

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER:- Second Sunday before Advent

Welcome to our special service this evening – our Charity Songs of Praise led by the Rector. Everyone is invited to join us after the service for refreshments and a chat.

This is our first event of our Christmas Season. Familiar hymns and readings have been chosen by members of our church community and the Benefice Choir will be leading the singing.

Our chosen charity for Christmas this year is **Christian Aid – DEC Ebola Crisis Appeal**. Our choice has been influenced by recent events in West Africa. A joint appeal was launched by the Disaster Emergency Committee on behalf of thirteen charities, including Christian Aid, to support the fight against the spread of Ebola and to provide medical support to those communities in dire need of our help.

Please consider supporting the appeal by making a donation – special Gift Aid envelopes are available. Any cheques are to be paid to “Christian Aid”. Our appeal will be open for a few weeks – anyone who would like to contribute at a later date, please use one of the envelopes which are available on the bookcase just inside the church – please return these and any cash donations to the Wardens or Phillipa Cook (Green Farm) **before 15th December**.

THIS WEEK:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 17th November at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group – the next fortnightly meeting will be this Thursday 20th November, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

NEXT SATURDAY - CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Church Christmas Fair is being held in the Parish Hall from 11am to 2pm this coming **Saturday 22nd November**. Come and start your Christmas shopping, meet up with Father Christmas and your friends. Lots of stalls and refreshments. Pick up a flyer from the bookcase for all the details and spread the word!

NEWS & EVENTS:-

VESTS FOR “FISH ’n CHIP” BABIES

Sister Hazel would like to pass on thanks to those who have knitted vests for the “Fish ‘n Chip” babies - called as such because they are born of poor African women, many of whom have aids and transmit the disease to their newly born children; the babies are wrapped in newspaper on discharge from hospital.

A consignment of 160 vests has recently started the journey to Africa. There is a constant need and so any vest is still very greatly appreciated. For more details and patterns contact Rosie Dawson (261521 or robin.rosie@zen.co.uk). Photos showing a colourful selection of vests and a new born in his vest and beanie outfit, are in a folder on the bookcase in church.

SHOE BOXES

Thanks to those who kindly and generously filled shoeboxes for the “Link to Hope” charity. A wonderful 76 boxes were delivered to our area collector - they were packed onto a lorry on Monday, 10th November, to start their journey to Eastern Europe.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

The next newspaper collection will be on Saturday morning, 29th November. Anyone who might be able to help load the paper and cardboard into the lorry, please contact Frank Kinsey (Tel: 261521).

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER:

There will be a Family Service & Baptism here at 11.00am.

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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