

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to our monthly Benefice Holy Communion service led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry and the choir for the music. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Acts 9: 1 - 6; Revelation 5: 11 - 14; John 21: 1 – 19

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. At the altar rail, 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.

CHURCHYARD MOWING:

The rota for mowing the churchyard this summer will be drawn up during next week. The mowing takes 2 - 3 hours and can be done at any time during a two-week period. Anyone who is able to help, or would like more information, please contact Phillipa.

“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.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, THURSDAY 19th MAY:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in the church at 7.30pm. 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 and have a chat to Julia or me, or any of the current PCC members, to find out what the role entails.** Nomination slips for the elections are available on the book case or online. All the details can be found on the website:

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

INVITATION TO TEA WITH THE BISHOP:

Afternoon Tea with the Bishop of Buckingham, Rt. Rev. Alan Wilson **next 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. Details on the blackboard in the porch. Please contact Phillipa if you are going to attend for an Order of Service.

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. The church will be open as usual from 10am - 4pm every day. 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" from 3pm - 5pm

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** for a copy to be taken.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

There will be no Coffee Club tomorrow due to the Bank Holiday. It will resume on Monday morning 9th May, from 9.30am to 11.00am.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 8th May the service here will be Evensong at 6pm

Other services in the Benefice will be:

9.00 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion (SAID)

11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

Sunday 15th May:

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

11.00 (Great Brickhill) Family Service & Baptism

18.00 (Stoke Hammond) Evensong (BCP) (SAID)

Wednesday, 18th May a Contemporary Service here in Great Brickhill with modern worship songs, similar to the service on Ash Wednesday. Refreshments from 7.30pm with the service at 7.45pm.

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