

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

## **SUNDAY 12th MAY 2019: The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion today, led by the Rector. We are very pleased that Annie Cooper will be here to talk about Vocations, how each and every one of us can use our skills to answer God's call - our New Testament reading reflects this theme. Thank you to Susan Noon for playing the organ for us this morning. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are: - **Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-18; 9: 8-13; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-end; John 10: 22-30**

**The Ladies Fashion Show and Sale** held yesterday at the Parish Hall was a great success. 76 ladies enjoyed the evening, which raised **£831.50**. Thank you to Val and Gill for organising the event.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK starts today.** The House to House Collection in the village is being done differently this year:-

**Please note no one will be calling to collect the envelope**

**BUT** you will still be able to donate – if you would like to contribute please either:

- Make a donation on-line at:- [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)
- Deliver the envelope through the letter box of The Rectory, 10 Pound Hill
- Contact Phillipa Cook who will arrange for someone to call and collect your envelope:- 01525 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

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

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held every Monday morning in the church from 10.00am to 11.15am during term time.**

**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 Prayer Group** is held in church on the **second and fourth Mondays** of each month. **Due to Bank Holidays there will be just one Prayer Group meeting this month, tomorrow Monday 13th May. There is an e-mail Prayer Chain** for those who meet together.

Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr ([valeriejkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriejkerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto:mary@maley.org.uk)).

**The second session of the delayed evening Lent Course for the Benefice, “Alive in Christ”, is this Tuesday, 14th May** from 8.00pm to 9.30pm at Green Farm, Stoke Lane. The course uses three inspirational group Bible studies on the Book of Colossians produced by Bishop Steven. All are welcome at any of the sessions.

## **NEWS AND EVENTS:-**

### **ANNUAL MEETING, 30th APRIL:**

Eighteen parishioners attended 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 gave some reflections on how we can let God be at work with us in and through challenging times, so that they may become times of growth and hope. The Annual Meeting concluded with Compline. The Annual Report, the presentation of slides etc from the Annual Meeting are available to download from the “Annual Meeting 2019” page of the Great Brickhill section of the website.

### **ART EXHIBITION, SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th JUNE:**

There will be an exhibition of original, affordable art by Gill Wilson and Anne Marlow in the church on both days from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Cream teas will be available on both days from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 19th MAY:**

There will be a **service of Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill**, led by Jeremy.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- [ Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am ]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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