

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 21st April 2024: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, which will be led by Phillipa. Andrew will be providing our music today and Sophia will be leading our singing. Do join in with the singing - no shakers today as we can't access them.

Jasper will read this morning's bible passage, "I am the good shepherd" a reading from John 10: 11-18. Clare will read the story, "The Good Shepherd" from the Storyteller Bible.

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

The collection plate will be passed round during the final 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.

FUNERAL NEWS:

Alan Poynter's funeral will be held here in the church this Tuesday 23rd April at 1pm, followed by cremation.

RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:

The Rector is now on sabbatical leave and will be returning to work on 1st July. If anyone has any queries or needs any information that would normally go to the Rector, please contact either Julia or me.

THE RE-ROOFING WORK:

You will see that work is now being done on the ceiling panels. Work is progressing well on the south aisle and scaffolding will soon be going up on the north side. Many things have been moved around in the church and so finding things at the moment can be a bit of a challenge! The church remains generally closed but if anyone would like access to the church, please contact either Julia or me.

"PATHWAYS" MAGAZINE:

The Spring edition of the Diocesan magazine Pathways has just been published - a PDF copy can be downloaded via a link on the Home page of the website. A few copies are available in the church porch.

PLANT FAYRE:

What a wonderful day it was last Sunday; we were lucky with the weather and **438 adults** were recorded as visitors. The magnificent sum of **£3,168** was raised. A detailed analysis of the results per stall is on the church notice board and on display in the porch.

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.

TOMATO PLANTS:

John Hall is again selling tomato plants. There were some 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

BRICKSTOCK, SUNDAY 26th MAY:

We were delighted to learn this week that the church has been chosen by the Cricket Club as one of the charities for Brickstock and we have been invited to again do the teas.

OPEN GARDENS, SATURDAY 22nd JUNE:

Great Brickhill Gardening Club will be holding its Open Gardens afternoon on Saturday 22nd June from 1pm-5 pm, with teas available in the church. Proceeds from the teas will go to the church and garden entry fees will go to MK Food Bank.

A few more gardens are needed, they can be any size and do not need to be perfect. Often it is the tiny gems that people remember. If you would like your garden to be included, or would like any further information, please contact:- Rosehowell50@hotmail.com

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

During the re-roofing work, the Coffee Club is being held in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, from 9.30am - 11.30am. All are welcome.

FOOD BOX:

During the re-roofing work, access to the Food Box in the porch is only possible at the weekend, or weekdays after 4.30pm.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next week, Sunday 28th April, there will be just one service in the Benefice:- 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond.

The following Sunday, 5th May there will be a Benefice Holy Communion service here at 10am when the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore will lead our service.

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