

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER:- Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Habakkuk 1: 1-4 & 2: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14; Luke 17: 5 – 10

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 7th October, at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group will be held this week, **10th October** at 2.30pm at Knightleys, Heath Road. There will be a talk on prison ministry.

The next fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Service will be held on **Wednesday 30th October (not on 16th October)** at **10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road**. All are welcome to attend.

Many of you will know that Tim Turner sadly passed away on Tuesday night. The funeral will take place later this week in the church. The family are keen that everyone who would like to come should feel welcome to attend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol and all the family at this difficult time.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

It is now time to be thinking about Shoeboxes again. The Customs forms are in the Church on the bookcase just inside the door. Please read and follow the instructions carefully. Boxes should be completed **by 25th October**. It may be that two people might like to share a box. Marion Ralph would welcome help with one of her boxes. Any queries please ring Anne (261345) or Marion (261611).

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Well done to all those who took part in the Music in the Brickhills' performance of Handel's Messiah at **St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands on 22nd September**. This was the eighth year that the concert has been held, and the feeling was that it was the best yet. Around £4000 was raised in aid of Willen Hospice.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The special Benefice Harvest celebration at **Rectory Farm** last Sunday was a huge success. In excess of 100 people enjoyed the fellowship before the service in wonderful sunshine. A beautifully decorated altar had been constructed from bales of hay. With Jerry Breslin playing his accordion the choir sang some traditional harvest songs, and the Rector and the **Bishop of Buckingham** led the service. A huge thank you to all the Turner family for their hard work in hosting the event and making everyone feel so welcome.

There was a special collection for the **Water Aid Harvest Appeal** – if anyone would like to add to that collection, please pass on your donation to Phillipa who has some special Gift Aid envelopes, for use if appropriate. The collection at the service was £174.40.

CONCERT AT STOKE HAMMOND CHURCH, 13th OCTOBER

A concert featuring the "Brickhills with Stoke Hammond Benefice Choir" is being held in the church at **Stoke Hammond on Sunday, 13th October, at 3.00pm**. Please support this event as it is **in aid of the restoration of the Great Brickhill organ**. For tickets contact:- Jerry Breslin: 01908, 582952 jerrybreslin@hotmail.com

CHANGE TO PATTERN OF SERVICES

The PCCs in each of the four parishes are considering a change to the pattern of services whereby the Rector's regular commitment would be two services each Sunday, offering a service of Holy Communion and a Family Service to each church in each month. Each PCC will decide what services they wish to hold on the remaining two weeks of the month. No decisions have yet been made and so please pass on your views to the Wardens, any written comments to Phillipa Cook:- pjcook6@gmail.com

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER:

There will be Morning Worship, led by Phillipa at 9.30am and Evensong at 6pm, led by Jeremy.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- 11am: Harvest Family Service

Little Brickhill:- 11am Morning Worship

Stoke Hammond:- 9.30am Holy Communion

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