

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 21st March – The Fifth Sunday in Lent and Passion Sunday

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. We would like to thank you both.

The reading this morning is: **Romans 12 vs. 3 – 8**. This reading is linked with the fifth and final session of study of the Lent Course, to be held on Thursday 25th March.

THIS WEEK

The final session of the Lent Course is on Thursday 25th March.

Everyone is welcome even if you were unable to come to earlier sessions. The fifth Thursday afternoon session will be held on **25th March** and will be hosted at Green Farm, Stoke Lane, with a light lunch from 12.30pm and the course commencing at 2.00 o'clock. Please let Phillipa know if you would like lunch.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FAMILY SERVICE ON PALM SUNDAY (28th MARCH)

On **Sunday 28th March the 11 o'clock Family Service** will be a special service for Palm Sunday involving families from across the Benefice. There will be an opportunity to process through the church and there will be a dramatised version of the gospel reading with everyone invited to take part in some way. If you wish, do bring along your own palms to wave and also an old coat for the procession! Please let friends know, especially if they have children.

THE BENEFICE MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER ON 1ST APRIL AT 7PM.

It is our turn in the Benefice to host the supper this year. The format will be the same as in previous years but we will be holding the Supper in the Church this year. Please keep the evening free. Everyone will be welcome to come to a simple meal around which a communion service is held. Families with children are particularly welcome.

THE PLANT FAYRE – SATURDAY 10TH APRIL

As last year, this important event in the Church money-raising calendar, will take place in the Parish Hall. The event organizers would be pleased to receive offers of help (01525 237699) and please tell your neighbours and friends and encourage them to come. There will be posters and press adverts to remind you nearer the date. Also, the village plant stall would like to receive potted plants for sale on the day – bring them to the Hall during the morning, please. A collection service is possible, please contact the number above.

MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert will be held on **Sunday 9th May**. Details of the programme will follow soon. For more information visit the website.

NEWS

PAULINE

Pauline is in Milton Keynes Hospital fighting a nasty infection. John writes to everyone giving news.

"I am sending this news to you all, – please do pass it on to anyone else as you feel is appropriate. Pauline is still in hospital, and will be there at least into next week, and possibly longer.

The doctors have had a lot of difficulty giving Pauline the antibiotics by i/v, but they are making some progress now. The most helpful thing at the moment would be for people to visit Pauline in hospital during visiting hours, alongside me being there at other times of the day. Rosie Dawson is arranging a rota, so it would be best to make any offers to her. Most helpful would be visitors in the afternoon, between 3pm and 5pm (although evening visitors from 7-8pm would also be welcome). Many thanks for everyone's understanding and prayers".

Next Sunday, 28th March, there will be a SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE here at 11am, led by the Rector.

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