

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 1st July - The Fourth Sunday in Trinity

Welcome to our **Holy Communion (Prayer Book) service** this morning, led by Father Colin Griffiths with Sister Hazel reading the gospel and administering the chalice.

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The readings this morning are:

Lamentations 3: 22-33; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43

THIS WEEK:

On Thursday, 5th July, THURSDAY GROUP will meet for tea at Knightleys, Heath Road at 2.30pm. Everyone is most welcome.

The Rector starts his annual holiday this week. We wish John, Pauline and Timothy a happy and restful time together. If you need to speak to a member of the clergy please contact me on 261527.

NEWS:

LAST WEEK'S SERVICE:-

During last week's Family Service we began the first stage in the process of developing a Mission Action Plan (MAP), an initiative from the Diocese. Everyone was invited to write up ideas and suggestions under two headings:

I would love our church to be... *(including ideas about what we could do better, and new ideas, or even things to stop doing?)*

I could make a contribution by... *(while affirming all that people do already, invite ideas for new/different thing people might do).*

Thank you to everyone who wrote their comments on the post-it slips - Clare and Val, our Synod representatives, have started to go through the responses. They would be happy to receive any further comments or ideas that you may have:-

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Val and Clare will then go through the summary of responses with John and Jeremy and report back to the PCC meeting in September. They will then meet with members from the other three churches in the benefice to draft a ten minute report for the Deanery Synod meeting in November.

Thank you to Drop-In:-

Drop-In has given the church a very generous donation of £100 which has been used to cover the cost of the Jubilee tree and towards the refreshments for the Jubilee Event. We are most grateful to Drop-In for their kind gift.

Flame of Faith 2012

The Buckingham Archdeaconry has purchased 2,012 little candles on which the inscription "Flame of Faith" is inscribed. These candles have been distributed to each parish in the Archdeaconry and we were asked to suggest those village organisations that might be recipients of the candles. The eight candles that we requested have been delivered to High Ash School and the two village Pre-Schools, to Drop-In, Good Companions, the WI, and the Old Red Lion. It is suggested that the candles are lit when people come together, especially during the period in the run up to the Olympics. There is also a candle for the Church and it is being placed on the altar and lit during services. The text associated with the initiative is:

"Fan into Flame the gift of God that is within you"

(2 Timothy 1 vs. 6)

In Great Brickhill next Sunday, 8th July, at 9.30am there will be **Morning Worship**, led by Barbara de Butts and **Evensong at 6pm**, led by the Reverend John Saunders.

At Stoke Hammond there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion at 9.30am**, led by Reverend Steve Barnes and **at Bow Brickhill** there will be a **Family Service at 11am**, led by Jane Castle. **There will be no service at Little Brickhill.**

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