

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2022: Easter Sunday

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to our service of Holy Communion. How wonderful it is that we can celebrate Easter in a way that we were unable to do for the last two years. We are delighted that Revd Steve Barnes is with us today to lead our service. Thank you to Jerry Breslin and the choir for the music this morning. Thanks also to Julia and the team of ladies who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations. You will see the **Easter Cards** on the table with the service sheets – these were produced by pupils of High Ash School for distribution to residents of the village – please take one if you haven't done so already.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. There will also be an **Easter egg hunt for the young in the Churchyard – only after the conclusion of the service!**

The readings this morning are:-

Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; Luke 24: 1-12

Lifting of COVID regulations:

Following the latest guidelines issued by the Church of England, **the collection plate will be passed** round during the offertory 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.

The chalice will once again be offered at Holy Communion but there is no pressure on parishioners to receive the wine if they prefer not to do so. After receiving the bread, if you wish to take the wine, please go to your left to receive the chalice and then return to your seat via the Lady Chapel.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:

Advance notice that the Annual Meeting will take place in the church on **Thursday evening, 19th May at 7.30pm**. More details to follow.

THE PLANT SALE:

Thank you to everyone who helped with last week's Plant Sale. The amount raised was **£475**. 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.

INVITATION TO TEA WITH THE BISHOP:

An invitation has been received for all parishioners to an afternoon tea with the Bishop of Buckingham, Rt. Rev. Alan Wilson on **Sunday 8th May at 3pm**. "An Acre of Fun" at Rowsham to share the good things that are happening in our churches, followed by an open-air service. The invitation with an accompanying letter from the Rural Dean is on the blackboard in the porch.

COFFEE MORNING IN THE CHURCH, SATURDAY 21st MAY:

A coffee morning and general get together in the church from 10.30am to 12 noon. **Donations will be collected in aid of Christian Aid Week**, which is 15th to 21st May.

JUBILEE WEEKEND 2nd – 5th JUNE:

A Photographic Exhibition (similar to the 2018 exhibition "Our Village - Past and Present") will be held in the church over all four days of the Jubilee Weekend - **a display of photos showing Great Brickhill in times gone by with a focus on the Coronation**. The church will be open for visitors at the normal opening times of 10am - 4pm every day. Refreshments will be available on three of the days:

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

All exhibits will be copies - **if anyone has any new material to display**, particularly if the photos are from around the time of the Coronation, please let Julia have them by **Monday 23rd May** - a copy will be taken and the original returned to you.

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 IN THE BENEFICE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

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

Sunday 1st May:- Great Brickhill 10am Benefice Holy Communion

[There are no other services in the Benefice on these two Sundays.]

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