

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th May – The Sunday after Ascension Day

Thank you to everyone who has distributed and collected the **Christian Aid envelopes** during the week.

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Thank you to you both. Everyone is warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The readings this morning are: **Ezekiel 36 vs. 24 – 28;** and **Acts 16 vs. 16 – 34.**

THIS WEEK

On Thursday 20th May **THURSDAY GROUP** will meet for afternoon tea at Knightleys, Heath Road at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

NEWS

MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert last Sunday was a great success. A full Church of supporters listened to a varied programme of church music played and sung by an enthusiastic choir and orchestra of talented amateurs and everyone agreed that the music making was outstanding. "The best yet"!

On **Sunday 26th September** we are looking forward to the annual performance of **Handel's "Messiah"** here in the Church. Please put the date in your diary and tell your friends too.

The final figure for the money raised for our church and for the St Francis Childrens' Society is not yet finalized. It will be announced in the Pew Sheet as soon as we know.

THE CHURCH BELLS

The work to rehang the bells is going well and should be completed very soon. The Church will not be open to visitors next week. Also, the leaking central heating pipes were repaired last week so we should be able to dispense with all the buckets and bowls catching the drips from now on! This work cost in the order of £4500, which we will need to raise during the year. So, please support all the church money-raising events. Speaking of which

A MOVEABLE FEAST

On **June 19th**, we are planning a Midsummer Evening of eating, drinking and convivial company around the Parish. Please save the date in your diary and join in. The emphasis will be on 'social' but we hope to raise some money for the Church, as well. Please tell your friends. Everyone is invited!

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

This year's programme of recitals and concerts held in village churches in Aylesbury Vale is now published. If you are interested, please collect a brochure from the bookcase near the door.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 23rd May, there will be a Family Service with Baptism here at 11 am, led by the Rector. The parents of the baby were married here in 2007. Please come and join in with what is bound to be a very joyous family occasion.

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