

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 12th May 2024: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our service of Evensong this evening. Thank you to Jeremy for leading the service and to Jerry and the choir for the music and leading our singing.

The readings this evening are:-

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; John 17: 6-19

The collection plate will be passed round during the last hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to.

LAST SUNDAY we welcomed the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore, to lead our Benefice Holy Communion service. The choir excelled in singing four short pieces from Tallis' Short Service (1553) as well as an anthem. It was the first time that the Archdeacon had been here for a number of years and was very impressed with our new facilities.

RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:

Please note that the Rector is now on sabbatical leave until 1st July. If anyone has any general queries or needs any information that would normally go to the Rector, please contact either Julia or me. If we are unable to answer the query, we should be able to re-direct you to someone who can help.

Any pastoral concerns, please contact Jeremy Hopkinson:

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THE RE-ROOFING WORK:

Work has continued this week on the ceiling panels. Hopefully, it will not be too long before most of the work is done, and we can return the church to its normal state.

A reminder that, due to health and safety concerns, the church remains generally closed. BUT all services etc continue as normal, although large areas of the church will be cordoned off. If anyone would like access to the church, please contact either Julia or me.

FOOD BOX:

During the re-roofing work, access to the Food Box in the porch is only possible at the weekend, or weekdays after 4.30pm.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th to 18th MAY:

There will not be a House-to-House collection in the village. There are Christian Aid envelopes available – please give your envelope to Julia at the end of the service, or bring your donation along to next Sunday's service. Alternatively, anyone who would like to donate to Christian Aid Week, can do so online:-

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

TOMATO PLANTS:

John Hall still has some tomato plants at £1 each, a variety of different sorts (alicante, moneymaker, cherry, plum, beef). Please contact John if you would like some:- 07785 771407

BRICKSTOCK, SUNDAY 26th MAY:

The church has been chosen by the Cricket Club as one of the charities for Brickstock and we have been invited to again do the teas. **Offers of cakes will be most welcome.**

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

During the re-roofing work, the Coffee Club is being held in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, from 9.30am - 11.30am. All are welcome.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 19th May is Pentecost (Whit Sunday).

There will be a **Family Service here at 11am** when the theme will include Christian Aid Week. Other services in the Benefice:-

9.30 Morning Worship (Stoke Hammond)

11.00 Family Service (Bow Brickhill in the Hall)

On Sunday 26th May there will not be a service here. Services in the Benefice are:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong

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