

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 21st October - The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

Welcome to our service of **Holy Communion (Common Worship)**, led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry Breslin for playing the organ for us this morning.

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Isaiah 53: 4 - 12; Hebrews 5: 1 - 10; Mark 10: 35 - 45

THIS WEEK:

DROP-IN will be held in the Parish Hall tomorrow, **Monday 22nd October**. The Post Office and refreshments will be available as usual.

Thursday Group will meet this week on 25th October at **The Rectory** at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and hear John and Pauline talking about their recent trip to the Shetland Islands.

NEWS:

THE SHOE BOX APPEAL

Please contribute again this year, either by providing gifts for the boxes or by filling boxes. All the details are in the leaflet on the bookcase by the church door, or you can contact Anne (261345) for advice or information - **completed boxes please to Anne by this Friday, 26th October**.

The MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The event this year was held on **Friday 28th September at the Cricket Club**. The fantastic total of £1153.24 was raised in support of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Thanks to all who made the event such a success.

BARN DANCE AT RECTORY FARM, SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER

A most enjoyable Barn Dance was held on Saturday 6th October at Rectory Farm. Thanks to Michael and Julia for hosting the event - the proceeds are shared between the cricket club and the church. The total the church received from the evening is the fantastic sum of £454 including the £189 raised from the Raffle.

REPAIRS to the Churchyard Wall

You might have seen William Beange making repairs to the churchyard wall by the gate. The crumbling mortar and stones have been re-cemented near the notice board and we now plan to treat the wood of the notice board as well.

AUTUMN CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

There remain a number of jobs for which we are yet to get volunteers. A list of jobs to be done and contact details can be found at the end of this Pew Sheet. **Any offer of help will be gratefully received.**

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Thank you to the team of volunteers who turned up early yesterday morning at Lower Rectory Farm to load the lorry with the newspapers to be sent for re-cycling. The amount of the load and the money raised will be reported when known.

NEXT SUNDAY 28th October, there will be a Family Service with Baptisms here in Great Brickhill at 11.00am, led by the Rector.

- Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 8.00am.
- Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am.
- Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.30am.

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AUTUMN JOBS AROUND THE CHURCHYARD

- 1. Gently remove all moss and vegetation from the base of the church walls and surface gutters.**
- 2. Cut suckers from the base of the tree trunks on either side of the church path.**
- 3. Dig out any brambles and ragwort on the north side of the church.**
- 4. Weed and tidy up the road round the war memorial and notice board.**
- 5. Remove weeds and cut out and treat the tree saplings (if possible with Root Rot or SBK) growing in amongst the large tomb on the north west corner of the church.**
- 6. Clear all ivy growing on the walls and fences at the west end of the church (but not any overhanging branches).**
- 7. Gently remove all vegetation growing in the churchyard wall to the south and east of the churchyard (adjoining Church Lane).**

If anyone feels that they are able to carry out, or help with, any of the above jobs at any time that is convenient for them, please contact Phillipa before starting the work, to avoid any possible confusion or duplication of effort:- 261521 neilacook@aol.com or 261527 christine.agambar@btinternet.com