

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th MAY 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to our first Family Service with a Baptism for over two years. The Rector will be leading the service where we will be joined by Tom and Alice Turner with family and friends for their younger daughter, Georgina's christening. 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! Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The reading this morning is:- John 13: 31-35

Lifting of COVID regulations:

Following the latest guidelines issued by the Church of England, **the collection plate will be passed** round during the last hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. Alternatively, collection can be taken at the end of the service via the **debit/credit card device, still under the Gift Aid scheme.**

Sad News: We have received the sad news that Kay Seaman passed away on Wednesday night. Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family and friends at this sad time.

CHURCHYARD MOWING:

“**Plantlife's No Mow May**” is a campaign encouraging no mowing in May to give wildlife flowers and insects a better chance to flourish. In line with that, you will note that a strip of grass has been left unmown either side of the path and there will be just one mowing of the rest of the churchyard in May.

BIBLE GROUP:

A new monthly Bible Group will be starting on the second Tuesday of the month. The sessions will focus on readings which will be used in the Sunday services. The first one, which will be led by the Rector, will be on **Tuesday 14th June at The Rectory at 8.00pm.**

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, THIS THURSDAY 19th MAY:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in the church at 7.30pm with coffee available from 7.15pm. There will be a short service of Compline after the meeting. Elections will take place for Church Wardens and PCC Members. **We would love to welcome new members onto the PCC - please have a think about taking on this role.** Nomination slips for the elections are available on the book case or online. All the details can be found on the website:

<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/annual-meeting-2022/>

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 15th to 21st May

There will not be a House-to-House collection around the village but donations can be made today in the envelopes provided, or may be made online. A special fundraising page for the Brickhills has been set up to provide an easy way for our village community to give a gift this Christian Aid Week. Please consider making a donation to our fundraising page via the following link:-

<https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-week/team/e564a3ef-0fd6-4005-b8c4-7869fb767943>

Next Saturday 21st May - Coffee Morning in the Church:

Next Saturday we are holding the next of our occasional Saturday Coffee Mornings in the church. Come along and meet up with others for a chat and a coffee, from 10.30am to 12 noon. **On this occasion we will be collecting donations in aid of Christian Aid Week.**

JUBILEE WEEKEND 2nd – 5th JUNE:

A Photographic Exhibition will be held in the church over all four days of the Jubilee Weekend. If anyone has any photos, particularly from around the time of the Coronation, please let Julia have them by Monday 23rd May for a copy to be taken. The church will be open as usual from 10am - 4pm. Refreshments will be available:

- **Thursday 2nd June:-** teas from 3pm - 5pm
- **Saturday 4th June:-** coffee from 10am - 12 noon
- **Sunday 5th June:-** cream teas "Time to Unwind", 3pm - 5pm

Offers of cakes please to Julia:- juliaturner.jt@icloud.com 261618

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF MAY:

- **This Wednesday, 18th May** a Contemporary Service here with modern worship songs. The theme of the service will be "**The Breath of the Spirit**", based on the passage John 20: 19-31, looking at the period between Easter and Pentecost. **Refreshments 7.30pm with the service starting at 7.45pm.**

- **Next Sunday 22nd May** - Services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Family Service & Baptism

- **Sunday 29th May** - one service in the Benefice:-

Holy Communion, 10am at Little Brickhill

Julia Turner – Warden (07714 028785)

juliaturner.jt@icloud.com

Phillipa Cook – Secretary (01525 261521)

pjcook6@gmail.com

To contact the Rector, Revd John Waller: rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk

The address of the Benefice website:

www.brickhillschurches.org.uk