

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 23rd April 2017:- The Second 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. The theme of the service will focus on the appearance of Jesus to the disciples, and to Thomas. There will be activities for the children in the Lady Chapel.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The bible reading this morning is:- **John 20: 19 - 29**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am**. The first session of the new term will be held **tomorrow Monday, 24th April**.

The weekly Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from 1.20 – 3.20pm, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on this coming **Tuesday April 25th 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 twelve months. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016 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; Deanery Synod Representatives; PCC Members.

A list of nominations is posted in the Church Porch.

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

NEWS AND EVENTS:

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES: This year's season of six classical concerts, held in churches across Aylesbury Vale on Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7.30pm in May and June, commences on Sunday, 14th May. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

THE PLANT FAYRE:

The annual Plant Fayre was a huge success. We were blessed with fantastic weather, resulting in more people (405) through the "gate" than in recent years. The final result is an amazing total of **£2,730**; without exception each of the figures showed an increase - an analysis of the figures is on display in the church porch. Grateful thanks go to John and Celia Hall for masterminding the whole event. David Marlow has uploaded photos taken at the Plant Fayre onto his website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

BRICKSTOCK 2017:

Our next event will be **Brickstock 2017 at the Cricket Club** on Sunday 28th May. Fliers advertising the event are available near the entrance. The Church Roof Fund is one of the beneficiaries of the event - the **teas and raffle** will be in aid of the church. **The Family Service that day will be held in one of the marquees** - the service will start at 11.00am and will be finished in plenty of time for those without a ticket and not intending to attend the event, to depart before the gates officially open at 12 noon.

NEXT SUNDAY, 30th APRIL there will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill at 11.00am, led by Revd Robert Wright.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 7th 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 11am at Methodist Church

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