

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

## **Sunday 5th May 2024: The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

This morning's service is the monthly Benefice Holy Communion. We are delighted to welcome the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore, to lead our service. There are no other services in the Benefice today and so we also welcome friends from all four parishes. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and the choir who will sing four short pieces from Tallis' Short Service (1553) as well as an anthem.

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

The readings for this morning are:-

Acts 10: 44-48; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

**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**.

### **RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:**

Please note that the Rector is now on sabbatical leave until 1st July. If anyone has any queries or needs any information that would normally go to the Rector, please contact either Julia or me. If we are unable to answer the query, we should be able to re-direct you to someone who can help:-

### **THE RE-ROOFING WORK:**

There has been a hive of activity in the church this week. The tower in the vestry and the scaffolding from the vestry to the main door, have been taken down. Work on the north side and rear wall has commenced. Due to damage within one ceiling panel on each aisle, additional work on those rafters is required.

All this work has resulted in a lot of disruption, dust and rubble, requiring a huge amount of work to prepare the church for the service today. Thank you to the team who helped with this task.

A reminder that, due to health and safety concerns, the church remains generally closed. BUT all services etc continue as normal, although large areas of the church will be cordoned off. If anyone would like access to the church, please contact either Julia or me.

### **FOOD BOX:**

During the re-roofing work, access to the Food Box in the porch is only possible at the weekend, or weekdays after 4.30pm.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th to 18th MAY:**

There will not be a House-to-House collection in the village. There will be Christian Aid envelopes available at the service next week and the week after. Anyone who would like to donate to Christian Aid Week, is encouraged to do so online:-

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

## **TOMATO PLANTS:**

John Hall still has some tomato plants at £1 each, a variety of different sorts (alicante, moneymaker, cherry, plum, beef). Please contact John if you would like some:- 07785 771407

## **BRICKSTOCK, SUNDAY 26th MAY:**

The church has been chosen by the Cricket Club as one of the charities for Brickstock and we have been invited to again do the teas. **Offers of cakes will be most welcome.**

## **OPEN GARDENS, SATURDAY 22nd JUNE:**

Great Brickhill Gardening Club will be holding its Open Gardens on Saturday 22nd June from 1pm-5 pm, with teas available in the church. Proceeds from the teas will go to the church and garden entry fees will go to MK Food Bank. A few more gardens are needed, they can be any size and do not need to be perfect. If you would like your garden to be included, please contact:- [Rosehowell50@hotmail.com](mailto:Rosehowell50@hotmail.com)

## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

During the re-roofing work, the Coffee Club is being held in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, from 9.30am - 11.30am. All are welcome. There will be no Coffee Club this Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

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

**Next Sunday, 12th May, the service here will be our first Evensong of the year at 6pm.**

Also in the Benefice:- 11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service.

**Sunday, 19th May is Pentecost (Whit Sunday)** there will be a **Family Service here at 11am** when the theme will include Christian Aid Week. Other services in the Benefice:- 9.30 Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill) & 9.30 Morning Worship (Stoke Hammond)

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