

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 12th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

We warmly welcome you to both of our services today. Morning Worship will be led by Jeremy and Evensong by the Rector. Everyone is invited to stay after Morning Worship for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Ezekiel 36 vs. 24 – 28; and

John 17 vs. 20 - end.

The readings for Evensong are:

Ezekiel 36 vs. 24 – 28; and

Acts 16 vs. 16 – 34.

THANK YOU to everyone who made yesterday evening's concert so enjoyable and especially to Robin, Rosie, Anne and Kay for their inspiration in putting on the concert and for their organization. The concert invited donations for our Church Organ Fund and the amount raised will be reported next week. Thank you, once again, for the donations.

STOP PRESS:

Just heard – the magnificent sum of £1436 was raised for the Organ Fund

THIS WEEK:

This week is Christian Aid Week and **House to House Collections** will be made between 12th and the 18th May. Thank you to Phillipa and all the helpers who will be collecting.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 13th May, at the Parish Hall.

On **Wednesday, 15th May** there will be Midweek House Communion at Knightleys, Heath Road at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to join the service.

NEWS

The Great Brickhill Church Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday 23rd April. Thank you to the Bell Ringers for ringing the bells from 6pm to celebrate St. George's Day. During the meeting updates were presented on the many aspects of 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 church website.

Following uncontested elections: Christine Agambar and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin will serve as Church Wardens.

The following were elected as members of the PCC:- Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, Robin Dawson, Rosie Dawson, David Duncombe, Jeremy Hopkinson, Kay Seaman, Julia Turner and Joy Wilson. Clare Amies and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin continue to serve as our Deanery Synod Representatives for the third year of their three year term.

The first meeting of the newly elected PCC will be held on **Tuesday 28th May** in the Church at 8pm.

The Annual meeting concluded with Compline.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

The third concert in this annual series will be held next Saturday evening, **on the 18th May at 7.30pm at the Church of St Mary, Chetwode, Buckingham.** Leaflets giving details of all concerts in the series and where to buy tickets are on the bookcase by the door for you to pick up if you are interested.

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.

THE NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

We have just heard that the latest Newspaper and Cardboard collection raised £364.80. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 19th MAY and Whit Sunday:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at Great Brickhill at 9.30am, led by the Rector.

Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6 pm

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.15am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 8.30am

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