

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 31st March – EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter and welcome to our service of Holy Communion for **Easter Sunday**, led by Father Colin Griffiths, who will preside for Holy Communion and by Jeremy who will preach today. We also would like to thank Jerry Breslin and the choir for the music for the service. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments and there will also be an 'egg hunt' in the Churchyard for those of you who are young or young-at-heart.

The readings this morning are:

Isaiah 65 vs. 17 – 25;

Acts 10 vs. 34 – 43; and

Luke 24 vs. 1 – 12.

THANK YOU everyone who decorated the Church so beautifully for the Easter celebrations today.

THIS WEEK:

Saturday, 6th April

The PLANT FAYRE WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY, April 6th from noon until 4pm, in the Parish Hall and Marquee. Please tell your friends and pot up your plants for the village plant stall. Donations of cakes and preserves will be greatly appreciated for the 'homemade stall'.

Monday 1st April

There will be no '**Drop-in**' on Monday because it is a Bank Holiday! We will be back to normal on Monday 8th April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday, 11th April marks the welcome return of **THURSDAY GROUP** after its winter break.

On the 11th April, Kay will be talking about the wonderful occasion when she received the Maundy Money from HM The Queen. The meeting will be held at Brandlings, Pound Hill.

Saturday 20th April

On the morning of Saturday 20th April from 10.00am we will be having the **Church Spring Clean**. Please try to give up a couple of hours to help us. There are inside and outside jobs. None of the jobs are arduous and there will be lots of refreshments and good cheer to keep you going.

Tuesday 23rd April

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 23rd at 7.30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

All papers (Annual Report etc.) will be available for collection from the Church, or to download from the website, from Tuesday 16th April.

The procedure for the Annual Elections is displayed on the notice in the Church porch. Elections will take place for:

- Two Church Wardens
- PCC Members (the number to be elected will be determined by the number who have enrolled on the new Electoral Roll)

Nomination slips for the above elections are available from the Church or from the PCC Secretary, Phillipa Cook (TEL: 01525, 261521; e-mail: neilacook@aol.com) or can be downloaded from the website. Completed nomination forms for all the above positions should be sent to Phillipa Cook by **Monday 15th April**. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch by 16th April.

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised and this year is when that has to happen. In order to continue as a voting member of the church it is necessary for you to register by completing a short form. The forms are available from the Warden or can be downloaded from the "Electoral Roll" section of the Benefice website: <http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk/electoral-roll>

The form must be completed and handed to Jeremy Hopkinson at the latest by the Annual Church Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd April (but ideally earlier and in good time for the meeting).

The number to be elected to the PCC at the Annual Meeting will be dependent upon the number registered on the Electoral Roll (6 for Electoral Roll up to 50 persons and 9 for Electoral Roll numbers of 51 – 100) There are currently 9 members elected to the PCC but unless more people register onto the new Church Electoral Roll, the number allowed for the 2013 PCC will be restricted to six.

NEWS:

Lent Course

Thank you to all who hosted the lunches at the Thursday afternoon discussion groups. The Donations raised will be reported in the Pew Sheet next week. The decision has been made to send the donations to the joint Christian charities relief effort and appeal for Syria.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 7th APRIL:

There will be a **Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion, here in Great Brickhill at 11 am**, led by the Rector.

At Bow Brickhill: 9.30am Holy Communion

At Little Brickhill: No Service this Sunday

At Stoke Hammond: 11am Family Service at the Methodist Church.

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