The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 8th April – EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter and welcome to our service of Holy Communion for **Easter Sunday**, led by the Rector. We also would like to thank Paul Dickens and Jerry Breslin and the choir for the music for the service. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments and there will also be an 'egg hunt' in the Churchyard for those of you who are young or young-at-heart.

The readings this morning are: **Isaiah 25 vs. 6 – 9**; and
Acts 10 vs. 34 – 43.

The Gospel Reading is: **Mark 16 vs. 1 – 8.**

THANK YOU everyone who decorated the Church so beautifully for the Easter celebrations today**.**

THIS WEEK

Saturday, 14th April:

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD next Saturday, April 14th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall. Various teams of helpers are being put together. If you would like to help, please could you get in touch with Stephen Agambar (Tel: 261527 or email: stephen.agambar@btinternet.com).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18th April:

House Communion restarts after the Lent break. The House Communion will be held at 10.30am at Knightleys in Heath Road. All are most welcome to join this celebration of Communion.

Saturday 21st April:

On the morning of **Saturday 21 April** we will be having the **Church Spring Clean.** Please try to give up a couple of hours to help us. There are inside and outside jobs. None of the jobs is arduous and there will be lots of refreshments and good cheer to keep you going.

Tuesday 24th April:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. 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 Tuesday 17th April.

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

- Two Church Wardens
- PCC Members (the number to be elected is <u>9</u>, 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 PCC 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 <u>Monday 16th April</u>. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch by 17th April.

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

Thursday 26th April:

THURSDAY GROUP resumes after the Lent and Easter break.
The first meeting will be held at the Rectory when John will tell us about his recent visit to the Holy Land. The meeting will begin at 2.30pm and all are welcome to come and join in.

Sunday 29th April

On **Sunday 29th April** at 10am there will be a **United Benefice Service of Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill**

Lent Course

The five week course finished last week. Thank you to all those who hosted the lunches and discussion groups. Donations raised £185, which will be sent to "Combat Stress", a charity which delivers dedicated treatment and support to ex-Service men and women with conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety disorders.

Next Sunday, 15th April, at 9.30am there will be celebration of Holy Communion led by the Rector.

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The address of the benefice website is: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk