

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 13th May 2018:- The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this Morning led by the Rector. 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:-

Ezekiel 36: 24-28; Acts 1: 15-17, & 21-26; John 17: 6-19

SPECIAL SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE NEXT WEEK:

Next week, 20th May, is Whit Sunday and there will be a Pentecost Prayer Pilgrimage across the Benefice using the theme "Thy Kingdom Come", which is a global prayer movement from that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus – for the 11 days from Ascension Day to Pentecost. It was started in 2016 by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The details and timing for the services and walk are overleaf.

THE BIBLE COURSE:

This is the fifth week of the **seven follow-on sessions** for the Bible Course, which explores the world's bestseller, discovering how the key events, books and characters of the Bible all fit together. It is not essential to have attended the earlier sessions. All welcome.

This week:- **Tuesday 15th May**, 1.30pm at The Rectory and **Thursday, 17th May** at 7.30pm in the small meeting room of the Parish Hall. Full details are on **the blue flyers** near the bookcase.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am.**

The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall is open on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

The weekly Prayer Group has been meeting on **Thursdays** for tea and coffee **at 10.30am** - an informal gathering in the Lady Chapel with an opportunity for quiet, private and open prayer. **This will**

continue until the end of May after which there will be a break with plans to resume a regular Prayer Meeting after the summer.

ART EXHIBITION IN THE CHURCH, SUNDAY 17th JUNE:

There will be an Art Exhibition in the church from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Sunday, 17th June. It will feature affordable, original art by Gill Wilson and Anne Marlow.

AFTERNOON CONCERT IN THE CHURCH, SUNDAY 8th JULY:

The Woburn Sands Cryers Singers will be performing a concert in the church. Teas will be available. More details to follow.

DAVID MARLOW PHOTOS:

David has recently updated his website with shots of the Plant Fayre, Snowdrop Walk and Christmas Eve / Nativity. There are also blog pages so that viewers can leave encouraging comments should they wish to. David would welcome photos of any events that he has not attended and any received will be put in his review set for the next Year Book. Any feedback to David from parishioners would be helpful:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

PRAYER PILGRIMAGE ON SUNDAY, 20th MAY:

“Thy Kingdom Come”

9.00am Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond

10.15am Walkers leave for Great Brickhill

11.15am Contemplative Prayer at Great Brickhill

11.45am Walkers leave for Little Brickhill

12.30pm All Age Prayer Workshop at Little Brickhill

There will be six stations with sentences covering The Lord’s Prayer
(followed at 1.00pm by Bring and Share picnic lunch)

1.45pm Walkers leave for Bow Brickhill

2.30pm Concluding Prayer at Bow Brickhill

The Rector would welcome people joining him on the walk – there will be a map for those who intend doing some or all of the walk.

SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 27th MAY:

Family Service, 11.00am at Brickstock on the Cricket Field

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