

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023: Coronation - 5th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our special service, which will be led by the Rector. This morning's service is the monthly Benefice Holy Communion and so we welcome friends from all four parishes. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir for leading our singing.

Following yesterday's Coronation, whilst we can't replicate the truly wonderful service from Westminster Abbey, we will be including special readings, prayers and hymns. We can guarantee that the service will not be as long as at the Abbey! We will be offering refreshments after the service and hope that you are able to join us for those.

The readings are:- Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 14: 1-6

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**.

Thank you to David Middleton, our Tower Captain, for arranging for the bells to be rung yesterday afternoon to ring in the new King. Later today David has arranged for a quarter peel of the bells to be rung.

WIRE GATES CLOSED:

The wire gates at the church porch are being kept closed to keep the jackdaws out. The Church is open during the normal opening times. On leaving the church, the mesh gates need to be sprung outwards, not just closed using the bolt to secure the gates, otherwise the jackdaws can get through the top of the gates.

COFFEE MORNING AND PHOTO PRESENTATION, 13th MAY:

The coffee morning is being held in the church **next Saturday 13th May from 10.30am to 12 noon**. From 11-11.30am, the Rector will be showing his photos taken 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.

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.

The Electoral Roll:

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll is held in the weeks before the Annual Meeting. If anyone would like to add their name to the Electoral Roll, application forms are available on the website and paper copies can be found on the bookcase - completed forms to be returned to our Electoral Roll Officer, Jeremy Hopkinson.

TOMATO PLANTS:

John Hall has again grown tomato plants and is selling them in aid of St Mary's Church, for £1 each or a donation. The plants are:- **Gallant** - good yield, round, red fruit; **Shirley** - high yield, good-shaped fruit; **Plum** - Small plum, egg shaped, red fruit; **Cherry** - cherry sized fruit; **Beef** - large delicious harvest of ruby, red fruit, excellent flavour

Please contact:- John Hall 07785 771407 johnnewhall@yahoo.co.uk

BRICKSTOCK, SUNDAY 29th MAY:

The St Mary's Cafe will be offering hot drinks in the morning and teas in the afternoon at the Parish Hall. **We would like to set up a rota of people to help out through the day.** Could you please get in touch with Julia or Phillipa and say which time period you might be able to help:- morning, lunchtime, early or late afternoon.

We would also be very grateful for any cakes that you could provide - again, please let us know if you can help with that.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

There will be **no Coffee Club on Bank Holidays 8th & 29th May.**

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

On Sunday, 14th May, the service here in Great Brickhill will be:- Evensong at 6pm. Other services in the Benefice will be:

- 9.00 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion (Said) followed by the Annual Meeting at 9.30am
- 11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

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