

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

## **SUNDAY 30th May – TRINITY SUNDAY**

Good Morning and welcome to our special **United Benefice Service with Holy Communion** today to celebrate **the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of John, our Rector**. We send our very best wishes to John. We would also like to welcome members of John's family to the service and especially to the **Rev Phillip Tovey**, the Diocesan Training Officer and a good friend of John's, who will officiate today to enable John to join his family in worship. John will be preaching the sermon.

Everyone is invited to join John and Pauline and their guests at a reception after the service in the Parish Hall when we will be able to meet friends and toast John's health. Please make your way to the Hall immediately after the service and stay for some refreshments.

We would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to this joyful occasion; the choir and Paul Dickens who are leading our singing and to Rosemary, Dave, Clare and Phillipa for leading our prayers of intercession. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed refreshments for the party afterwards.

The readings for Trinity Sunday are: **Proverbs 8 vs. 1 - 4 & 22 - 31; Romans 5 vs. 1 - 5; John 16 vs. 12 – 15.**

## **THIS WEEK**

On **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, the Thursday Group will be visiting Frosts Garden Centre for afternoon tea. Please meet at Knightleys, Heath Road at 2.30pm so that travel arrangements can be sorted out. **Tea is booked for 4pm.** Everyone is most welcome.

## **NEWS**

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Thank you to all who supported **Christian Aid Week**. Phillipa reports that the total raised from the House-to-House collection in Great Brickhill was **£936.98**; despite the economic situation, due to some very generous donations. This was £140 more than last year. The total for Bow Brickhill was **£385.27**, almost £100 more than in 2009. Thanks to those who helped with the collection and to all who gave so generously, including those who made on-line donations.

## **Oliver Morgan**

Oliver was baptised last Sunday in the presence of Lee and Nikki, his parents and many friends and relatives. It was a particularly joyous family occasion.

## **MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS**

The Spring Concert was a great success and it is particularly pleasing to report that the concert raised £1374, which will be split equally between the St Francis Society (MK) and our Church. Please join with us to thank Jerry Breslin and the Brickhill Choir for both giving us such an enjoyable evening and also in donating half of the proceeds to the upkeep of our church.

Please note that on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September** we are looking forward to the **Music in the Brickhills** annual performance of **Handel's "Messiah"** here in the Church. Please put the date in your diary and tell your friends too.

## **A MOVEABLE FEAST**

On **June 19<sup>th</sup>**, we are planning a Midsummer Evening of eating, drinking and convivial company around the Parish. Please save the date in your diary and join in. The emphasis will be on 'social' but we hope to raise some money for the Church, as well. Please tell your friends. Tickets are available from Christine (261 527) and Julia (261 213) and cost £20 which includes a three course dinner and wine. A real bargain!!! Please come and tell your friends to come. Everyone is invited!

**In Great Brickhill next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> June**, there will be a service of Holy Communion using the 1662 Prayer Book at 9.30am, led by Sister Hazel. In **Bow Brickhill** there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am, led by the Rector. In **Stoke Hammond** there will be a Family Service in the Methodist Church at 11 am. There will be no service in Little Brickhill next Sunday.

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