

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

## **Sunday 7th April 2024: Second Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. This will be the Rector's last service with us until July. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning.

The readings for this morning are:-

Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 1 - 2: 2; John 20: 19-31

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

**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**.

**Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter services.** The flowers are still looking wonderful and are less obscured this week by the items stored by the roofers.

### **RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:**

Please note that today is the last Sunday before the Rector starts his sabbatical leave next Saturday 13th April, to 1st July.

### **WORK ON THE ROOF:**

Work on the north aisle roof is almost complete. Most of the building materials have been taken away. Scaffolding will be erected inside the church on Wednesday in the south aisle and vestry, in preparation for the work on the ceiling panels.

A reminder that, .... due to health and safety concerns, the church remains generally closed. BUT all services and the bell ringing & choir practices will continue as normal, although areas of the church will be cordoned off. If anyone would like access to the church, please contact either Julia or me.

### **FUNERAL NEWS:**

Alan Poynter's funeral will be held here in the church on Tuesday 23rd April at 1pm, followed by cremation. David Middleton arranged a quarter peal to be rung on our bells on Friday evening, dedicated to the memory of Alan.

### **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, THIS TUESDAY 9th APRIL:**

The Annual Meeting is this Tuesday 9th April 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 on display in the church porch and on the website:-

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

All the papers for the Annual Meeting including the Annual Report are available online - please go to the website 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. A few paper copies will be available for those who cannot access the online material.

### **The Electoral Roll:**

If anyone would like to add their name to the Electoral Roll, application forms are in the porch and available on the website.

### **PLANT FAYRE, NEXT SUNDAY 14th APRIL:**

Next Sunday is our second big fundraiser of the year, the Plant Fayre at the Parish Hall and cricket field from 11am - 3pm. There will be the usual raffle, and refreshments will be available.

**Offers of cakes will be gratefully received, as well as plants from your garden for the village stalls, to be delivered on the day, or contact Julia or Phillipa if collection is easier for you.**

If not ready on the day, orders will be taken for John Hall's ever popular tomato plants.

### **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. There will be no Coffee Club this Monday, 8th April due to the Easter holidays.

### **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:**

There is no service here next Sunday, 14th April as it is the day of the Plant Fayre. There will be one service in the Benefice:-

11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

The next service here at Great Brickhill will be on Sunday 21st April, a Family Service at 11am.

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