

# The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

## SUNDAY 9th APRIL 2023: Easter Sunday

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which is being led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry and the choir for the music this morning. Thanks also to Julia and the team of ladies who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations.

**You will have been given one of the yellow Easter cards with the Easter responses:-**

“Alleluia. Christ is risen.” **Response:- “He is risen indeed. Alleluia.”**  
Please refer to the reverse of the cards for the responses to the Creed when we come to that part of the service.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. There will also be an **Easter egg hunt for the young in the Churchyard – only after the conclusion of the service!**

The readings this morning are:-

Acts 10: 34-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; Matthew 28: 1-10

**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.

### **PLANT FAYRE, NEXT SUNDAY 16th APRIL:**

Next Sunday is our second big fundraiser of the year, the Plant Fayre from 11am - 3pm at the Parish Hall and cricket field. **Offers of cakes will be gratefully received, as well as 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.**

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

The date of the next Bible Study at The Rectory is:- **Thursday 20th April at 8pm**. All are welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible from one of our forthcoming services. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

### **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. A photo presentation will be given showing the various events, which have been held throughout the year.

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

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

## **FOOD BOX:**

Thank you to those who have been leaving items in the Food Box. The demand for goods continues. If anyone would like to leave suitable items, please place them either in or close to the box in the church porch. All items must be non-perishable and well in-date. Below is a list of suggested items:- Tea, coffee, long-life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tins vegetables, tins soup, tins meat/chicken/tuna, long-life tinned meals.

## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

The Coffee Club will resume after the Easter holidays **on Monday 17th April.**

## **SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF APRIL:**

**Next Sunday 16th April, just one service in the Benefice:-  
Benefice Holy Communion 10.00am at Stoke Hammond.**

### **Sunday 23rd April:-**

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

**11.00 (Great Brickhill) Family Service with 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 very less formal way than at the altar in our usual Holy Communion services.

**Sunday 30th April, just one service in the Benefice:-  
Benefice Holy Communion 10.00am at Bow Brickhill.**

**N.B.** The Benefice services are a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

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