



The Annual Church Report and the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting are available on the website:-

<http://brickhillschurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/annual-meeting-2018/>

St Mary-the-Virgin Church

Great Brickhill

Annual Church Meeting

Tuesday 17th April 2018

Thank you to

DAVID MARLOW

**who has kindly taken most of the
photos used in this evening's
presentation**

The Annual Vestry Meeting

The Election of the Church Wardens

Julia Turner

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th April 2017**
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 4. Elections:-**
 - a). Members of the PCC (max 9)**
 - b). Appointment of Independent Examiner 2018**
 - c). Appointment of Sidesmen**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PCC

Phillipa Cook

Mary Maley

Angela Northen

Joy Wilson

***plus Margretta Smith (signed Nomination
Form pending return to the UK)***

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

Jeremy Hopkinson will serve the second of his three year term of office. As Synod Representative Jeremy is also a member of the PCC

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

David Beatty has fulfilled the role of Independent Examiner for the last few years. He is willing to continue in that role.

LIST OF SIDESMEN

Chris Baker

Pat Clark

Phillipa Cook

Betty Kinsey

More volunteers would be most welcome

5. Treasurer's Report including adoption of the Annual Report

- Accounts prepared on Receipts and Payments basis
- Deficit for the year of £457
- Total disbursements to charitable causes represents approximately 9.2% of Income Received
- The daily running costs of this Church are currently in the region of £91 per day, excluding any major restoration costs

PARISH SHARE PAYMENT TO DIOCESE

Payment for 2017 paid in full:-

£24,098 (5.0% increase)

Parish Share for 2018:-

£25,615 (further increase of 6.3%)

6. ELECTORAL ROLL

No. on Roll at 31st December 2017:- 52

A PHOTOGRAPHIC REVIEW OF THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

LIST OF EVENTS IN PHOTOS:-

Family Service at Brickstock

Auction of Promises

Harvest Service at Rectory Farm

The Nativity at The Old Red Lion

Ladies Who Lunch

Newspaper Collection - loading the lorry

Snowdrop Walk 2018

7. WARDENS' REPORT

THE ARCHDEACON, THE VENERABLE GUY ELSMORE WITH THE RECTOR AT THE HARVEST SERVICE



ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

**Average weekly attendance on
a normal Sunday:- 21**

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING THE YEAR

- May Family Service at Brickstock**
- Harvest Family Service at Rectory Farm
(Archdeacon of Buckingham, Guy Elsmore)**
- The Nativity at The Old Red Lion**

THE MAY FAMILY SERVICE AT BRICKSTOCK



THE CHILDREN LISTEN INTENTLY TO THE HARVEST STORY IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR AT RECTORY FARM



THE NATIVITY AT THE OLD RED LION



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

**Andrew & Margretta Smith for their music
at the Family Services**

**Jerry Breslin (Organist and Choirmaster)
and other organists who play on occasions**

**Juliet Bennett and Sue Malleson for their extra
help during Jerry's absence**

THANK YOU TO ANDREW & MARGRETTA FOR THE MUSIC THEY PROVIDE FOR THE FAMILY SERVICES



ORGANIST AND CHOIR MASTER – JERRY BRESLIN



THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOUNTEERS

There are over 80 people who help with various tasks around the church and churchyard but we are always looking for more people to help, particularly with:

Churchyard Mowing

Church Cleaning

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Snowdrop Walks

Plant Fayre

Brickstock

Newspaper Collection

Ladies who Lunch

Auction of Promises

PROBLEMS WITH THE ROOF

Thank you to all who helped with the clean up operation. Special thanks to Andrew Smith.

Rain water pouring down the walls



Every possible container was used to collect the water



The Vestry was the worst hit area



The ceiling in several places almost collapsed



THE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Progress has suffered due to time spent resolving the problems with the roof. Surveys have been done and a new architect has been appointed to produce drawings for the PCC to consider – a WC extension and a servery.

Gill Wilson has joined the sub-committee to project manage the work.

EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2018:

Photographic display in the church, 7th & 8th July with Cryers Concert and Teas in the church on the Sunday afternoon

**Saturday evening, 6th October
Concert in the Parish Hall**

8. RECTOR'S REPORT

THANK YOU TO ALL

**For all the help and support that you
continue to give to Pauline and me,
this is very much appreciated.**

CLARE AMIES R.I.P.



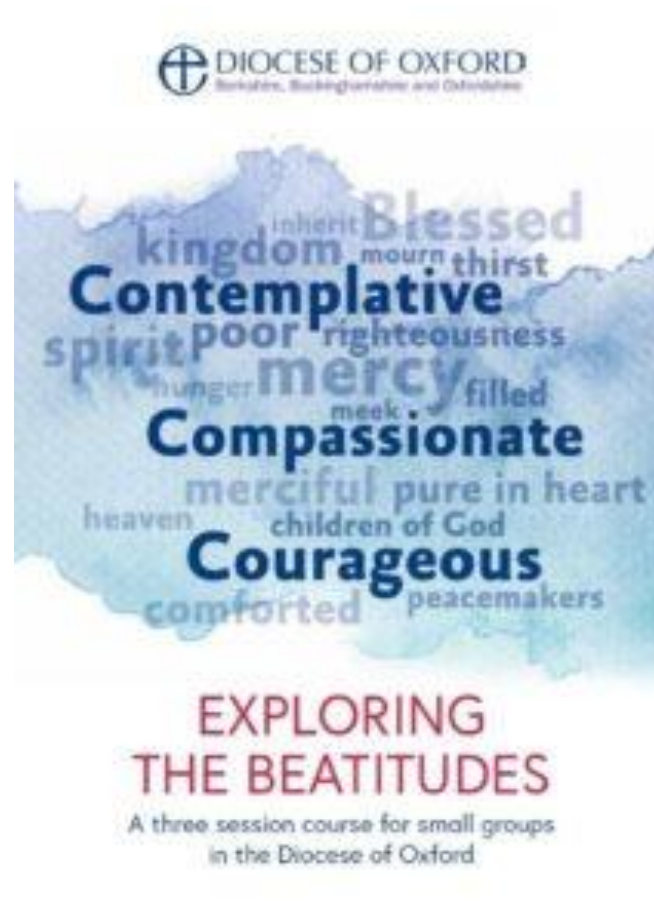
THE BIBLE COURSE



WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

**A new initiative, meeting on
Thursday mornings for tea and coffee at
10.30am - an informal gathering in the
Lady Chapel with an opportunity for
quiet, private and open prayer.
All are welcome on any Thursday.**

BISHOP'S CALL TO BE CHRIST LIKE, THE BEATITUDES – THE SUBJECT OF OUR LENT COURSE



BISHOP STEVEN'S LENT BOOK

John Ch: 11 The raising of Lazarus “Christ calls us continually back to new and abundant life”



GDPR

(General Data Protection Regulation)

The new regulations come into force on 25th May. Some changes will have to be introduced to make sure that we are compliant.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**The meeting will conclude with Compline,
a short service of evening prayer**