

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 13th APRIL:- Palm Sunday

Welcome to our service for **Palm Sunday** in which there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion** and the service will also include a **dramatized reading of the Passion instead of a sermon**. The service is led by the Rector. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

READINGS: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a & Philippians 2: 5 - 11

GOSPEL READING: The Passion according to Matthew

Today's Gospel will be the full bible reading of the Passion, verses from **Matthew Chapters 26 & 27**. It will be read in dramatic form with a number of people taking the various parts:-

Jesus: John Waller **Evangelist:** Phillipa Cook

Peter: Simon Bennett **Judas:** Ajay Tribhuvan

Pilate: James Northen **Caiaphas/Centurion:** Jeremy Hopkinson

Servant Girl 1 & 2 / Pilate's Wife: Renu Tribhuvan

The congregation is asked to read the group voices (the relevant lines are highlighted in the sheets that will be handed out):-

Pulpit side: Bystanders; Passers-by; Witnesses; Soldiers; Crowd

Lectern side: Priests; Disciples; Crowd

The congregation is asked to remain seated while the Passion is being read.

SUNDAY SERVICE pattern as from March:

Flyers are available from the bookcase, giving details of the **new service pattern** across the benefice. A flyer is also available giving details of the **Family Services** for the next few months.

THE PLANT FAYRE YESTERDAY was a great success with 366 people attending, slightly up from last year. The tremendous figure of **£2,523** was raised (£2,161 in 2013). Thanks to all who helped on the day and in advance with potting up plants or baking cakes etc. Special thanks to John Hall and Celia Feetam who did the bulk of the organising this year, ably assisted by Stephen and Christine Agambar.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

Two of the Lent Courses across the Benefice have finished but the evening course in Great Brickhill “**The Bible Course**”, is an 8 week course. This coming week the venue returns to **Old Farm, Ivy Lane**; there will be no session on the Wednesday in Easter week.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29th April in the Church at 7.30pm**. The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

- Two Church Wardens
- Two Deanery Synod Representative (to serve for three years)
- PCC Members (the number to be elected is 9, 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: pjcook6@gmail.com) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by Monday 21st April. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board by 22nd 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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GREAT BRICKHILL:-

On **Wednesday 16th April, 10.30am Holy Communion (Said)**

On **Maundy Thursday, 7.00pm Holy Communion (Said)**. [Due to low numbers the Last Supper has been cancelled.]

On **Friday 18th April, Good Friday** there will be an **Hour of Devotion**, a service of hymns, readings and reflections, **at 2.00pm**.

On **Easter Sunday** there will be a service of **Holy Communion at 11am**, led by the Rector. Other services across the benefice are:

- Holy Communion, 9.00am at Bow Brickhill & Stoke Hammond
- Family Service & Holy Communion, 11.00am at Little Brickhill

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