

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 7th May 2017:- The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, led by the Rector. We are pleased that Sister Hazel is able to be here with us.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Acts 2: 42 - 47; 1 Peter 2: 19 - 25; John 10: 1 - 10

PLEA FOR HELP:-

Christian Aid Week is almost upon us and this year we have a shortage of collectors. The dates are Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th May. If anyone is able to help with the collection, please contact Phillipa Cook (details overleaf). Even if you are able to do just a small area, that would be helpful. If you have an area you would like to do, or prefer not to do, just let Phillipa know.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 8th May. 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.**

Village Drop-In, tomorrow 8th May. Although there is no longer a Post Office, the Drop-In continues 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.

ANNUAL MEETING, 25th APRIL:

Sixteen parishioners attended the Annual Church Meeting. A review of the year was shown using photos taken by David Marlow. Julia then presented the Wardens' report summarising the work etc. that has been undertaken during the year. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted - 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 the file can be download from the website. Elections were held for the positions of Warden, Deanery Synod Representative and PCC members. All positions remain unchanged - a full list is on display in the church porch.

A PDF file of the presentation is available on the website, or can be sent to anyone who would like a copy e-mailed to them – please contact Phillipa:- pjcook6@gmail.com.

The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline.

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 next Sunday, 14th May at Twyford. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

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. We will be doing **the teas in the Parish Hall** – **please contact Julia** with offers of cakes or if you are able to help during the afternoon. We will also be **running the raffle** – there will be a gazebo in which we will put photos and info re the church, and use that as the base for selling the tickets, and also have ticket sellers wandering around. Anyone willing to help **please contact Phillipa**. **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.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 14th MAY:

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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