

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

## **Sunday 4th May 2025 – The Third Sunday of Easter**

This morning's service is the monthly Benefice Holy Communion. There are no other services in the Benefice today and so we welcome friends from all four parishes. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and we hope that there will be a choir.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service to join us for the Bring and Share Lunch.

The theme is still the Easter season, and, from the gospel reading, the sermon will include the significance of names, and names being changed - 'Simon' to 'Peter'. The readings for this morning are:- Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

**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**.

## **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY 13th MAY:**

A reminder that the Church 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 on the bookcase 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 two people to take on the role of Warden.** Please contact the Rector, 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/>

**Forms, also available on the bookcase are to be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer - Jeremy Hopkinson.**

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

## **RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:**

The next Bible Study at The Rectory is **on Thursday 15th May at 8.00pm**. All are welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible, which will be used at the services on Sunday 1st June. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

## **MAY VOLUNTEERS ROTA:**

Thank you to those who have come forward with offers of help carrying out the various tasks around the church. The full rota sheets for the next four months will be circulated to all involved in the next few days. **We could still do with more people for certain things - please get in touch with Phillipa if you feel you could add your name to the lists, particularly for Flowers or Cleaning.**

## **TOMATO PLANTS:**

A reminder that 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

## **St MARY'S POST CARDS:**

Post cards of St Mary's church, small and large, are available on the bookcase just inside the church. Suggested donation is:- 3 small for £1 and 2 large for £1. If anyone would like a large quantity, please get in touch with Phillipa.

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

**Next Sunday, 11th May we will have our first Evensong of the year at 6.00pm.** The other service in the Benefice will be:-

11.00am (Stoke Hammond) Family Service with Holy Communion

**On Sunday 18th May**, we will welcome members of Lidlington Church for a Family Service at 11.00am, which will include the blessing for Elke Walmsley.

Other services in the Benefice:-

9.30am (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30am (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

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[www.brickhillschurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk)