

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 7th JULY:- Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Dear friends,

For a variety of reasons, none of our clergy friends are available to take a Communion service this morning, and I am committed to the Family Service at Stoke Hammond, as it will include a Thanksgiving & Blessing for two young children.

We are very grateful to Phillipa Cook for leading Mattins, enabling us to have a service here this morning, and to maintain our use of the Book of Common Prayer on the first Sunday of the month.

We are confident that we will have clergy to lead the service in future months, and I look forward to being with you to lead the service myself on August 4th.

Best wishes,

John Waller

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 66: 10 - 14; Galatians 6: 7 - 16; Luke 10: 1-11 & 16-20

Psalm:- 66: verses 1-8

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

THIS WEEK:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 8th July, at the Parish Hall.

Please note there will not be a service of **House Communion** this week – the next Midweek Communion will be held on Wednesday 24th July at The Rectory.

NEWS:

OPEN FARM SUNDAY - An update on the amount raised on Sunday 9th June:- **£160**. Thanks to all at **Rectory Farm** for hosting the event and providing the refreshments sold in aid of the church.

PROPOSAL FOR NEW FACILITIES

Following the presentation a couple of weeks ago of the proposal for new facilities in the church, a date is being arranged for the PCC to meet to consider the comments that were made, and to discuss the next stage of development.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will commence in the Benefice during the summer in preparation for a Deanery confirmation service on 29th September at Stewkley. Anyone interested in participating as a candidate for confirmation is asked to contact the Rector.

SUMMER EVENT AND CONCERT

On Sunday 21st July a summer's afternoon entertainment is being planned. It will include an (optional) walk, Tudor music by The Sands Cryers and cream teas in the church. The admission is free but donations will be requested in aid of the Church Organ Fund. A programme of events and full details can be found in the fliers, which are available for collection from the bookcase.

BLESSING OF CROSS BY THE BISHOP:

Bishop Alan visited High Ash School this week and blessed the cross that was made by the children during Holy Week in association with the work that they did for their Easter Experience in the church. The Rector and Wardens were also present for the blessing of the cross, which they report is quite stunning.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 14th JULY:

There will be Morning Worship, led by Phillipa at 9.30am. A service of Compline will be held at 6pm, led by the Rector. This will be in place of the usual Evensong as most of the choir and regular members of the congregation will be away.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- 11.00am: Family Service

Little Brickhill:- 11.00am Morning Worship

Stoke Hammond:- 9.30am Holy Communion

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