

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 21st April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Service of Common Worship Holy Communion this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Genesis 7 vs. 1 - 5, 8 vs. 6 - 14, 9 vs. 8 - 14;

Acts: 9 vs. 36 - 43; and

John 10 vs. 22 - 30.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with yesterday's **Church Spring Clean**. We completed all the jobs of 'my' list and we were blessed with the most glorious weather to undertake the most challenging task of cutting down the rotting tree alongside the church path. You can see the results (thanks to Robin Dawson and Steve Wilson and their trusty chainsaws)!!!

THIS WEEK:

Drop-in with the Post office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 22nd April, at the Parish Hall.

The Annual Church meeting will be held in the Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd April. Before the Meeting, from 6pm, the church bells will be rung to celebrate St George's Day. (All the church bells in the Country will be rung at the same time on this day). After the ringing there will be refreshments served in the Church. Everyone is welcome to arrive early and enjoy the ringing and have some coffee, tea and cake. After the Church Meeting there will be a short service of Evening Prayer (Compline).

This week the funeral will be held of Hazel Howson. I am sure that many of you will want to attend. We send our condolences and prayers to the Howson family.

THURSDAY GROUP will meet on Thursday afternoon, 25th April at 2.30pm at Brandlings, Pound Hill. There will be a talk given by Christine England entitled "Holidays".

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 23rd** at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. Coffee will be available from 6.45pm.

All papers (Annual Report etc.) are now available for collection from the Church, or to download from the website.

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 will be determined by the number who have enrolled on the new Electoral Roll)

A list of nominations is posted on the Church Porch.

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised and this year is when that has to happen. In order to continue as a voting member of the church it is necessary for you to register by completing a short form. The forms are available from the Warden or can be downloaded from the "Electoral Roll" section of the Benefice website: <http://www.brickhillchurches.org.uk/electoral-roll>

The form must be completed and handed to Jeremy Hopkinson at the latest by the Annual Church Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd April (but ideally earlier and in good time for the meeting).

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

The programme has just been published for these series of concerts held in local churches during May and June. The leaflets with the details are on the bookcase by the door for you to collect one if you are interested in going to any of the concerts.

DOUBLE CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH ORGAN will be held on **Saturday 11th May** in the church at **7.30pm**. The concert will feature Launton Handbell Ringers and Cheryl Hawkins' 'Talents to Amuse'. The tickets are **FREE** and donations towards the first phase of the restoration work, of £740, will be requested. The work on this phase of the project will commence in the summer.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will commence in the Benefice during the summer in preparation for a Deanery confirmation service later in the year. Anyone interested in participating as a candidate for confirmation is asked to contact the Rector.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 28th APRIL:

There will be a Family Service at 11am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 8am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.30am

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