

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 20th April 2025 – Easter Sunday

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry and the choir, and to Andrew for playing for a modern worship song that we have previously sung at Family Services. Thanks also to Julia and the team of ladies who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations.

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; John 20: 1-18

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

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DAVE:

An Easter message from the Bishop of Buckingham to all those worshipping in the Buckingham Archdeaconry:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdXP3QMQ6Lg>

PLANT FAYRE:

We had another very successful Plant Fayre last Sunday. The weather held out with just a little rain towards the end. We had **409 visitors**, just a few less than last year and raised the magnificent sum of **£3,182** for church funds. A detailed analysis of the results per stall is on the church notice board by the gate.

Thank you to all who helped - providing the cakes and plants and raffle prizes, helping with the stalls, setting up and clearing away, marshalling the car park and the team in the kitchen who worked tirelessly throughout the day to keep us all fed and watered with the delicious items on offer.

TOMATO PLANTS:

John Hall is again selling tomato plants. Some were available at the Plant Fayre but he has plenty more left at £1 each, a variety of different sorts (alicante, moneymaker, cherry, plum, beef). Please contact John if you would like some:- 07785 771407

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY 13th MAY:

The Annual Meeting is being held in the church at 7.30pm, refreshments from 7.15pm. A photo presentation will be given showing the various events, which have been held throughout the year. All formal notices and forms for the Annual Meeting are in the porch and also available on the website:-

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

We would welcome new members to join the PCC and also require someone to take on the role of Warden. Please contact either Phillipa or Julia if you would like to know more about what is involved in being a member of the PCC, or becoming a Warden.

The Electoral Roll:

As already advised, this has to be renewed every six years. Everyone who wishes to remain on the electoral roll will need to re-apply. For details of the Electoral Roll and to download the 2025 Application Form for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll, go to:-

<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/electoral-roll/>

Anyone who wishes to vote on any matter at the Annual Meeting is required to be registered on the Electoral Roll.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

Thank you to those who have offered their services to help with the various tasks around the church. It is not too late for anyone else to volunteer for the following:- Reading, Sidesmen, Coffee, Cleaning, Flowers. Rotas will be drawn up later this week. **As above, we also need someone to come forward to fill the vacancy for a Church Warden, when Julia steps down from the role at the Annual Meeting.** Please get in touch if you can help with any of these.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

There will be just one service on both Sundays, a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond:-

Next Sunday, 27th April :-

Benefice Holy Communion 10am at Stoke Hammond

The following Sunday, 4th May will be a Benefice Holy Communion service **here at 11am** followed by a **Bring & Share Lunch**.

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www.brickhillschurches.org.uk