



Some of the many plants for sale at the 2017 Plant Fayre,
with the marquee in the background

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

PCC NEWSLETTER, 22nd APRIL 2017

You will be pleased to know that we have had an exceptionally good start to the year with our fundraising events:-

THE SNOWDROP WALKS:

The cold and snowy conditions on the first Sunday were more than made up for with the beautiful afternoon for the second week when we had the largest ever number of people enjoying the walk among the snowdrops and returning to the church for tea, with hardly a seat to spare. The total raised over both weekends was a record **£1451**, plus gift aid. Grateful thanks to our hosts David and Sally Duncombe who so generously open their grounds for us all to enjoy.

THE PLANT FAYRE:

The annual Plant Fayre was a huge success. Again we were blessed with fantastic weather, resulting in more people (405) through the “gate” than in recent years. The result was amazing, a total of **£2,730** was raised, the second highest amount, topped only in 2012 when we had almost 300 additional people attending. An analysis of the figures is on display in the church porch - without exception each of the figures has increased, none more so than the Cafe – well done to those who slaved away in the kitchen (both at home making the produce, and at the Hall). But, most of all thank you to John and Celia Hall for masterminding the whole event.

David Marlow has uploaded photos of these two events onto his website:-
www.davidmarlowphotography.com

FUTURE EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2017:

Below is a note of the dates for this year's key events:-

Monthly:- Ladies Who Lunch (anyone interested in attending – contact Gill Wilson

Tuesday 25th April:- Annual Church Meeting, 7.30pm in church (see below)

Sunday 28th May:- Brickstock 2017 (see below)

July:- Possibly a Craft Sunday

Sunday 24th September:- Harvest Celebrations with the Archdeacon

Saturday 21st October:- Auction of Promises in the Parish Hall with celebrity auctioneer, Charlie Ross. More details later but please put the date in your diaries and start thinking of original ideas for lots to be auctioned.

BRICKSTOCK 2017, SUNDAY 28th MAY AT THE CRICKET CLUB:

St Mary's Church roof repair fund has been selected as one of the beneficiaries at this open air music event. The gates will be opening at 12 noon, the music starts at 1.00pm and the event will close around 9.30pm.

We will be organising the raffle during the afternoon and also providing the teas and cakes in the Parish Hall. If you are able to offer any help during the day, or provide any cakes, please get in touch with Julia or Phillipa:-

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Our May Family Service falls on the day of the Brickstock music event. We have arranged to hold the service in one of the marquees at the Cricket Field. The service will be shorter than usual, starting at 11.00am and will be finished before the gates officially open at 12 noon, which will give plenty of time for those without a ticket and not intending to attend the event to depart, before the official opening.

ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY 25th APRIL:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, 25th April at 7.30pm in the Church. Elections will take place for:

- Church Wardens
- Deanery Synod Representatives (maximum two)
- PCC Members

All are invited to come and hear of all the good things that have taken place during the last twelve months. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

Copies of all the documents relevant to the Annual Meeting including the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016, are available to download from the following link on the website:-

<http://brickhillschurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/annual-meeting-2917/>

WEBSITE:-

A reminder that all the information about Church events or services can be found at the click of a button:- www.brickhillschurches.org.uk

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