

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2016:- The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs. There will be children's activities in the Lady Chapel – the service and activities will have the theme of love and care for one another, in line with verse 34 of our reading "A new commandment I give you: love one another."

The bible reading this morning is:- **John 13: 31 - 35**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday during term time in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am**. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 25th April at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday 5th May at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES: This year's season of six classical concerts, all held in churches across Aylesbury Vale on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, commence on Saturday, 7th May. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

BISHOP OF OXFORD: The announcement was made last week of the appointment of the new **Bishop of Oxford**, "**the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft**, who is currently Bishop of Sheffield. As a former diocesan bishop and parish priest Bishop Steven has shown a passion for sharing the good news of Christ in both traditional and innovative ways Please do pray for him and for Ann over the next few months as they prepare to move to Oxford, and for the Diocese of Sheffield who will be very sad to say goodbye."

THE PLANT FAYRE: Thank you to all those who helped to make the Plant Fayre such a success. There were fewer people through the door (327 compared to 391 last year) but after expenses the amount raised was a fantastic total **£2,215.95** – a full analysis of the proceeds can be found on the notice board in the church porch. Special thanks to John and Celia Hall for masterminding the whole event.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on this coming **Wednesday April 27th at 7.30pm in the Church.** All are invited to come and hear of all the good things have taken place during the last twelve months. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 are available from the bookcase. Do please consider obtaining an electronic copy of the documents from the “Great Brickhill – Annual Meetings & Reports” section of the website – see link below.

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

- Church Wardens
- PCC Members (the number to be elected will be determined by the number enrolled on the Electoral Roll)

A list of nominations is posted on the Church Porch.

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, 1st MAY:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm.

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at Methodist Church, 11am

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