The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill Sunday 15th July - The Sixth Sunday in Trinity

Welcome to our celebration of **Holy Communion** today. The service is led by the Revd. Norman Thorp with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Thank you, Norman, for leading our service today and it is a great pleasure to welcome you back to Great Brickhill.

You are all warmly invited to join us for refreshments after the service.

The readings this morning are:

Judges 11: 20 - 40; Ephesians 1: 3 - 14; Mark 6: 14 - 29

THIS WEEK:

The School Leavers' Service will be held in the church at 9.30am on Thursday 19th July. All are welcome to attend. The school will be using the church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10am for rehearsals.

The Thursday Group will meet on July 19th, at 2.30pm, at 22 Cuff Lane. The meeting will have afternoon tea and will share their memories of Childhood Food and you are invited to bring a written recipe to pass on to others at the meeting.

The Rector is on his annual holiday. If you need to speak to a member of the clergy please contact me on 261527.

NEWS:

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT DROP-IN.

The Parish Hall will be partially closed from July 23rd until the end of August. It is necessary to undertake some remedial work caused by a hidden leak in the toilets. Underfloor surfaces have to be allowed to dry out before new tiles can be laid. During this period the Post Office will operate in its usual location accessed by the door leading to the kitchen. However, there will be no facilities for serving refreshments and use of the toilets in the Hall, although toilets in the cricket club will be available. Please let all your friends

know about this unavoidable change in the arrangements. The usual arrangements will resume in September.

Yesterday a service was held here to bless the recent wedding of Rosie Culverhouse and Nick McCollin, who have recently been married in the USA. The Revd. Norman Thorp conducted their wedding blessing. We wish the couple every happiness in the future.

Thank you to Drop-In and to the Parish Council:-

Drop-In has given the church a very generous donation of £100 which has been used to cover the cost of the Jubilee tree and towards the refreshments for the Jubilee Event. We are most grateful to Drop-In for their kind gift.

The Parish Council has given the church a donation of £68.30, which comes from a share of the money collected at the Jubilee Weekend events. I have passed back our thanks to the Parish Council.

Valerie Vestergaard would be very grateful to receive offers to bring her to church on a Sunday morning. She lives in South Milton Keynes. Phillipa Cook has kindly said that she will organise a rota of lift givers so please contact her if you can help. (Telephone: 261521, neilacook@aol.com).

In Great Brickhill next Sunday, 22nd July, at 11am there will be a Family Service with Baptism, led by Revd. Norman Thorp. We will be welcoming Anthony and Kathryn Middleton and their baby, Iris, and their friends and family.

At Stoke Hammond there will be Morning Worship at 9.30am, and at Little Brickhill there will be Holy Communion at 9.30am. There will be Holy Communion at 8am at Bow Brickhill.

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