

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 14th MAY 2023: The Sixth 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.

The readings this evening are:- Acts 17: 22-31; John 14: 15-21

The collection plate will be passed round during the last hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. If you prefer to give your collection via the **debit/credit card device**, **please see Phillipa after the service.**

Thank you to the choir for singing at **our Coronation service** last Sunday morning and many thanks to our Tower Captain, David Middleton, for arranging a team of ringers on Saturday "to ring in the new King" and for the quarter peal last Sunday afternoon.

WIRE GATES CLOSED:

A reminder to please close the wire gates at the church porch to keep the jackdaws out and to make sure the doors are closed securely by pulling the gates outwards, not just by using the bolt.

COFFEE MORNING AND PHOTO PRESENTATION:

Many thanks you to the Rector for yesterday's very informative presentation of the photos he took during his trip to Israel last autumn. The walk among the Palestinian people was at times over very rough, hilly terrain, visiting some amazing places and talking to inspirational people who were living in very difficult conditions.

Donations were collected in support of CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, which is 14th to 20th May. Envelopes are available on the font for anyone who would like to make a donation. We no longer carry out a Christian Aid House to House collection in the village but **encourage anyone who would like to make a donation to do so online.** This year one of the good causes of funds collected during Christian Aid Week is to help farmers in Malawi where the impact of the recent Cyclone Freddy in Malawi has been devastating.

To make a donation, visit:- <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, THIS TUESDAY 16th MAY:

The meeting will start at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. A photo presentation will be shown of the various events held throughout the year. **All the papers for the meeting including the**

Annual Report are available online - please go to the website to download the documents:-

<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/annual-meeting-202/>

There are a few paper copies available on the bookcase in the church for those unable to access the documents online.

The Electoral Roll: The annual revision of the Electoral Roll is held in the weeks before the Annual Meeting. If anyone would like to add their name to the Electoral Roll, application forms are available on the website and paper copies are on the bookcase - completed forms to be returned to our Electoral Roll Officer, Jeremy Hopkinson.

TOMATO PLANTS:

John Hall has again grown tomato plants and is selling them in aid of St Mary's Church, for £1 each or a donation. The plants are:- **Gallant** - good yield, round, red fruit; **Shirley** - high yield, good-shaped fruit; **Plum** - Small plum, egg shaped, red fruit; **Cherry** - cherry sized fruit; **Beef** - large delicious harvest of ruby, red fruit, excellent flavour

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BRICKSTOCK, SUNDAY 29th MAY:

The St Mary's Cafe will be offering hot drinks in the morning and teas in the afternoon at the Parish Hall. **We would like to set up a rota of people to help out throughout the day.** Could you please get in touch with Julia or Phillipa and say which time period you might be able to help:- **morning, lunchtime, early or late afternoon.**

We would also be very grateful for any cakes that you could provide - again, please let us know if you can help with that.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club resumes this Monday, 15th May, in the church, held every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday, 21st May, will be a Family Service here in Great Brickhill at 11am. The theme will be Pentecost as there is no service here on 28th May, Pentecost Sunday. Other services in the Benefice:-
9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion
9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

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