

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 1st May 2016:- The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. 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:-

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14; Acts 16: 9 - 15; John 5: 1 - 9

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, normally held every Monday morning during term time in the church, **will not be held tomorrow due to the Bank Holiday.**

Drop-in with the Post Office will not be held tomorrow afternoon.

The monthly Healing Prayer Meeting will be held **from 7-8pm** on this **Wednesday evening at The Rectory**. All are welcome. Please send any requests for prayer to the Rector.

Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be held this Thursday 5th May at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES: The first of this year's season of six classical concerts, all held in churches across Aylesbury Vale, is being held this coming Saturday, 7th May at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, **Wingrave** at 7.30pm. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

HELP REQUIRED: If anyone could offer to assist with the following tasks please contact Phillipa:- 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

Sidesman:- a simple but rewarding task, welcoming people to a service and collecting up the books at the end.

Newspaper Collecting from those in the village who are unable to take their old newspapers/cardboard down to Rectory Farm.

Christian Aid Collecting, 15th - 21st May:- this year we are short of collectors. Please consider helping, no matter how small an area you can do.

MIDSUMMER SUPPER, Saturday 18th June: Meet at the church for drinks and canapes, then move on to enjoy supper with friends, returning to the church for desserts and coffee. Tickets £15. Contact Gill (279005) or Julia (261213).

ANNUAL MEETING, 27th APRIL:

The Annual Church Meeting was held last Wednesday evening. Ten parishioners attended plus nine members of the PCC. A presentation of photos taken during the year by David Marlow welcomed everyone as they arrived. **The Annual Report and Accounts** were adopted - 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 file from the website.

Elections:- Julia Turner was elected as Church Warden. Clare Amies, Simon Bennett and David Duncombe did not seek re-election to the PCC. Phillipa Cook, Angela Northen, Margretta Smith and Joy Wilson continue, joined by newly elected member, Mary Maley. Jeremy Hopkinson will serve the third of his three year term as Deanery Synod Representative.

Val then presented the **Wardens' report** summarising the work etc that has been undertaken during the year. The Rector thanked Christine and Val for their hard work as Wardens and presented them with a **gift on their retirement**, flowers and a voucher to enjoy a lunch together with the two Steves at Hartwell House.

The Rector gave a presentation of slides accompanied by photos showing a summary of services/events/activities that have taken place. A PDF file of the presentation can be sent to anyone who would like a copy – please contact Phillipa:- pjcook6@gmail.com.

The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 8th MAY:

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:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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