

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 7th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Exodus 14: 10-31, 15: 20-21; Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-31

THE PLANT FAYRE YESTERDAY was a great success. The numbers attending were down on previous years due to the appalling weather we have had in the run up to the event (305 through the door compared to 579 last year). However the tremendous figure of **£2,141** was raised (£2,935 in 2012). Thanks to all who helped on the day and in advance with potting up plants or baking cakes etc. Special thanks to Stephen and Christine Agambar for again masterminding such a great day.

ALSO YESTERDAY the wedding took place of Arran Aris and Amye Francis – we send them our very best wishes for a long and happy life together. With the Easter flowers still looking perfect, the additional pew end flowers for the wedding made the church look stunning. And the sun shone! Thank you to the members of the choir and bell ringers who also helped out at the Pant Fayre.

THIS WEEK:

Drop-in with the Post office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon at the Parish Hall.

THURSDAY GROUP resumes this Thursday, 11th April after its winter break. Kay will be talking about the wonderful occasion when she received the Maundy Money from HM The Queen. The meeting will be held at 2.30pm at Brandlings, Pound Hill.

NEWS:

The Lent Course. Thank you to all who hosted the Lent Group sessions and to the Rector for holding an additional evening course this year. The Donations from the Thursday Lunches raised £185, which has been sent via Christian Aid, to the relief effort and appeal for Syria.

Hazel Howson. We have heard the sad news that Hazel died last week, only six months after Alan passed away. There is no news yet as to when the funeral will take place.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Church Spring Clean on Saturday 20th April, 10.00am

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.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 23rd** 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 16th 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 will be determined by the number who have enrolled on the new Electoral Roll)

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 **Monday 15th April**. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch by 16th April.

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised and this year is when that has to happen. In order to continue as a voting member of the church it is necessary for you to register by completing a short form. The forms are available from the Warden or can be downloaded from the "Electoral Roll" section of the Benefice website: <http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk/electoral-roll>

The form must be completed and handed to Jeremy Hopkinson at the latest by the Annual Church Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd April (but ideally earlier and in good time for the meeting).

The number to be elected to the PCC at the Annual Meeting is dependent upon the number registered on the Electoral Roll (6 for Electoral Roll up to 50 persons) and 9 for Electoral Roll numbers of 51 – 100). There are currently 9 members elected to the PCC but unless more people register onto the new Church Electoral Roll, the number automatically allowed for the 2013 PCC will be restricted to six.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 14th APRIL:

There will be Morning Worship at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by Phillipa and **Evensong at 6pm**, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service for at 11am

Little Brickhill:- Morning Worship at 11am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

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