

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

**SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2015:- Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany some of our songs.

Following the service you are all invited to join us for a Bring and Share Lunch.

The reading this morning is:- **Ephesians 6: 10 – 20**

**We were delighted to hear that John and Pauline have a new grand-daughter - Matilda Rose (sister to Isobel) was born on Thursday morning, weighing 8 lb 15oz. Congratulations to parents Tim and Clare!**

## **THIS WEEK:-**

**Please ignore the note in the August Parish Newsletter saying that the Happy Cup Coffee Club will take a break over the summer.** Due to popular request, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is being held **throughout the holiday period, every Monday except on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August** from **9.15am to 11.15am. All are welcome**, with or without a child!

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held on Monday, 24th August at the Parish Hall, but **NOT** on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August.

**The Thursday Group** is now taking a break over the summer. The next fortnightly meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th September.**

## **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

### **PAULINE & KATE'S BIG HAIRCUT:**

A message from Pauline Waller & Kate Johnson:-

“After many years of lovingly nurturing our long locks we have decided to donate them to a better cause. 12 inches will be donated to The Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children with cancer and we will be raising money through sponsorship for Macmillan as part of the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning fundraising event.”

They have a Just Giving page where people can make donations:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Kate-Johnson21/>

In addition, Pauline has brought with her this morning a sponsorship form.

### **BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE:**

The annual Sponsored Ride and Stride event takes place on Saturday 12th September. The church will have refreshments for the participants from 10am - 6pm. Sponsor Forms are available on the bookcase just inside the church and even if people do not want to walk or ride to other churches, there is an opportunity to be involved by sponsoring somebody who is. 50% of the money collected will go to our church and 50% to Bucks Historic Churches Trust, an organisation which we in the church have had cause to be extremely grateful by receiving grants on numerous occasions when in need, for the fabric of the church.

For further details contact Rosie Dawson (TEL: 01525 261425 or email: [robin.rosie@zen.co.uk](mailto:robin.rosie@zen.co.uk) ).

### **“LINK TO HOPE” CHARITY SHOE BOX APPEAL:**

Last year the Brickhills sent off 84 boxes - it would be wonderful if we could better that this year and make many more poor families happy at Christmas time. The contents of the shoeboxes are taken and distributed directly to the impoverished of Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine, wherever the need is greatest. The shoeboxes provide these very poor people with items that they only may dream about; that make their existence more tolerable and comfort them in the knowledge that they have not been forgotten. Each (size 9) shoebox needs a form for customs - the necessary forms are on the bookcase just inside the church, with some literature about the charity and some other activities it runs.

There will be a **“Swap Shop” at Drop In, on Mondays 7th September and 12th October** where you can take or pick up items that would help fill corners of your boxes. All the boxes need to be with Rosie Dawson (Tel: 261425) by the end of October.

### **SAFARI SUPPER - SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER:**

Meet at the church at 7pm for drinks and canapés, and then move on to enjoy meeting and eating with friends old and new. The tickets are £15 – to book your place, please contact:

Gill Wilson 279005 [gill.wilson@btconnect.com](mailto:gill.wilson@btconnect.com) or

Julia Turner 261213 [msturner@btopenworld.com](mailto:msturner@btopenworld.com)

## **HARVEST CELEBRATION – SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER:**

On Sunday 27th September there will be a Harvest Family Service held at 11 o'clock. This will be followed by a Bring & Share Harvest Lunch, which will be held in church immediately after the service. Please bring along some of your favourite food to share with others. All are welcome to attend, either for just the service, or just the lunch, ..... or both!

## **RECTOR'S CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

Please note that the Rector's e-mail address has changed – anyone who has been using the "... @virgin.net" email address to contact John, please note that this address will soon be withdrawn. Please use:- “ [rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk) “

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 30th AUGUST:**

**There will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond at 11.00am**

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER:**

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Evensong at 6.00pm

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service – Church Open, 9.30 - 10.30am

**Stoke Hammond:-** Family Service at the Methodist Church, 11am

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