

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

## **Sunday 11th May 2025 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our service of Evensong this evening, which will be led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry and the choir for the music and leading our singing.

The service will contain elements for **Christian Aid Week**. The readings for CAWk are the same as the normal Lectionary readings for today:- Acts 9: 36-43; John 10: 22-30

**The collection plate will be passed** round during the last hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. If you prefer to give your collection via our **debit/credit card device**, please see **Phillipa after the service**.

### **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, THIS TUESDAY 13th MAY:**

The Annual Meeting is this Tuesday in the church at 7.30pm, refreshments from 7.15pm. A photo presentation will be given showing the various events, which have been held throughout the year. The formal notices and agenda are in the church and on the website:-

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

All the papers for the Annual Meeting including the Annual Report will be available online - please go to the website link above to read or download the documents. There is full Wi-Fi in the church and so where possible, please bring your tablets, or other devices to the meeting, rather than print a copy of the papers.

Anyone wishing to vote on any matter at the Annual Meeting is required to be registered on the Electoral Roll. Application Forms from the book case, to be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer, Jeremy Hopkinson:- <https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/electoral-roll/>

### **RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:**

The next Bible Study at The Rectory is **this Thursday 15th May at 8.00pm**. All are welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible, which will be used at the services on Sunday 1st June. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

### **TOMATO PLANTS:**

A final reminder that John Hall is again selling tomato plants. Some were available at the Plant Fayre but he has plenty more left at £1 each, a variety of different sorts (alicante, moneymaker, cherry, plum, beef). Please contact John if you would like some:- 07785 771407

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK STARTS TODAY, 11th to 17th MAY:**

There will not be a House-to-House collection in the village. There are Christian Aid envelopes available on the bookcase. Anyone who would like to donate to Christian Aid Week, can also do so online:-

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

## **OR ALTERNATIVELY, SUPPORT:-**

### **The Rector's '70k in May' Challenge for Christian Aid:**

For many years, the Rector has given and raised money for Christian Aid to help people around the world. During May, he will be celebrating a significant birthday and has decided to mark this by dedicating his regular walks, totalling at least 70 kilometres (about 44 miles) or more, to the work of Christian Aid.

A special page has been set up for donations, which will help to bring about positive change towards a world where everyone has the opportunity to live a full life, free from poverty:-

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2025/johns-walking-challenge>

## **St MARY'S POST CARDS:**

Post cards of St Mary's church, small and large, are available on the bookcase just inside the church. Suggested donation is:- 3 small for £1 and 2 large for £1. If anyone would like a large quantity, please get in touch with Phillipa.

## **SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**Next Sunday 18th May**, we will welcome members of Lidlington Church for a Family Service at 11.00am, which will include the blessing of Sophia and Ollie Walmsley's daughter, Elke, sister to Oskar. Other services in the Benefice:-

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

**On Sunday 25th May**, there is no service here. Other services:-

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Service in the Community Centre

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong

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[www.brickhillschurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk)