

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2016:- The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning – we welcome back the Rector who has this week been on retreat in Devon. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us today. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20; Acts 9: 1 - 6; John 21: 1 - 19

We have received the sad news that Joy Lennard has died - in her 94th year. Her Funeral is at Amersham Crematorium on Friday 22nd April at 1.15pm. Joy had a deep affection for Great Brickhill and all her friends here.

THE PLANT FAYRE: Thank you to all those who helped to make yesterday's Plant Fayre such a success. There were fewer people through the door (327 compared to 391 last year) but the amount raised was almost the same, **£2,560 although there are expenses still to be deducted from this figure**. A full analysis of the results will be on display in the porch. Special thanks to John and Celia Hall for masterminding the whole event.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club held in the church on Monday mornings during term time is taking a break until after the Easter holidays, **resuming on Monday 18th April**.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 11th April at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday 21st April at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

EXPERIENCE EASTER:

We were pleased to host the staff and pupils from High Ash School during Holy Week for the project "Experience Easter". The church was transformed into a new Jerusalem, with tableaux set up around the church, each station depicting part of the Easter story.

St MICHAEL'S PRIORY AT THE WELL:

St Michael's Priory is part of the European Province of the Society of the Sacred Mission. Based in Milton Keynes on the beautiful shore of Willen Lake, it is a religious community that provides a peaceful, inclusive environment for all. This is where Sister Hazel and formerly Father Colin reside. They offer a full programme of community events, workshops, quiet days and retreats. A booklet is available on the bookcase, or go to www.stmichaelspriory.org.uk

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Wednesday April 27th at 7.30pm in the Church**. All are invited to come and hear of all the good things that have taken place during the last year.

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 Electoral Roll)

Nomination slips for the above elections are available from the Church or from the PCC Secretary, Phillipa Cook (TEL: 01525, 261521; e-mail: pjcook6@gmail.com) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by **Monday 18th April**. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board by 19th April.

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

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 17th APRIL:

There will be a service of Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill, led by Phillipa.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service with Baptism at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Evensong at 6pm followed by Annual Meeting

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