



The 2019 Church Annual Report and the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting are available on the website:-

<http://brickhillschurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/annual-meeting-2019/>

St Mary-the-Virgin Church

Great Brickhill

Annual Church Meeting

Tuesday 30th April 2019

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 17th April 2018**
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 4. Elections:-**
 - a). Members of the PCC (max 9)**
 - b). Appointment of Independent Examiner 2019**
 - c). Appointment of Sidesmen**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PCC

(as for 2018)

Phillipa Cook

Mary Maley

Angela Northen

Margretta Smith

Joy Wilson

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

Jeremy Hopkinson will serve the third 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 CURRENT SIDESMEN

Christine Agambar

Chris Baker

Roger & Sue Blofeld

Pat Clark

Phillipa Cook

Betty Kinsey

Janet Pritchard

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

- Accounts prepared on Receipts and Payments basis
- Deficit for the year of £708
- Total disbursements to charitable causes represents approximately 11.1% of Income Received
- The daily running costs of this Church are currently in the region of £101 per day, excluding any major restoration costs. (Actual cost £72 per day as Parish Share not paid in full – see next slide).

PARISH SHARE PAYMENT TO DIOCESE

Payment due for 2018 was £25,615
(6.3% increase)

Parish Share paid:- £15,000
(59% of amount due)

Parish Share for 2019:- £25,243
(slight reduction of 1.5%)

6. ELECTORAL ROLL

No. on Roll at 31st December 2018:- 51

Number on new Electoral Roll:- 44

A PHOTOGRAPHIC REVIEW OF THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

**(Approx 100 photos covering
events through the year)**

LIST OF EVENTS IN PHOTOS:-

**Family Service at Brickstock
Cryers Concert & Cream Teas
Family Service with Baptism
Armistice Day 1918 - 2018
Advent Coffee Morning
The Nativity at The Old Red Lion
Carol Singing & Christmas Services
Snowdrop Walk 2019
Easter Sunday 2019**

7. WARDENS' REPORT

**(See separate file for the full text
of the Warden's Report)**

THANKS TO:

- The Rector and all the visiting clergy and Jeremy, Valerie and Phillipa for leading our services
- Jerry Breslin (Organist and Choirmaster) and Susan & Rosemary for playing the organ for us
- Andrew & Margretta Smith for playing the music at the Family Services

The Rector, Revd John Waller



ORGANIST AND CHOIR MASTER – JERRY BRESLIN



ANDREW & MARGRETTA SMITH WHO PROVIDE THE MUSIC FOR THE FAMILY SERVICES



THANK YOU TO

**Our Tower Captain, David Middleton,
for looking after the tower and bells,
and for arranging the bell ringing at
our Sunday services**

ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

**Average weekly attendance on
a normal Sunday:- 19**

SPECIAL SERVICES DURING THE YEAR

- Pentecost Prayer Pilgrimage across Benefice
- May Family Service at Brickstock
- September Benefice Service Israel/Palestine Trip
- Remembrance Sunday (Armistice 1918-2018)
 - The Nativity at The Old Red Lion

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

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.

The Prayer Group is held in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, meeting around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club.

The plaster taken off the south wall to allow the wall to dry out



Pews taken out to allow the refreshment point to be moved to the rear of the font to create a gathering area



EVENTS IN 2018:

Snowdrop Walks

Plant Fayre

Brickstock

Photo Exhibition & Cryers Concert

Ladies Who Lunch

Advent Coffee Morning

EVENTS FOR 2019:

**Already held, the most successful ever
Snowdrop Walks and Plant Fayre**

**Fashion Show, in the Parish Hall,
Saturday 11th May**

**Re-scheduled “Sweet Music” Concert,
Saturday 12th October**

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

THE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Plans for the toilet extension and the refreshment point were approved in principle by the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Council) and the plans were submitted to AVDC in November.

When the planning application is approved detailed drawings and tendering process will take place and grant applications submitted.

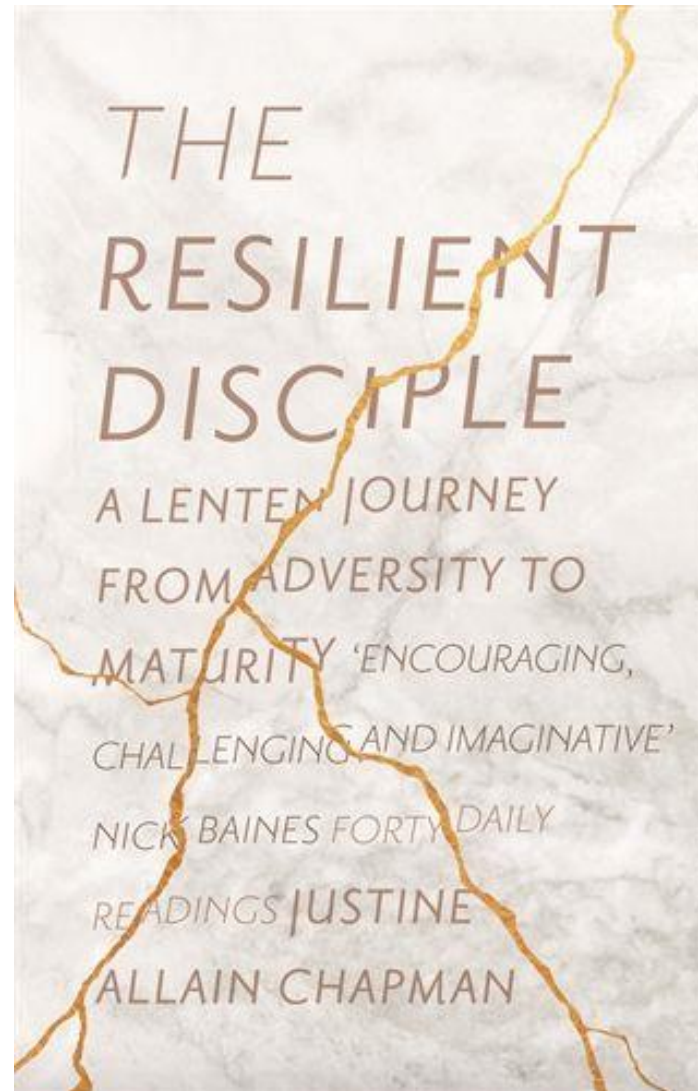
The Newly Located Refreshment Point



8. RECTOR'S REPORT

**(See separate file for the text
of the Rector's Report)**

The Resilient Disciple” by Justine Allain Chapman



Kintsugi – the art of repairing with gold



John 20: 19 – 20

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

2 Corinthians 12: 9a

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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