

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th October 2016:- Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Service of Morning Worship, led by Jeremy.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Genesis 32: 22 - 31; Luke 18: 1 - 8

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, 17th October at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday, 27th October at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

THEFT OF LEAD:

Unfortunately last week we had another theft of lead - virtually all the lead was stripped from the south aisle roof and more strips were taken from the north side. Permission has subsequently 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 to do a temporary repair to make the roof water tight. We will be doing the permanent repair in a substitute material, not replacing the lead.

THE VIVALDI AND MESSIAH CONCERT held in the church last month 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).

CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE:-

This year's Charity Songs of Praise will be held on **Sunday 20th November at 5.00pm**. If you would like to suggest a hymn, bible reading, poem or prose extract along the **theme of 'LIGHT'** please send your **requests by 6th November** to:- Julia 261213 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com or Phillipa 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

Each year St Mary's Church supports a particular charity. This year we have chosen '**SolarAid**' and at the special service of Songs of Praise, donations will be received to help provide solar lights to transform peoples' lives in Africa. Donations can be received until 18th December. For more information see the notice board in the church porch or visit:- www.solar-aid.org

ADVANCE 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

Saturday 10th December:-

Coffee Morning in the church. More details to follow.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 23rd OCTOBER:

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Café Church at 9.30am

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