

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th October 2016:- Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us today.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15b; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

THEFT OF LEAD

Unfortunately we had another theft of lead some time on Thursday night. Virtually all the lead was stripped from the south aisle roof and more strips were taken from the north side. The irony is that within minutes of the theft being detected we learnt that permission has been granted to install an alarm system to the roof – Julia had done her utmost to expedite matters so that the alarm could have been fitted in September but the approval was not forthcoming. There is now so little lead left that we will not be going ahead with the roof alarm. We have to thank our roofing contractor for working very hard yesterday to do a temporary repair to the roof as the rain was coming into the south aisle. We will be looking to do the permanent repair in a substitute material, not replacing the lead.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

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 morning 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 as usual on Monday afternoon, 10th October at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be held this Thursday, 13th October at **Knightleys, 20 Heath Road** – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

High Ash would welcome anyone who would like to attend their monthly **Prayer Meeting** this Friday 14th October at 2.45 – 3.10pm.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

THE VIVALDI AND MESSIAH CONCERT held in the church last Sunday evening was a huge success. The audience was treated to a wonderful performance. Thanks go to the musicians, the soloists and the choir, and of course to Jerry for masterminding the whole performance. The evening raised £1530 for Willen Hospice.

STONE WORK:

The stone mason has carried out work in the church to remove the plinth from the altar in the Lady Chapel and to take away the overhang on the base of the font. This will make both areas safer and the space in the Lady Chapel more versatile.

“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX CHARITY:

A late 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).

NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Friday 11th November:-

Remembrance Day – Short Service in Church at 10.45am

Sunday 13th November:-

Remembrance Sunday Service in Church at 10.50am

Sunday 20th November:-

Charity Songs of Praise at 5.00pm. Familiar hymns and readings will be chosen and refreshments will be served. The Christmas charity will be “SolarAid”, an international charity that combats poverty and climate change, providing access to solar lights in some of the most remote regions of Africa – for more information go to:- www.solar-aid.org

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 16th OCTOBER:

There will be a service of Morning Worship at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by Jeremy. Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Harvest Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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