

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th April 2018:- The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our special service this morning led by the Rector, when we will use the Family Service with Baptism sheets. We are delighted to welcome friends and family of Tom and Alice Turner to celebrate the baptism of their daughter, Emilia. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will accompany our singing. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Zephaniah 3: 14 - 17; Luke 24: 28 - 36

FUNERAL NEWS:

The funeral of Jean Woodhouse will take place here in the church tomorrow. The funeral service for Valerie Vestergaard will be held on Tuesday 24th April at St Andrew's Church, Bebington in the Wirral. We remember all that Valerie contributed to the life of this church over many years. A number of people will be meeting here at the church at the time of Valerie's funeral, 10.30am. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families as they prepare for the funerals.

THE BIBLE COURSE:

This is the first week for the **seven follow-on sessions** for the Bible Course, which explores the world's bestseller, discovering how the key events, books and characters of the Bible all fit together. It is not essential to have attended the introductory session. This week's sessions:- **Tuesday 17th April**, 1.30pm at The Rectory and **Thursday, 19th April** at 7.30pm in the small meeting room of the Parish Hall. Full details are on **the blue flyers** near the bookcase.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am**. The first session after the Easter holidays will be held **tomorrow Monday, 16th April**.

The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall is open on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

The weekly Prayer Group meets on **Thursday mornings** for tea and coffee **at 10.30am** - an informal gathering in the Lady Chapel with an opportunity for quiet, private and open prayer. All are welcome on any Thursday.

THE PLANT FAYRE:

Well done to all those who helped to make last week's Plant Fayre such a success. **The current total** of the amount raised is **£2679** (£2730 last year) with 381 people through the gate (405 in 2017) – a full analysis of the provisional results is on display in the porch. Thanks to all who helped to make the day such a success, especially John and Celia Hall who masterminded the event.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on this coming **Tuesday April 17th at 7.30pm** in the Church. All are invited to come and hear a report of all that has taken place during the last twelve months. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.

For those without internet access, copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017 are available from the bookcase. An electronic copy of the documents can be downloaded from the "Great Brickhill – Annual Meetings & Reports" section of the website – see link below.

Elections will take place for:- Church Wardens and PCC Members. The procedure for the Annual Elections and a list of nominations is displayed on the notice board in the Church porch.

Electoral Roll:- Any parishioner wishing to be added to the Church Electoral Roll should register on the forms available on the bookcase near the main door or from the "Electoral Roll" section of the website, and returned to Jeremy Hopkinson (the Electoral Roll Officer).

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 22nd APRIL:

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector. **The service will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch** to which all are welcome. Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Café Church at 9.30am

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