

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 22nd October 2017:- The Nineteenth after Trinity

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs. There will be activities for the children in the Lady Chapel.

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

The bible reading this morning is:- **Isaiah 25: 6 – 9**

AUCTION OF PROMISES, LAST NIGHT:

The Auction of Promises lived up to its expectations – it was a fantastic evening, with our celebrity auctioneer, Charlie Ross, making it as entertaining as ever. The evening started with a delicious supper – thank you to Julia, Gill and Val for all their hard work, and to all those who produced the splendid selection of desserts. It is too early to give the exact amount raised but initial calculations show that **the auction raised £5835 and, together with donations and proceeds from the ticket sales, the total figure will be in excess of £6600.** A full analysis will be available shortly. Thank you to all who supported the event so generously.

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. **There will be no Coffee Club tomorrow as it is 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:

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

from Janet Pritchard:- janvf58@hotmail.com or 01525 261573. A photograph of the Christmas Cake is on the book case.

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL:

The due date for the shoeboxes is today. If you haven't already done so please pass on your shoeboxes to Rosie (TEL: 261425).

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.

ALL SOULS SERVICE, SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 6.00pm

This is the annual benefice service held at **Little Brickhill**, 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, 29th OCTOBER there will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion, **11.00am at Bow Brickhill**, led by the Rector.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 5th NOVEMBER, ALL SAINTS DAY:

There will be a Holy Communion (BCP) Service with hymns at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Revd Robert Wright.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service in the Church Hall at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- All Soul's Service at 6.00pm

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11am, Methodist Church

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