

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th April:-

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER AND LOW SUNDAY

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion for this **Second Sunday of Easter**, led by the Rector. We also would like to thank Jerry Breslin for providing the music for the service. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The readings this morning are: **Exodus 14: 21-31** and **Acts 4: 32-35**.
The Gospel Reading is: **John 20 vs. 19-31**.

Yesterday's PLANT FAYRE was a huge success – we had 579 visitors and were blessed with fine weather. In addition to the stalls held by the professional nurserymen, our very own plant stall was very successful. The event raised £2,934.77 for general church funds. Thank you to all who helped to set up the hall and marquee, to everyone who helped on the stalls and to all those who worked hard all week to provide the refreshments and cakes. A special note of thanks goes to Stephen Agambar for masterminding this year's event. A summary of the results can be found in the church porch.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION - Thanks to all who helped load the lorry early yesterday morning, and to Michael Turner for organising the band of helpers.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 18th April:- House Communion restarts after the Lent break. The House Communion will be held at 10.30am at Knightleys in Heath Road. All are most welcome to join this celebration of Communion.

Saturday 21st April at 10.00am we will be having the **Church Spring Clean**. Please try to give up a couple of hours to help us. There are inside and outside jobs. None of the jobs is arduous and there will be lots of refreshments and good cheer to keep you going.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

All papers (Annual Report etc.) will be available for collection from the Church, or to download from the website, from this Tuesday, 17th April.

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

- Two Church Wardens
- PCC Members (the number to be elected is 9, as determined by an Electoral Roll of 51 to 100 people)

Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by tomorrow, Monday 16th April. A list of all Nominations will be posted in the Church porch on 17th April.

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

THURSDAY GROUP resumes on Thursday 26th April after the Lent and Easter break. The first meeting will be held at the Rectory when John will tell us about his recent visit to the Holy Land. The meeting will begin at 2.30pm and all are welcome to come and join in.

On Sunday 29th April at 10am there will be a **United Benefice Service of Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill. The Rector will be using his recent trip to the Holy Land as the theme for the service.**

NEWS

Lent Course and Easter

The donations from the Lent Lunches raised £185, which is being sent to "Combat Stress", a charity which delivers dedicated treatment and support to ex-Service men and women with conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety disorders.

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter services and to those who decorated the Church for the Easter celebrations.

Next Sunday, 22nd April, at 11.00am there will be a Family Service led by the Rector.

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