

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th October 2017:- The Eighteenth after Trinity

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

The readings for this evening are:-

Isaiah 25: 1 - 9; Matthew 22: 1 - 14; The Psalm for the day: 23

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held every Monday morning during term time, in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am.** All are welcome. (No Coffee Club Monday 23rd October - half term).

Village Drop-In & Post Office:

The Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office** is held each week in the small room at the Parish Hall on **Thursdays, open from 2.00 - 4.00pm.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL:

This is the last call for anyone who would like to take part in the Link to Hope shoebox charity appeal. The information and forms are available to take from the small table by the entrance to the church. Over 39,000 shoeboxes were delivered personally to people throughout Eastern Europe last year, who are on the edge of life, living in dire situations. Every shoebox really does give hope and changes lives. **The filled shoeboxes to Rosie Dawson by next Sunday, 22nd October** (TEL: 261425).

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE

Janet Pritchard has again made a Christmas Cake, splendidly decorated by Jackie Coram, for a raffle with 100% of the proceeds going towards St Mary's Church. It is a straight forward raffle with one prize, which is the Christmas cake, to be drawn in the Church on 19th November after the Charity Evensong. Tickets are £1 each and can be obtained from Janet Pritchard:- janvf58@hotmail.com or 01525 261573. There is a photograph of the Christmas Cake for the raffle next to the hymn books in the church on the book case.

PRAYER BOARD:

There is a new prayer board hanging on the pillar to the right just inside the church door, with more notes on the table next to it. Please feel free to add your own prayers to the board.

ADVANCE DATES:

The Charity Evensong, Sunday 19th November at 5.00pm. This year's charity is The Teenage Cancer Trust.

The Village Nativity will take place on Sunday, 17th December in the centre of the village around The Old Red Lion.

A Twelfth Night Celebration - a concert with Jerry Breslin and the Cryers Singers in the church on Saturday, 6th January at 5.00pm, with drinks and canapes.

AUCTION OF PROMISES, SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER:

The Auction of Promises with celebrity auctioneer, **Charlie Ross**, will be held in **the Parish Hall next Saturday at 7.00pm**. The evening will start with **a two course supper with coffee – tickets £10**. The deadline for tickets is **tomorrow Monday, 16th October**. **The Catalogue for the auction** will be distributed later today. If you are not able to be there, but would like to see the Promises on offer, please make sure you have requested a Catalogue – **advance bids will be accepted**. All enquiries to **Phillipa:- 01525 261521** or e-mail pjcook6@gmail.com.

ALL SOULS SERVICE, SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 6.00pm

This is the annual service held at **Little Brickhill** for our four parishes, in which we remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died, especially those we have lost during the past year. If you would like the name of someone dear to you to be included in the prayers, please give the name to the Rector or to Julia, by Wednesday 1st November if possible.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 22nd 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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