who helped, and especially to Martin and Pat Thomas for organizing the Fayre this year and making it such a success. Please see the breakdown in the porch for details of the stall(s) that you supported.

NEXT SUNDAY, 24th April is Easter Sunday. There will be a celebration of **Holy Communion at 11am, led by the Rector. Other Services on Easter Sunday** within the Benefice:

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill & Stoke Hammond
- 11.00am. Holy Communion at Little Brickhill

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