

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

PCC NEWSLETTER, 20th MAY 2018



The font decorated for the Easter Celebrations

The busy period running up to Easter with the Lent Courses and the start of the Bible Course was immediately followed by the:-

ANNUAL PLANT FAYRE ON SATURDAY 7th APRIL:

Well done to all those who helped to make the Plant Fayre such a success. The total amount raised was £2694 (£2730 last year) with 381 people through the gate (405 in 2017). Thanks go to all who helped, either in advance with baking cakes or potting plants, or with setting up / clearing away, or at the event itself. Whilst it is a great team effort much of the work was again done by John and Celia Hall – thanks to you both for another wonderful event.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING, 17th APRIL:

At the Annual Church Meeting elections were held for the positions of Warden and PCC members. All positions remain unchanged. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted. A photographic review of the year was shown. Julia presented the Wardens' report summarising the work etc. undertaken during the year. The Rector presented his report with some thoughts on the Bishop of Oxford's book "Abundant Life," reflections on the raising of Lazarus.

The Annual Report, the presentation of slides from the Annual Meeting, the Wardens' Report and a report from the Tower Captain are available to download from the "Annual Meeting 2018" page of the Great Brickhill section of the website. Also uploaded to that page is the Church Report presented to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday, 1st May.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP:

The weekly Prayer Group has been meeting on Thursdays for tea and coffee at 10.30am - an informal gathering in the Lady Chapel with an opportunity for quiet, private and open prayer. This will continue until the end of May after which there will be a break with plans to resume a regular Prayer Meeting after the summer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

ART EXHIBITION IN THE CHURCH, SUNDAY 17th JUNE:

There will be an Art Exhibition in the church from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Sunday, 17th June. It will feature affordable, original art by Gill Wilson and Anne Marlow.

BRICKSTOCK 2018, SUNDAY 27th MAY AT THE CRICKET CLUB:

The Cricket Club have very kindly chosen St Mary's to again be one of the beneficiaries of the funds raised at Brickstock. We will be organising a bottle tombola during the afternoon from 2.30pm and also providing teas and cakes in the Parish Hall from 3.00-6.00pm. If you are able to offer any cakes or help on the day please get in touch with Julia juliaturner.jt@icloud.com or Phillipa pjcook6@gmail.com

The gates to this open-air music event will be opening at 12 noon, the music starts at 1.00pm and the event will close around 10.00pm.

Our May Family Service falls on the day of the Brickstock and so we will be holding the service in one of the marquees at the Cricket Field, starting at 11.00am. The service will be shorter than usual, finishing 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 officially opening.

“OUR VILLAGE PAST AND PRESENT”:

A photographic exhibition of Great Brickhill will be held in the Church over the weekend of 7th & 8th July, from 10.00 – 4.00pm on Saturday and from on Sunday from 11.00 – 5.00pm. Refreshments will be available.

ALONGSIDE THE ABOVE ON SUNDAY, 8th JULY AT 2.30pm:-

“King James - a Royal Progress”, Renaissance music for a summer Afternoon

A concert featuring the sort of songs and music the villagers of Great Brickhill might have heard when King James I was King. The Cryers, an early music group based in Woburn Sands, accompanied by local musicians, will be performing songs with dances of the period. Cream teas will be available.

A flier for both these events is attached for you to spread the word to friends and family.

AND FINALLY, GDPR:

As you will all know we are fast approaching the date that the new GDPR rules come into operation. A separate e-mail will be sent to deal with this. If you would like to continue receiving these occasional E-Newsletters I am afraid that you will have to respond to that e-mail, in order that your contact details can be retained for future use.

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Do please remember that all the information about Church events or services can be found on the Benefice website:- www.brickhillchurches.org.uk