

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2022: Palm Sunday

Welcome to our Family Service for Palm Sunday, which will be led by Phillipa. We are delighted that Andrew and Margretta will be providing the music for us this morning and Sophia will be leading our singing – do use the shakers as much as you like! At the end of the service, we will be distributing the palms – please take one to pass on to anyone you know who you think might like to receive one.

Julia will be reading the story “On the Road to the Cross” from the Storyteller Bible, based on Mark chapter 15. This will be the first part of our Palm Sunday story, which will be followed by a dramatized reading to enact the time when Jesus is condemned to be crucified through to the time when Jesus dies.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

Lifting of COVID regulations:

Following the latest guidelines issued by the Church of England, **the collection plate will be passed** round during the final hymn. Alternatively, collection can still be taken at the end of the service via the **debit/credit card device**.

We are allowed to **share the peace** in whatever way is deemed appropriate for those attending; please be mindful that there are some who need to be more cautious than others.

It was agreed at the Benefice Wardens' Meeting on Thursday that **the chalice will once again be offered at Holy Communion**. There is no pressure on parishioners to receive the wine if they prefer not to do so.

YESTERDAY'S PLANT SALE AT THE CHURCH:

Thank you to all who helped with yesterday's Plant Sale here at the church – all who donated the plants for our own stall, made cakes for the refreshments, helped on the day setting up, on the stalls and clearing away. The amount raised is approximately £475 (to be confirmed when the credit/debit card report is received). This is obviously less than at our previous Plant Fayres but the time and effort to put on the event was much more manageable.

The winners of the raffle were:

- Easter Egg:- Anna Watson
- Plant:- Jonathan Cook
- Jigsaw:- Denise Bushell

HIGH ASH EASTER SERVICES:

We were pleased to welcome staff and pupils of High Ash School in the church this week for their Easter services - on Wednesday for Key Stage 2 children and on Thursday for the younger Key Stage 1 & Foundation children. It was clear that they had worked very hard in preparing for the services, which had the theme of 'Laying an Easter table' to show the message and meaning of Easter. The children had made some Easter Gardens which are being shared with Little Brickhill and Stoke Hammond churches. They had also made Easter cards which are being distributed to residents in all three parishes.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

There will be no Coffee Club tomorrow. It will resume after the Easter holidays, Monday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am.

SERVICES TO THE END OF APRIL:

HOLY WEEK:

Compline (Said) at 7.30pm on:-

Monday 11th April, Little Brickhill

Tuesday 12th April, Great Brickhill

Wednesday 13th April Bow Brickhill

Maundy Thursday, 14th April:- 7.30pm Benefice Service of Holy Communion (Said) at Stoke Hammond

GOOD FRIDAY, 15th April:

Great Brickhill:- 2.00pm Hour of Devotion

Bow Brickhill:- 9.30am Hymns and Readings

EASTER SUNDAY, 17th April:

11.00am Holy Communion at Great Brickhill (followed by an Easter Egg Hunt)

9.30am Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill & Stoke Hammond

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion at Little Brickhill

Sunday 24th April:- Bow Brickhill 10am Benefice Holy Communion

The details of the Holy Week and Easter services can be found on the reverse of the blue Lent Course flyer on the bookcase.

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