

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 18th MAY:- The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our service of Evensong, led by Jeremy. Thank you also to Jerry for playing the organ and to the choir for leading our singing.

The readings this evening are:- **Genesis 8: 1 - 19; John 14: 1 - 14**

Many of you will know Penny Frost from Little Brickhill. It is with great sadness that we learnt that she passed away on Monday, never having regained consciousness from the fall that she suffered at home three weeks earlier. The date of her funeral is not yet known.

SUNDAY SERVICE pattern as from March:

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

THIS WEEK:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoons, 19th May, at the Parish Hall.

THE THURSDAY GROUP – the next fortnightly meeting will be held this coming Thursday 22nd May, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11th to 17th MAY

Thank you to all those who helped with last week's house to house Christian Aid collection. The total raised will be reported as soon as the amount is known.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

On Sunday 15th June there will be a Garden Party at the Church starting at 3.00pm. Cream teas will be available, served outside if possible. Jerry and Juliet will be arranging for the choir to provide some entertainment, singing secular songs. The afternoon will conclude with a simple half-hour evening service at 5.00pm, including some well-known hymns, short prayers and a short sermon.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

This year's season of eight classical concerts, all held on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, have now commenced. Copies of the programme giving all the dates, venues and concert details are available from the bookcase.

ANNUAL MEETING, 29th APRIL

The Great Brickhill Annual Church Meeting was held on Tuesday 29th April. Thirteen parishioners attended, along with eight members of the PCC. During the meeting the Annual Report and Accounts were adopted and 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 it from the church website.

Following uncontested elections Christine Agambar and Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin will continue as Church Wardens; Jeremy Hopkinson will serve for three years as Deanery Synod Representative. The following eight were elected as members of the PCC:- Clare Amies, Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, David Duncombe, Angela Northen, Margretta Smith, Julia Turner and Joy Wilson. The first meeting of the newly elected PCC will be held on Thursday 5th June in the Church at 8pm.

The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 25th MAY:

There will be a Family Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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