

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL 2023: Palm Sunday

Welcome to our **Holy Communion service for Palm Sunday, led by the Rector. The service will include a dramatized reading of the Passion gospel instead of a sermon.**

READINGS: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a & Philippians 2: 5 - 11

GOSPEL READING: The Passion according to Matthew

Today's Gospel will be the full bible reading of the Passion, from **Matthew:- Chapter 26: 14 – 27: 66**. It will be read in dramatic form with a number of people taking the various parts:-

Jesus: John Waller

Evangelist: Phillipa Cook

Pilate: Jeremy Hopkinson

Judas: Jasper Smith

Caiaphas & Peter: Andrew Smith

Servant Girl 1 & 2 / Pilate's Wife / Centurion: Julia Turner

The congregation is asked to read the group voices (the relevant lines are highlighted in the sheets that will be handed out):-

Pulpit side: Bystanders; Passers-by; Witnesses; Soldiers; Crowd

Lectern side: Disciples; Priests; Crowd

The congregation is asked to remain seated while the Passion is being read.

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.

BENEFICE LENT COURSE, "COME AND SEE":

There is one week of the course remaining, either:-

- **Tuesday afternoon 18th April** in Stoke Hammond at Orchard Cottage, Old School Lane, almost opposite the church gates. Soup lunch if required at 1pm, Lent Course from 1.30pm-3pm
- The midweek evening session for the Benefice at 8pm:-
Wednesday 5th April, Green Farm, Stoke Lane, Great Brickhill

HIGH ASH EASTER SERVICES:

We were pleased to welcome staff and pupils of High Ash School in the church this week for their Easter services - on Wednesday for Key Stage 1 & Foundation children and on Thursday for the older Key Stage 2 children.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:

The Church Annual Meeting will be held in St Mary's church on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7.15pm.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

There is no Coffee Club for the next two weeks due to the Easter holidays.

PLANT FAYRE, SUNDAY 16th APRIL:

Our second big fundraiser of the year, the Plant Fayre, is just two weeks away:- Sunday, 16th April from 11am - 3pm at the Parish Hall and cricket field. **Offers of cakes please and plants from your garden for the village stalls, to be delivered on the day, or contact Julia or Phillipa if collection is easier for you.**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE:

Compline (Said) at 7.30pm on:-

Monday 3rd April, Little Brickhill

Tuesday 4th April, Great Brickhill

Wednesday 5th April Bow Brickhill

Maundy Thursday, 6th April:- 7.30pm Benefice Service of Holy Communion (Said) at Stoke Hammond

GOOD FRIDAY, 7th April:

Great Brickhill:- 2.00pm Hour of Devotion

Bow Brickhill:- 9.30am Hymns and Readings

EASTER SUNDAY, 9th April:

11.00am Holy Communion at Great Brickhill (followed by an Easter Egg Hunt)

9.30am Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill & Stoke Hammond

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion at Little Brickhill

The details of the Holy Week and Easter services can be found on the reverse of the pink Lent Course flyer near the bookcase.

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