

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

**Sunday 2nd October – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **WELCOME TO OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE TODAY**

This morning, led by the Rector, we will celebrate **Holy Communion** with a Harvest theme and we will also begin a month of special services to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the **King James Bible**. Thank you, Jerry, for playing the organ this morning.

**Coffee will not be served after the service because many of us will be busy preparing for the Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall. We hope that you will all enjoy the lunch and look forward to seeing everybody. Please do not forget to bring your own wine, beer or soft drink with you.** Glasses will be available to save you carrying these from home. There is an invitation for you to make a donation towards the running costs of the Church at the lunch.

**We would like to say a special thank you to all who decorated the Church so beautifully for today's festival.** Very many people contributed to the display and we would like all of you to know how much we appreciate your efforts.

The readings today are:- **Deuteronomy 8 vs 7 - 18; 2 Corinthians 9 vs 6 - 15**

The Gospel reading is:- **Luke 12 vs. 16 - 30**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tomorrow, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the school Harvest Service will be held here in the church at 9.30am.**

**House Communion will be celebrated on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road. All are welcome.**

### **EVENTS AND DATES**

**LAST SUNDAY**, an inspirational performance of Handel's Messiah was performed by the **Music in the Brickhills Choir and Orchestra** here in the Church. The Church was full and everyone enjoyed the evening greatly. Donations were invited in support of the church and Willen Hospice – money is still coming in, but so far over £2075 has been collected. Thank you to all who came to support the event, and special thanks to Jerry whose energy and devotion makes this annual treat possible.

On **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September**, the annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning** was held at 14 Holts Green. It seemed as if everyone in the village came, had an enjoyable morning and donated generously to the charity. We do not know the exact figure raised yet, but early indications are that over £1200 was raised. A simply staggering sum and all down to lots of hard work by a big team under the leadership of Anne Humphreys whose modesty forbids me from saying more!

**TODAY** we launch a month-long celebration to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of the **King James' Bible**. Details are given below:

### **THE KING JAMES BIBLE ANNIVERSARY:**

- **This Sunday** our readings will be taken from the King James Bible.

- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm** there will be a special "Songs of Praise" service. The readings and hymns will be chosen in advance by the members of the congregation – the King James Version of the Bible will be used for all the readings. Please note that there will be no Morning Worship service on this day.

- **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am** there will be a service of Holy Communion at which the readings will be read in two forms. The King James Version of the Old Testament reading and the gospel passage will be read, each of them followed by a modern version – a dramatised version of the gospel passage will be used.

- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Bible Sunday) at 11.00am** there will be the normal Family Service. The reading used for the theme of the service will be read from the King James version of the bible followed by the reading taken from a modern bible.

**There will be an autumn tidy-up of the Church and Churchyard** on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 10.00am. Please put the date in your diary and come along and help, for as little or as long as you would like. All help will be much appreciated.

## **NEWS**

Donations from the **Stride and Ride Day** are still coming in. We have already raised a very good sum of £215 (plus Gift Aid) for Bucks Historic Churches and half of the donations will help with our own running costs. Please could you make sure that any outstanding donations come to us as soon as possible? Thank you.

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October – A Barn Dance at 7.30pm at Rectory Farm.** Please support this village event. The tickets cost £12.50, which includes a fish and chip supper. The money raised will be distributed to benefit the Cricket Club, High Ash School and the Church. To purchase tickets please phone Carly:- 07949 145972.

### **The War Memorial and Its History**

The church has been given a wonderful piece of research detailing the history of those commemorated on the Great Brickhill War Memorial. The work has been undertaken as part of a project to conduct such researches for all the parishes surrounding Leighton Buzzard. The folder containing the research and pictures can be found on the bookcase by the door. Please have a look at it when a moment presents itself. The PCC will be writing a letter of thanks for this generous gift.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, 9th October **THERE IS NO SERVICE HERE IN THE MORNING.** At 6pm there is a special service of **SONGS OF PRAISE** as part of the celebrations for the King James Bible. Everyone is very welcome on this joyful occasion.

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**LATE NEWS:** It is with great sadness that we have to report that Christine's aunt passed away yesterday afternoon at her home in Hurstpierpoint. Many of us will remember her frequent visits to Great Brickhill, and how she loved to join in our worship at St Mary's. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christine and Steve at this sad time, and our grateful thanks to them for continuing with the organisation of today's Harvest Lunch.