

## **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

### **SUNDAY 10th April – The Fifth Sunday in Lent and Passion Sunday**

Welcome to **Morning Worship** this morning, led by Phillipa with Susan Noon playing the organ. Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the service.

The theme for the service is: "***Feasting in the kingdom of God; Who is invited***" and the bible readings for the service will be used in the fifth session of this year's Lent Course:

**Isaiah 25: 6 - 9; Ephesians 2: 8 - 18; Luke 14: 15 - 24.**

Welcome to **Evensong**, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin and the choir.

The bible readings for the service will be used in the fifth session of this year's Lent Course:

**Isaiah 25: 6 - 9 and Luke 14: 15 - 24.**

### **THE PLANT FAYRE**

The Plant Fayre was a great success yesterday. We had 568 visitors and were blessed with perfect weather and everyone who came enjoyed themselves hugely. The Fayre raised £2411 for the Church. Thank you to everyone who helped. So many friends gave generously of their time to make the event possible but special thanks go to Martin and Pat Thomas for organizing the Fayre this year and making it such a success. Please see the notice in the porch for details of the stall(s) that you supported. Thank you everyone, once again.

### **THIS WEEK**

The fifth session of the **LENT COURSE: At The Table** will be held on **Thursday 14th April at Brandlings, Pound Hill**. A simple lunch will be served at 12.30pm

followed by the course discussion session between 2.00 – 3.30pm. This Thursday's session is entitled

**“Feasting in the kingdom of God: Who is invited?”**

Please could you let Janet know if you will be coming to this session, especially if you would like to have lunch?

You will be very welcome to join in even if you were unable to come to earlier sessions. Thank you. Janet's number is: 261698.

**On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Walking the Labyrinth: A different way of praying**

Tim Waller and Revd. John Waller invite you to the Methodist Church, Stoke Hammond. Come and go any time from 10.00am to 4.00pm

A labyrinth is a single path to follow, which is marked out in a pattern on the floor or ground. Over the centuries many Christian people have walked labyrinths as a way of entering into prayer and reflection. All are welcome, either to walk, or just to sit. There is no age limit, but all those who come will be asked to respect a quiet and prayerful atmosphere.

**NEWS**

Thank you to all who helped to make the pre-lunch celebrations after last Sunday's service such a joyous occasion.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**The Annual Church Meeting** will be held on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Church. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm. All are welcome to attend. **Please see below for further details. The meeting will conclude with Compline** (a short said service of evening prayer).

All papers (Annual Report etc.) are now available for collection from the Church, or can be downloaded from the website. The procedure for the Annual Elections is posted

on a notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

- Two Church Wardens
- Two Deanery Synod Representative (to serve a three year term)
- PCC Members (the number to be elected is 9, as determined by an Electoral Roll of 51 to 100 people).

**Please note:** A list of all those who have been nominated for the above positions is posted on the main entrance door to the Church.

Any parishioner wishing to be added to the **Church Electoral Roll** should register on the forms available from the Church Wardens or from Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer), or from the “Electoral Roll” section of the website.

#### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April is the Wednesday in Holy Week**

There will be a celebration of **Holy Communion** at **10.30am** here in **Great Brickhill**.

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April is Maundy Thursday** and the **Benefice Maundy Thursday Supper** will be held this year at Little Brickhill in the Parish Hall. The supper begins at 7pm with a simple service followed by the meal. Please sign the list on the board on the bookcase if you would like to come.

**Good Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April:** There will be a service of prayers, quiet contemplation and hymns at 2pm.

**NEXT SUNDAY, 17th April is Palm Sunday**, there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion at 9.30am** and the **service will include a dramatized reading of the Passion instead of a sermon**. The service will be led by the Rector.

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