

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 5th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter and Rogation Sunday

We warmly welcome the Revd. Valerie Rushton this morning. She will lead our service of Prayer Book Holy Communion. I believe it is about two years since Valerie has taken a service here and it is lovely to welcome her back with us while the Rector and Pauline take a week's leave. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Ezekiel 37 vs. 1 – 14;
Acts 16 vs. 9 – 15; and
John 5 vs. 1 - 9.

THIS WEEK:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 6th May, at the Parish Hall.

On **Thursday, 9th May**, the Thursday Group will be visiting Ashridge to see the bluebells. Please meet at Knightleys, Heath Road at 1 pm for transport to be arranged. All are very welcome to join this visit.

NEXT SATURDAY there will be a very special event:.....

A DOUBLE CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH ORGAN will be held on Saturday 11th May in the church at 7.30pm. The concert will feature Launton Handbell Ringers and Cheryl Hawkins' "Talents to Amuse". The tickets are **FREE** and donations towards the first phase of the restoration work, of £740, will be requested. The work on this phase of the project will commence in the summer.

NEWS:

The Great Brickhill Church Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday 23rd April. Thank you to the Bell Ringers for ringing the bells from 6pm to celebrate St. George's Day. During the meeting updates were presented on the many aspects of Church life. Anyone who has not yet received a copy of the Annual report can collect a copy from the bookcase near the entrance to the church, or can download the report from the church website.

Following uncontested elections:

Christine Agambar and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin will serve as Church Wardens.

The following were elected as members of the PCC: Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, Robin Dawson, Rosie Dawson, David Duncombe, Jeremy Hopkinson, Kay Seaman, Julia Turner and Joy Wilson. Clare Amies and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin continue to serve as our Deanery Synod Representatives for the third year of their three year term.

The first meeting of the newly elected PCC will be held on **Tuesday 28th May** in the Church at 8pm.

The Annual meeting concluded with Compline.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

The second concert in this annual series will be held next Saturday evening, **on the 11th May at 7.30pm** in The Reading Room, Waddesdon. Leaflets giving details of all concerts in the series and where to buy tickets are on the bookcase by the door for you to pick up if you are interested.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will commence in the Benefice during the summer in preparation for a Deanery confirmation service later in the year. Anyone interested in participating as a candidate for confirmation is asked to contact the Rector.

THE NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

We have just heard that the latest Newspaper and Cardboard collection raised £364.80. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 12th MAY:

There will be a Morning Worship, led by Jeremy at 9.30am and Evensong at 6pm, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- 11am: Family Service

Little Brickhill:- 11am Morning Worship

Stoke Hammond:- 9.30am Holy Communion

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