

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 20th JULY:- The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Evensong, led by the Rector. Thank you also to Jerry for playing the organ and to the choir for leading our singing.

The readings this evening are:- **Isaiah 44: 6 - 8; Romans 8: 12-25**

In the last couple of weeks Val Baldwin has been busy moving house. Her phone number is now (01525) 237265; her e-mail address is unchanged. We wish Steve and Val well as they settle in their new home in Heath and Reach.

SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN: there are flyers available on the bookcase giving details of the service pattern across the benefice.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 21st July at the Parish Hall.

High Ash School will be holding their Leavers' Service in church this Tuesday, 22nd July at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend.

THE THURSDAY GROUP – the next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday 31st July, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

ORGAN VISIT

Around twenty children came to the church recently for a demonstration and tuition session on the organ – the children enjoyed an opportunity to play the organ. Thank you to Rosemary Howell and Jerry Breslin for arranging and supervising the visit.

WESTMINSTER COMES TO LITTLE BRICKHILL

There will be an exhibition of finely detailed paintings of the famous medieval Cosmati Mosaics of Westminster Abbey in **Little Brickhill Church** on **Saturday & Sunday, 26th & 27th July**, from 2.00-6.00pm. The artist, David. S. Neal, will be there to talk about his project to record one of the finest pieces of medieval art in Britain. There will also be discovery & craft activities for children and refreshments will be on sale in the nearby Village Hall.

ACCIDENT IN THE RINGING ROOM

As some of you might already know, sadly, there was an accident in the Ringing Room in August 2010. The novice bell ringer who suffered an injury brought a claim for negligence against the PCC and our Tower Captain, David Middleton. The PCC denied liability, supported by our insurers. The matter was dealt with at a hearing in the County Court on Thursday.

The Judge found that there was no negligence. In his summing up the Judge said that there are sometimes accidents without any fault, and this was one of those occasions. We are not required to pay any costs or financial penalty.

Much of the burden in facing and seeing off this claim fell on the shoulders of David. The PCC want you all to know how grateful we are for David's commitment to our Church and to bell ringing in Great Brickhill and for managing a difficult time with such fortitude.

FAREWELL EVENT FOR BISHOP JOHN

Say Farewell to Bishop John at the **Diocese of Oxford's Grand Day Out! Saturday 20th September from 10.00 – 17.00**, Oxford City Centre. Everyone is invited to give thanks for Bishop John's ministry, for prayer and worship, a feast of different activities, a massive picnic on Christ Church Meadow and a huge open-air farewell Eucharist. For full information about the day, please go to www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout .

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 27th JULY:

There will be a Family Service with Communion at 11.00am in Great Brickhill. The service will be followed by the popular **Bring and Share Lunch**.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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