

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

## **Sunday 19th April 2026 – the Third Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to the last Family Service, which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music, and to Sophia who will be leading our singing this morning.

The theme will be “On the road to Emmaus”. We will hear the story from the Storyteller Bible of the two men talking to a stranger as they walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

**The collection plate will be passed round** during the final hymn. If you prefer to give your collection via our **debit/credit card device**, please see **Phillipa after the service**.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

### **NEXT SUNDAY - RECTOR'S FAREWELL SERVICE:-**

This will be a Holy Communion service for the Benefice here in **Great Brickhill at 11am**. The service will be followed by refreshments in the church at 12.30pm. All are welcome to this service, or to join us afterwards for the refreshments.

**But to help with the catering, if you are planning to come and you haven't already notified us, could you please let Phillipa know as soon as you can:-** 07788 740969 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

And if you would like to help with the refreshments, please contact Julia:- 07714 028785 [juliaturner.jt@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.jt@icloud.com)

### **RECTOR'S FAREWELL PILGRIMAGE LAST SATURDAY:**

The weather was better than predicted for the Rector's farewell pilgrimage across the benefice. A group of walkers started with John from Stoke Hammond church, made their way to the Community Centre for breakfast, and then up the hill to the church here where they were joined by others for readings and prayers. A larger group then set off to Little Brickhill church before making their way to Bow Brickhill church, and then the descent to the Bow Brickhill Community Hall for well-earned refreshments.

### **PLANT FAYRE, LAST SUNDAY:**

We had another very successful Plant Fayre last Sunday. The weather was good except for those who were sitting in the draughty entrance area. We had **459** people recorded as visitors, 50 more

than last year and we raised the magnificent sum of **£3,097** for church funds, just a little short of last year's figure. A detailed analysis of the results per stall is on the church notice boards.

Thank you to all who helped - providing the cakes and plants and raffle prizes, helping with the stalls, setting up and clearing away, marshalling the car park and the team in the kitchen who worked tirelessly throughout the day to keep us all fed and watered with the delicious items on offer.

### **BABY & TODDLER GROUP STARTS TOMORROW:**

The first session of the new Baby & Toddler Group is tomorrow. They will be meeting in the church during term time **every Monday, from 10am to 12 noon**. All babies and toddlers are welcome to bring along their parents, grandparents, carers, child-minders. All are welcome to come and meet up, and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat.

**Please pass on the details to anyone whom you know that might be interested.**

### **FORTHCOMING SERVICES:**

**Next Sunday, 26th April:**

**11am Rector's Farewell Service** - Benefice Holy Communion in Great Brickhill, followed by refreshments in the church.  
(Details overleaf)

**The following Sunday, 3rd May:**

10am Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond

### **SERVICES DURING THE VACANCY :**

**During the vacancy**, clergy cover has been arranged, and all services will be held as normal.

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