

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 11th April – The first Sunday after Easter, known as Low Sunday

Welcome to **Morning Worship**, led by Phillipa with Susan Noon playing the organ. We would like to thank you both for this morning's service. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The theme of the service is ***“Doubting Thomas?”***

The readings are: **Acts 5 vs. 27 - 32; John 20 vs. 19-31.**

The Psalm is verses from **Psalm 118** with the response:-

***“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever”***

Welcome to **Evensong**, led by the Rev Valerie Rushton with Paul Dickens playing the organ. We would like to thank you both for this evening's service. We would like, particularly, to welcome Valerie Rushton to Great Brickhill and we look forward to Valerie coming again during John's Sabbatical during the summer.

The readings this evening are: **Isaiah 53 vs.1 – 6 & 9 – 12;** and **Luke 24 vs.13 – 35.**

THE PLANT FAYRE

The Plant Fayre was a great success yesterday. We were blessed with perfect weather and everyone who came enjoyed themselves hugely. The Fayre raised a total of £2270.55 for the Church. Thank you to everyone who helped. So many friends gave generously of their time to make the event possible but special thanks go to Martin and Pat Thomas for organizing the Fayre this year and making it such a success.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Church Annual Meeting will be held on **Thursday 22nd April, in the Church at 7.30pm.** Coffee will be available from 7.15pm. All papers (Annual Report etc.) will be available for collection from the Church, or to download from the website, from Thursday 15th. April this week

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

Church Wardens

P.C.C. Members (9 members will be elected, as determined by an Electoral Roll of 51 to 100 people.)

Nomination slips for the above elections are available from the Church or from the P.C.C. Secretary, Phillipa Cook (Tel: 01525, 261521; e-mail: neilacook@aol.com) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by **tomorrow**, Monday 12th April.

A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch by 15th. April.

Any parishioner wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available from the Church Wardens or from Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the "Electoral Roll" section of the website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert will be held on **Sunday 9th May**. Details of the programme will follow soon.

A MOVEABLE FEAST

On **June 19th**, we are planning a Midsummer Evening of eating, drinking and convivial company around the Parish. Please save the date in your diary and join in. The emphasis will be on 'social' but we hope to raise some money for the Church, as well. Please tell your friends. Everyone is invited!

NEWS

It is with much sadness that we have to announce that Anne Betts has died. She died in hospital during the early hours of last Sunday, after a short illness. We do not know yet of the arrangements for Anne's funeral but we will get the information out to you all when we know. We realize that many of you will wish to pay your last respects to Anne. She was a good friend to so many of us.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 18th April there will be Holy Communion at 9.30am, led by the Rector.

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