

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 29th April

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER and VOCATION SUNDAY

Welcome to our **Benefice Service of Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector. The theme for the service will be based around John's recent visit to the Holy Land. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The readings this morning are: **Acts 4 vs. 5 – 12;**
 Ephesians 2 vs. 11 – 22;
 John 10 vs. 11 – 18.

THIS WEEK

This Wednesday, 2nd May there will be a service of **House Communion** at 10.30am, held at Knightleys, Heath Road. Everyone is welcome and please ring 261836 if you need directions or any further information.

NEWS

The Annual Meeting and Elections

The Great Brickhill Church Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday 24th April. The written Annual Reports and Accounts for 2011 had been available in advance of the Meeting. Updates were presented on the many aspects of our Church life. 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 Report from the website.

Following uncontested elections:-

Christine Agambar will continue in the role of sole Church warden, there being no nomination for a second Warden.

The following were elected as members of the P.C.C.
Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, Robin Dawson, Rosie Dawson,
David Duncombe, Jeremy Hopkinson, Kay Seaman,
Julia Turner and Joy Wilson.

Clare Amies and Valerie Beardmore Baldwin continue to serve as our Deanery Synod Representatives, for the second of their three year period.

The first meeting of the newly elected P.C.C. will be on **Tuesday 29th May in the Church at 8.00pm.**

The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline.

The list of **Sidesmen** is being revised - if anyone would like to help with this role of welcoming people into the church as they arrive for a service, then please contact Phillipa Cook on 261521 or at neilacook@aol.com

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Following changes announced in the Budget we have to change the wording used on Gift Aid Envelopes. We have a short period when we can use up the older envelopes and, if you have envelopes at home, please could you return them to the Church so that we can use them up before they are no longer valid. I have ordered new envelopes with the revised wording on them but, since each envelope costs approximately 5p each we don't want to waste any.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION - Thanks to all who helped load the lorry recently, and to Michael Turner for organising the band of helpers. Six tonnes of waste paper and card were loaded onto the lorry. We don't yet know how that equates into funds raised to benefit the church.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

The annual season of concerts in local churches commences again with the first concert to be held in Brill Church on Saturday 19th May, with a programme of Mozart, Verdi and Handel. Programmes with details of each concert will be available in the church soon but please ask me for details if you are able to go to the first concert.

Next Sunday, 6th May, at 11.00am there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion** here in **Great Brickhill**, led by Father Colin Griffiths. **At Bow Brickhill there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30am, led by the Rector** and at **Stoke Hammond there will be a Family Service at 11am, led by the Rector.**

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