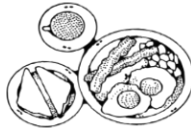


Church News - May 2019

Review:

Community Breakfast: Another incredibly busy breakfast with some of our new visitors arriving on the dot of 8.30! Welcome to you all! Fruit salad kindly prepared by Sue Robson was a new addition to the menu and proved so popular it had "sold out" half way through the morning. Sue will be preparing fruit salad again next month. We felt this breakfast was our best ever as we had lots of new people and lots of children!



Plant Sale: What a cold and miserable day we had for the plant sale! Still we counted our blessings – at the start of the week, they were forecasting torrential rain! In spite of the poor weather, we still sold most of our plants and the gazebo didn't blow away! We raised just over £500 for church funds – a great result. The £20 garden centre voucher in the raffle was won by Angela Cowan.



Forthcoming events:

Prayer meetings: Prayer meetings are open to all denominations so please join us if you want to! There'll be meetings at **8pm** on **Wed 8th and 22nd May** at **The Birches, Church Rd** this month. If you'd like to join us or would like prayers for someone, please call Diane, (we sometimes change times and dates).



Community Breakfast: Community Breakfast will be held on **Saturday 11th May** this month, serving breakfast **from 8.30 till 10.30am**. **This month we're donating all our profits to Christian Aid** for their annual Christian Aid Week which is 12th – 18th May. There'll be some extra fundraisers for Christian Aid – a quiz for the adults and a colouring competition for the children. There is no charge for the breakfast – but if you'd like to make a donation, feel free to pay what you think the breakfast is worth or what you can afford and if you'd like to put in an extra bonus for Christian Aid, I'm sure they'd be grateful! Find out more at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> Prayer request cards are also available and are always treated confidentially.



Post Lent group Bible study: This year we held a Benefice Lent group before Easter which went very well. It was held during the daytime however, meaning that those who work during the day were unable to attend. We have therefore decided to run the 3 Colossians studies again in the evening. They will run on **Thursday 9th May, Tuesday 14th May and Wednesday 22nd May** at **8pm** at **Green Farm, Great Brickhill**. If you'd like to attend – even if you came to the last course or missed one, feel free to join us. Contact Diane or Harry for details.



Afternoon teas: We are starting up our afternoon teas again on **Sunday May 26th from 3-5pm** in the church. Please come and join us for a home-made cream scone or home-made cake and a cuppa and a chat – everyone's welcome and we'd love to meet you!

BBQ and garden party: ...will take place on **1st June** from **1- 4pm** at The Birches, Church Rd. There will be burgers & hot dogs, (with vegetarian options) and a glass of wine or beer will also be available. We're already praying for good weather, so come and join us – take the weight off your feet and chill as you relax in this beautiful garden with your friends and neighbours.



"Thy kingdom come": Thy Kingdom Come started in 2016, when Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop John Sentamu invited every parish in the Church of England to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for people they know to come to know the love of Jesus Christ. Since then it has been an annual event for other Christian denominations as well. If you're a Christian, why not take up the challenge. Who would you pray for??!

Dates for your diary:

Ascension Day: 30th May (Thursday)

Pentecost (Whit Sunday or Whitsun) : 9th June

Fathers' Day: 16th June (Not actually a religious festival, but note anyway!)

Future Fundraising events:

Church Fete: 15th June (at the church)

Barn Dance: 20th July

An evening with local author Jack Sheffield: 14th September (SHCC)

Christmas Fayre: 30th November



Bible verse of the month: Matthew 7 v 7-8: 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.'

What does it mean? In this passage, one interpretation is that our Father God will respond to our requests, but that we must initiate those requests by asking, seeking and knocking. He won't force himself on us, we must approach him. So God is waiting for us to approach him and when we do, he will welcome us into his open loving arms. Read the context yourself at

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7&version=NIVUK>



Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillchurches.org.uk.

St Luke's church is located at the top of Church Rd, which is off Newton Rd. If you'd like to come to a service, all church service times are listed on the website, along with contact details for the Rector. His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he will reply as soon as he's able or contact a Churchwarden. The Rector's day off is Monday.

If you would like to come to church but have mobility problems please ring John (see below) regarding transport. If you would like to volunteer to help, have a prayer request or enquiry, please ring **Churchwardens: Harry, on 07773 065271; Diane, on 270409 or Treasurer: John, on 270202.**