

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 2023: Third Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our Family Service, which today will include a simple form of Holy Communion. The “table” will be prepared forward of the choir stalls so that the children can see at close hand how the Rector prepares the bread and the wine for communion, in a much less formal way than at the altar in our usual Holy Communion services. On this occasion there will be no activity set up for the children.

Andrew and Margretta will be providing the music for our songs and Andrew will read the story “On the road to Emmaus” from the Storyteller Bible, based on Luke Chapter 24.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

**The collection plate will be passed** round during the 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.**

## **THE PLANT FAYRE, LAST SUNDAY 16th APRIL:**

Thank you to all who helped, or came along to, the Plant Fayre last Sunday. What a lovely occasion it was; after a three-year break due to Covid restrictions, it was wonderful to be able to hold the event again at our normal venue, the Parish Hall and cricket field. For a variety of reasons there were fewer nurserymen able to attend this year but, together with the village plant stall, there were plenty of plants for people to buy. The weather was excellent for the time of year and the delicious refreshments were enjoyed by many sitting outside in the sun. And the ice cream van was a great hit among the younger visitors! Photos of the event can be seen in the May Parish Newsletter.

The Plant Fayre is one of our two big fund-raising activities of the year, and we were delighted that an amazing **£2472** was raised. 315 people came through “the door” and, whilst the main aim is to raise funds, it is equally rewarding to host an event which is clearly enjoyed by all those who attended, both from the village and further afield. A large number of people contributed greatly to the organisation of the day and without their support, the event could not have taken place. We would like to thank the Cricket Club for allowing us to use the cricket field, Marcus Feinhols for the posters and notices, Ivan Mears for coordinating the nurserymen, and everyone who lent a hand, from the cake makers to the plant sellers, to the raffle organisers etc.

## **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY 16th MAY:**

The meeting will be start at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. A photo presentation will be given showing the various events, which have been held throughout the year. The annual elections will be held - **we would welcome new members to join the PCC.** Nominations should be submitted by Monday 8th May. All the forms and details are on the website and paper copies are available from the bookcase. If anyone would like to know more about what is involved in being a member of the PCC, please contact either Phillipa or Julia.

## **COFFEE MORNING AND PHOTO PRESENTATION, 13th MAY:**

The coffee morning is being held in the church on Saturday 13th May from 10.30am to 12 noon. From 11-11.30am, the Rector will be showing the photos he took during his trip to Israel last autumn, a walking trek over rough terrain amongst the Palestinian people. Donations will be collected in support of Christian Aid Week, which is 14th to 20th May.

## **St LUKE'S CHURCH STOKE HAMMOND**

are excited to offer **Afternoon Tea in the gardens at Tyrell's Manor** on **Sunday 21st May**. There are two two-hour sittings, at 2pm and 4.30pm. Tickets at £15 must be booked and paid for in advance, Prosecco available at £4 per glass. To secure tickets, contact Dave Webber by 5th May [david.webber@btinternet.com](mailto:david.webber@btinternet.com) indicating your preferred time, 2 or 4.30pm, and any dietary requirements.

## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

The Coffee Club is held every Monday in the church during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am, a great way to start the week. Please note that there will be **no Coffee Club on Mondays 1st, 8th & 29th May**.

## **SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**Next Sunday 30th April, as it is a fifth Sunday, there is just one service in the Benefice:-** Holy Communion 10am at Bow Brickhill.

**The Coronation weekend** is when we are due to have the monthly Benefice service here on **Sunday 7th May**. The Holy Communion service will be at 9.30am and will include special prayers and readings for the Coronation.

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