

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2016:- The Second Sunday of Easter

We do hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter. Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning – we welcome back Reverend Robert Wright who will be leading the service for us. We hope that Sister Hazel may also be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Acts 5: 27 - 32; Revelation 1: 4 - 8; John 20: 19 - 31

Yesterday afternoon Dominico Miraglia and Caroline Feetam celebrated their marriage here in the church - we send our best wishes to them for a long and happy life together.

The Rector and Pauline are today going to Birmingham to celebrate the baptism of Matilda Rose, their second granddaughter. John will then be spending the rest of the week on retreat in Devon.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club held in the church on Monday mornings during term time is taking a break until after the Easter holidays, **resuming on Monday 18th April.**

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 4th April at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group re-starts after the Easter break this **Thursday, 7th April at 30 Pound Hill – 2.30pm** for a cup of tea and a chat.

THE PLANT FAYRE is next Saturday 9th April, from 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Parish Hall. Please take some of the flyers from the bookcase away with you to pass on to your friends. Donations of plants and cakes gratefully received on the day. Any offers of help, please contact:- John or Celia Hall 261075.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

EXPERIENCE EASTER:

We were pleased to host the staff and pupils from High Ash School during Holy Week for the project “Experience Easter”. The church was transformed into a new Jerusalem, with tableaux set up around the church, each station depicting part of the Easter story.

St MICHAEL'S PRIORY AT THE WELL:

St Michael's Priory is part of the European Province of the Society of the Sacred Mission. Based in Milton Keynes on the beautiful shore of Willen Lake, it is a religious community that provides a peaceful, inclusive environment for all. This is where Sister Hazel and formerly Father Colin reside. They offer a full programme of community events, workshops, quiet days and retreats. A booklet is available on the bookcase, or go to www.stmichaelspriory.org.uk

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Wednesday April 27th at 7.30pm in the Church**. All are invited to come and hear of all the good things that have taken place during the last year.

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 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: 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 18th April**. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board by 19th April.

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

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 10th APRIL:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Café Church at 9.30am

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