

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 4th September 2016:- Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. We hope that Sister Hazel may also be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20; Philemon 1 - 21; Luke 14: 25 – 33

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the weekly Monday child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers of young children, took a break during the summer holidays. **It will re-start tomorrow, Monday 5th September.**

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held as usual on Monday afternoon, 5th September at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group is taking a break over the summer, resuming on Thursday 15th September.

SPONSORED “RIDE & STRIDE”. This annual Bicycle Ride, Horse Ride and Walk will take place **next Saturday 10th September**, from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Held in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust the money goes half towards the local church and half to the Trust for repair of churches. Anyone interested in taking part contact:- Andrew Smith 01525 261240 a.f.g.smith@gmail.com

NEWS & EVENTS:-

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION:

Thank you to those who met at Rectory Farm on a Saturday morning in August to transfer the load of newspapers from the containers onto the lorry. The amount raised was £150 (the price per tonne has unfortunately dropped to £35).

HISTORY WEEKEND

What a wonderful selection of photographs and other artefacts were on display last weekend. Thank you to Gill, Val and Julia, and all involved with the organization – special thanks to Christine for a fantastic talk on Friday evening and for organising the walk on Sunday. An amazing number of people came through the door and

everyone was very generous with their donations:- **£777** (much of it gift aided) was raised, spread evenly over the three days.

THEFT OF LEAD

Unfortunately last week an amount of lead was stolen from the north west side of the church roof, and also from the porch on the south side. Our roofing contractor came to do a temporary repair and so the roof is now watertight. If anyone has any information please let Julia know.

“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX CHARITY

A reminder to all those who would like to take part in this charity appeal that this year's forms are available from the bookcase in the church or from Rosie Dawson (261425). Those who have been helped in the past are desolate and impoverished people in Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Romania. In filling and sending a shoebox with suggested items it gives these people renewed hope. **There will be a “swap shop” at the Drop-in on Monday 12th September** (where people are very welcome to come and take items to fill corners of their shoeboxes; there is no cost or requirement to bring things in exchange!)

ADVANCE DATES FOR THE DIARY

Vivaldi and Messiah Concert in aid of Willen Hospice here in the church **at 7.00pm on Sunday 25th September.**

Harvest Family Service on Sunday 2nd October at 11.00am, followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch.

SERVICES ON SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

Please note that the September services across the Benefice differ from the normal monthly pattern. The Rector is away and it has been difficult to find clergy cover for Communion services, hence the need for the change for this month only. **Next Sunday, 11th September: There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) here at 9.30am, led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Heritage Open Day, 10.00 – 4.30pm]

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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