

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 6th April 2025 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning.

The readings for today are:-

Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

The collection plate will be passed round during the third/offertory 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.**

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE:

Last Sunday's Mothering Sunday service was very joyful, with lots of participation from those in the congregation. In their activity, the children produced some lovely cards for their mothers and there were plenty of posies available for all to take home with them.

LENT COURSE – “WOMEN OF HOLY WEEK”:

The course is based on stories of six women mentioned in the Gospels from the book by Paula Gooder, “Women of Holy Week”. Flyers are available on the bookcase. There are two groups each week. This coming **Week 5** of the course will be:-

Joanna's story: “The last meal” Mark 14: 12-25

- **Tuesday 8th April** at Stoke Hammond:- 1pm soup lunch and course from 1.30pm to 3pm

- **Tuesday 8th April** evening session, 8pm Green Farm, Stoke Lane

REMINDER - NEW ELECTORAL ROLL:

This has to be renewed every six years. **Instead of the usual revision process, everyone that wishes to remain on the electoral roll will need to re-apply.** For details of the Electoral Roll and to download the 2025 Application Form for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll, go to:-

<https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/electoral-roll/>

Anyone who wishes to vote on any matter at the Annual Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 13th May, is required to be registered on the Electoral Roll.

HIGH ASH SERVICES:

We were pleased to welcome pupils from High Ash this week for the KS1 Easter service on Wednesday, and KS2 for their service the following day. They have produced some wonderful work for Easter, which is now on display in the church porch and just inside the church near the font.

PLANTS PLEASE FOR THE PLANT FAYRE, NEXT SUNDAY:

Plants are required please for the St Mary's plant stall next Sunday. While in your gardens on this lovely weekend, please look to see what plants you might be able to give to the stall. Plants can either be delivered to the Hall on Sunday morning from 10am, or during the week left near the entrance to the church.

The Plant Fayre is from 11am to 3pm. As well as the stalls from the professional nurserymen, John Hall's very popular tomato plans will also be on sale, and there will be the usual raffle and refreshments.

Lots of cakes, preserves etc are also needed please.

Offers of help or any queries, please contact either:

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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

A reminder that we are looking for volunteers to go on the rotas for the various tasks that have to be done (reading, sidesmen, cleaning, coffee etc). **We are also looking for a new Warden.** Please see Julia or Phillipa if you can help with any of these.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 13th April is Palm Sunday - there will not be a service here due to the Plant Fayre. Just one service in the Benefice: Stoke Hammond - 10.30am Procession from The Green to the church for a Family Service at 11am.

Easter Services here in Great Brickhill:

Good Friday, 2pm Hour of Devotion

Easter Sunday, 9.30am Holy Communion

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