

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 31st AUGUST: - The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector – the theme will be “special places” and we will hear the story of Moses at the burning bush. Thank you to Margaret Oliver for playing the piano to accompany our songs. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The reading this morning is:- **Exodus 3: 1 - 6**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 1st September at the Parish Hall.

HEALING PRAYER MEETING – the next Healing Prayer meeting is being held this Wednesday, 3rd September, 7pm at The Rectory. All are welcome to attend. Please send prayer requests to the Rector.

THE THURSDAY GROUP – the fortnightly meetings will start again on Thursday 11th September, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE AND STRIDE

The annual sponsored event takes place on Saturday, 13th September from 10am - 6pm. This can be done either on your own, or in a group - cycling, walking or riding between any churches of your choice from the printed list. The details and sponsorship forms of the “Stride and Ride” are now in the church for anyone to pick up from the bookcase. Alternatively for more details contact Rosie Dawson (TEL: 261425 or e-mail: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk).

All money raised will be divided equally between our church and Bucks Historic Churches Trust. (B.H.C.T. is a charity that gives grants for repairs to deserving churches and has always been very generous towards applications from St Mary the Virgin).

“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX APPEAL

The forms and all the information that people might need to take part in this annual “Link to Hope” shoebox appeal are available on the bookcase. Rosie Dawson who is organising this year’s appeal will be happy to answer any queries:- Tel: 261425 or e-mail: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk .

The charity now helps destitute people in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Albania and the contents of the shoeboxes is direct contact with people who have not forgotten them, and give them a few essentials to make their very difficult circumstances more bearable for a little while..... it brings smiles to their faces.

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 .

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, 28th September there will be a Harvest Family Service held at 11 o'clock. The theme will be the "Bread of Life" and this will be continued through to the Bring & Share Lunch which will be held in church immediately after the service. Please bring along some of your favourite type of bread to share with others.

All are welcome to attend, either for just the service, or just the lunch, or both!

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Revd. Norman Thorp.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Songs of Praise at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

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