

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 28th August – The Tenth Sunday in Trinity

Welcome to our **United Benefice Celebration of Holy Communion** this morning, with a special welcome to those of you from the other churches in the Benefice. The service this morning is led by Revd. Norman Thorp – an old friend of this and the other parishes in the Benefice. I would like to thank Norman on behalf of you all and also thank Tim Holden who is playing the organ for the service.

Please stay for tea or coffee and a chat after the morning service.

The readings are:- **Exodus 13 vs. 17 – 22;** and
Acts 1 vs. 1 – 11.

The Gospel reading is: **Matthew 17 vs. 1 - 8.**

THIS WEEK

Drop-In will be on Monday afternoon as usual at the Parish Hall.

NEWS

THE NEXT FUND-RAISING EVENT for the Church will be held on **Saturday, September 10th** when we will be participating in the **Bucks Historic Churches Walk and Ride** and there will be a **Bar-B-Q** afterwards, at 6pm at Juliette and Simon Bennett's house, to restore the inner man and woman after the exertions! Please let them know if you will be attending the barbeque:- 261210 or simon.bennett7@tesco.net. Please put the date in your diary and persuade your friends to join you for an interesting day out in good company. Details are on the bookcase near the door. There will be a bike ride and (possibly) three conducted walks of varying length and ease, depending on demand and interest. Valerie Vestergaard has kindly agreed to 'Church sit' and welcome visitors to Saint Mary's and offer some refreshments.

Thursday Group returns for a New Season on Thursday, 15th September, with tea at Knightleys, Heath Road. Please contact Betty if you need details (261836). The Group will meet fortnightly thereafter. The new and varied programme will be announced soon.

Sunday, September 25th at 7.30pm will be the 5th anniversary of "The Music in the Brickhills" performance of **Handel's Messiah** in church. We want to celebrate again this stunning piece of music as the singers and musicians love coming together to perform, to share it with others and to raise money for Willen Hospice and our church in Great Brickhill. All donations will be very much appreciated.

This year admission is free. As usual we shall be serving drinks in the interval and there will be the opportunity for those who would like to make a more social occasion of the evening, to have a pre-concert light meal at the home of a parishioner before the performance.

If you would like to be sure of a seat in church please ring Robin Dawson (261425) or Jerry Breslin (07977292602). And, if you would like a meal beforehand please ring Rosie Dawson (261425) or Christine Agambar (261527).

On **Friday, 30th September**, the annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning** will be held at 14 Holts Green, with Bring and Buy, Cake and Book stalls and tombola and greetings cards and much more – and also, coffee and chat!!!

Sunday 2nd October is Harvest Sunday. There will be a service of Common Worship Holy Communion at 11am, led by the Rector with Sister Hazel, followed by a **Harvest Lunch** in the Parish Hall to which everyone is warmly invited. The service will launch a month-long series of celebrations in services to mark the 400th Anniversary of the publication of the King James' Bible. **There is a separate leaflet about the services during October and, in particular, details of the special Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday, 9th October. Please respond to Simon's request for readings and hymns to include during the Songs of Praise.**

News about Christmas will follow soon.....

NEXT SUNDAY, 4th September, is our **Patronal Festival**, here in Great Brickhill. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30am, led by Sister Hazel.

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