

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 14th April – The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Services today. Morning Worship is led by Phillipa this morning, with Susan Noon playing the organ. Evensong this evening is led by the Rector with Paul Dickens playing the organ. Everyone is invited to stay after Morning Worship for refreshments and a chat.

The theme for Morning Worship is: **“Jesus is Everywhere”**

The readings this morning are:

Acts: 9 vs. 1 - 6; and John 21 vs. 1 – 19.

The readings this evening are:

Zephaniah 3 vs. 14 – 20; and John 21 vs. 1 – 19.

THIS WEEK:

Drop-in with the Post office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 15th April, at the Parish Hall.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION resumes this **Wednesday, 17th April**, at Knightleys, Heath Road at 10.30am.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN NEXT SATURDAY, 20th April, 10.00am

Please try to give up a couple of hours to help us. There are inside and outside jobs. None of the jobs is arduous and there will be lots of refreshments and good cheer to keep you going.

NEWS:

THE PLANT FAYRE held last Saturday was a great success. The numbers attending were down on previous years due to the appalling weather we have had in the run up to the event (305 through the door compared to 579 last year). However the tremendous figure of **£2,161** was raised (£2,935 in 2012). Thanks to all who helped on the day and in advance with potting up plants or baking cakes etc. A full analysis of the results is on the Blackboard in the Church Porch.

Hazel Howson. You will probably already have heard the sad news that Hazel died last week, only six months after Alan passed away. Her funeral will be held in this church the week after next and will be followed by burial in the Cemetery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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 **tomorrow, Monday 15th April**. A list of all Nominations will be posted on the Notice Board in the Church porch on Tuesday, 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.brickhillchurches.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).

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

The programme has just been published for these series of concerts held in local churches during May and June. We are yet to receive the leaflets with the details but they will be on the bookcase by the door for you to collect one if you are interested in going to any of the concerts.

DOUBLE CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH ORGAN will be held on **Saturday 11th May in the church at 7.30pm**. The concert will feature Launton Handbell Ringers and Cheryl Hawkins' "Talents to Amuse". The tickets are **FREE** and donations towards the first phase of the restoration work, of £740, will be requested. The work on this phase of the project will commence in the summer.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will commence in the Benefice during the summer in preparation for a Deanery confirmation service later in the year. Anyone interested in participating as a candidate for confirmation is asked to contact the Rector.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 21st APRIL:

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6pm

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.15am

Stoke Hammond:- Evensong at 6pm

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