

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 5th MAY 2019: The Third Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, when Reverend Robert Wright will be leading the service. We hope that Sister Hazel is also able to be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning is: -

**Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20; Acts 9: 1 - 6; John 21: 1 - 19**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

**On Bank Holiday Monday 6th May from 4.00pm until 7.00pm**, the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers will hold their **eight-bell ringing competition on our bells**. The winners of that competition will go on to compete in the National 8-bell Competition.

**The delayed evening Lent Course for the Benefice, “Alive in Christ”**, is being held over **the next three weeks**. The first session is **this Thursday, 9th May** from 8.00pm to 9.30pm at Green Farm, Stoke Lane. The course will use three inspirational group Bible studies on the Book of Colossians produced by Bishop Steven. Dates and details can be found **on the pink sheets on the bookcase**.

**The Ladies Fashion Show and Sale is being held next Saturday, 11th May** at the Parish Hall. The doors open at 6.30pm and the show starts at 7.00pm. Tickets are £7 including a free glass of wine - available from Phillipa 01525 261521 or [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

**Next Sunday 12th May** the theme of the service will be “Vocations” and Annie Coper will be coming to talk to us – details overleaf.

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:-**

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held every Monday morning in the church from 10.00am to 11.15am during term time. There will not be Coffee Club tomorrow due to the Bank Holiday.**

**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, but there will be **no Drop-In tomorrow** as it is a Bank Holiday.

**The Prayer Group** is held in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Due to Bank Holidays there will be just one Prayer Group meeting this month, on Monday 13th May. There is an e-mail Prayer Chain for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr ([valeriejerr@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriejerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto:mary@maley.org.uk)).

## **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-**

### **ANNUAL MEETING, 30th APRIL:**

Eighteen parishioners attended the Annual Church Meeting. Elections were held for the positions of Warden and PCC members. All positions remain unchanged. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted. A photographic review of the year was shown. Julia presented the Wardens' report summarising the work etc. undertaken during the year. The Rector gave some reflections how we can let God be at work with us in and through challenging times, so that they may become times of growth and hope. The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline. The Annual Report, the presentation of slides from the Annual Meeting and the Wardens' Report will soon be available to download from the "Annual Meeting 2019" page of the Great Brickhill section of the website.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 12th MAY:**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector. Annie Cooper will be with us to give a talk on Vocations, how each and every one of us can use our skills to answer God's call to us.**

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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