

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2015:-

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Service of Evensong, led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be accompanying our singing.

The readings this evening are:-

Jeremiah 11: 18 - 20; Mark 9: 30 – 37 Psalm No. 54

This afternoon there was a service of baptism for Gabriella Elise McGee. Please include her parents Anthony and Amanda, and sister Greta in your prayers.

THIS WEEK:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday during term time in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!**

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

The Thursday Group has started again after the summer break. The next fortnightly meeting will be held this **Thursday 24th September at 30 Pound Hill** – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. **All are welcome to attend.**

NEWS & EVENTS:-

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Thank you to all who helped with the recent newspaper collection. A note of the weight loaded onto the lorry and the amount raised will follow shortly.

THE BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE

took place last Saturday. Thank you to those who took part – there will be more news later about the amount raised. 50% of the money collected will go to our church and 50% to the Bucks Historic Churches Trust.

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.

The MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING will be held at the Parish Hall **next Saturday, 26th September**, from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

“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 **another “Swap Shop” at Drop In, on Monday 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 - NEXT 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 or

Julia Turner 261213 msturner@btopenworld.com

HARVEST CELEBRATION – Next 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!

The **High Ash School Harvest Service** will be held in church the following day at 9.30am, **Monday 28th September** – all welcome.

AND TO COMPLETE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND, the annual Music in the Brickhills HANDEL concert takes place next **Sunday evening, 27th September** at St Mary's Catholic Church in Woburn Sands at 7.30pm. The first half of the concert will feature extracts from Jephtha and in the second half there will be a concentrated Messiah. Please pick up a flyer from the bookcase with all the details. Donations in aid of Willen Hospice.

BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY THE RECTOR:

The Rector has written a booklet about being a carer, and supporting carers. Full details are available via the following link:-

<http://grovebooks.co.uk/products/p142-caring-for-the-carers-insights-for-carers-and-those-in-pastoral-ministry>

THE RECTOR'S CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Please note that the Rector's e-mail address has changed – John's old ".....@virgin.net" email address will soon be withdrawn. Please use:- "rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk"

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER:

There will be the Harvest Family Service here at 11.00am led by the Rector, followed by a **Bring and Share Harvest 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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