

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

### **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May – First Sunday after Easter and Low Sunday**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion by Extension this morning, led by Jeremy. Sister Hazel is unable to be with us this week and the Rector is taking a week's leave while Pauline is away at Leamington Spa. The long weekend has made it difficult to find a visiting clergy to celebrate Holy Communion, so we are particularly grateful to Jeremy for stepping in at short notice.

The readings this morning are:

**Exodus 14 vs. 10 – end and 15 vs. 20 – 21;  
Acts 2 vs. 14a and vs. 22 – 23.**

The Gospel Reading is: **John 20 vs. 19 – end.**

## **NEWS**

### **THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**

The Church Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 31<sup>st</sup> May in the Church at 8.00pm.

The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Please see the Rector's Newsletter (to be found on the bookcase – this month it is printed on yellow paper). The **Deanery Confirmation Service** is on **October 6<sup>th</sup>** this year and will be led by the Bishop of Buckingham. In our Benefice there will be a preparation group. If you are interested please contact the Rector or Jeremy.

## **MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS**

Please see the flyer on the bookcase giving all the forthcoming dates. Also, the poster in the porch gives the programme for the first concert to be held **NEXT SUNDAY**, on **May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm at All Saints, Leighton Buzzard**. Please support this and the forthcoming concerts because our many friends, especially Jerry Breslin, put a tremendous amount of work and time into the preparations for them and the musical performance is really excellent. Tickets for the May 8<sup>th</sup> concert are available from Robin Dawson, Tel: 261425, e-mail: [robin.rosie@zen.co.uk](mailto:robin.rosie@zen.co.uk). Also, it is not too early to put the date for Handel's Messiah into your diary. Do not plan **anything** for **September 25<sup>th</sup>!!**

## MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

This annual programme of concerts and recitals held on summer Saturdays in May, June and July in local churches in Aylesbury Vale has just arrived. We only received one copy of the brochure and so Phillipa has written requesting more. However, until they arrive, I thought that you would like to know that the first concert will be held on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at Cuddlington Church**. The concert is entitled "Lyrical Schubert and Mozart". Tickets are £8 (£6 concessions) from Myles Saker on 01844 291825 or on the door.

### **The Reverend Canon Roland Seaman.**

You will be saddened to hear that Kay's brother, died on Friday after he had been ill for quite a while. Roland was a former Canon of Manchester Cathedral and we remember, warmly, his support for our church life in Great Brickhill. We send our sympathies to Kay and wish her well at this sad time.

**NEXT SUNDAY, 8th May**, there will be **Morning Worship at 9.30am, led by Jeremy. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO EVENSONG** because many of the choir and congregation will be performing or listening to the concert at All Saints, Leighton Buzzard (see above).

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