

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

## **SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2015:- The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. We hope that Sister Hazel will be joining us. The readings this morning are:-

**Genesis 22: 1 - 18; Acts 8: 26 - 40; John 15: 1 - 8**

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

Thank you to all who helped to load the lorry with the newspapers yesterday morning – a good team effort by all who were present. The amount raised from the load will be notified in due course.

### **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-**

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, normally held every Monday morning in the church, **will not be held tomorrow due to the Bank Holiday.**

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will not be held tomorrow afternoon.

**The Thursday Group.** The next fortnightly meeting will be this Thursday 7th May, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill, a chance to meet up for a cup of tea and a chat. All welcome.

**High Ash** would welcome anyone who would like to attend their monthly **Prayer Meeting** this **Friday 8th May** at 2.45 - 3.15pm.

**On Friday at the Cricket Club** all are welcome to see the lighting of the beacon at 9.30pm to mark the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

### **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

#### **INFORMATION SHEET FROM THE PCC CONCERNING THE PLANNING OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CHURCH:**

Please collect one of the pink sheets from the bookcase giving an update on the project to provide additional facilities for our church.

#### **MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES:**

This year's season of seven classical concerts, all held in churches across Aylesbury Vale on Saturday evenings at 7.30pm, commence **next Saturday, 9th May**. Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

## **SUMMER WALK AND BREAKFAST:**

Michael, Julia and Tom are hosting an early summer walk at Rectory Farm on Sunday 31st May. Meet at 7.45am or just arrive for breakfast, served from 8.30am. Please let them know if you would like to go:- Tel: 261213, e-mail: [msturner@btopenworld.com](mailto:msturner@btopenworld.com)

## **ANNUAL MEETING, 28th APRIL:**

**The Great Brickhill Annual Church Meeting** was held last Tuesday evening. Ten parishioners attended, along with nine members of the PCC. A presentation of photos taken during the year by David Marlow welcomed everyone as they arrived.

During the meeting the Annual Report and Accounts were adopted - 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 file from the church website.

Christine and Val continue as Church Wardens and the members of the PCC remain as for last year:- Clare Amies, Simon Bennett, Phillipa Cook, David Duncombe, Angela Northen, Margretta Smith, Julia Turner and Joy Wilson. Jeremy Hopkinson will serve the second of his three years term as Deanery Synod Representative.

Christine then gave the Wardens' report detailing all the work that has been undertaken during the year. All items highlighted in last year's Quinquennial Report have been completed.

The Rector gave a presentation of slides accompanied by photos showing a summary of events / activities that have taken place. A PDF file of the presentation can be e-mailed to anyone who would like a copy – please contact Phillipa Cook:- [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com).

The Annual Meeting concluded with a short form of evening prayer.

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 10th MAY:**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.**

**[ Please note that from next month this service on the second Sunday of the month will be held at 9.30am. ]**

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Family Service with Baptism, 11.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Compline, 5.00pm

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