

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER:- Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

We warmly welcome you to both of our services today. Morning Worship will be led by Jeremy and Evensong by the Rector. Everyone is invited to stay after Morning Worship for refreshments and a chat.

The readings for today's services are:-

Morning Worship:- **Philemon: 1 - 21; Luke 14: 25 - 33**

Evensong:- **Deuteronomy 30: 15 - end; Luke 14: 25 - 33**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 9th September, at the Parish Hall.

The first session after the summer break of the **Thursday Group** will be held this week, on **Thursday 12th September** at 2.30pm at Knightleys, Heath Road. These sessions are open to all.

The next fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Service will be held on **Wednesday 18th September, 10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road**. All are welcome to attend.

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE AND STRIDE:

The annual sponsored event takes place **next Saturday, 14th September from 10am - 6pm**. The Rector will walk round the Benefice and say prayers in each Church - at 9.45am in GB, at 11am in Stoke, at 2.15pm in Bow, at Little at 3.15pm and then back to GB for prayers at 4.15pm. All are welcome to join the Rector for the prayers, whether or not they are taking part in the Ride and Stride. Those who wish to cycle, walk or ride either on their own, or in a group, can find the list of participating churches on the printed list, together with the full details of the "Stride and Ride," on the bookcase, or from Rosie Dawson (261425 robin.rosie@zen.co.uk)

There will be a **post event barbeque** at Claremont, Ivy Lane for participants and others – **please contact Juliet Bennett if you wish to attend** (261210 juliet.l.bennett@googlemail.com)

All money raised will be divided equally between our church and Bucks Historic Churches Trust (a charity that gives grants for repairs, and has been very generous to St Mary the Virgin).

NEWS AND EVENTS:

CEMETERY WINDBREAK & SEAT

The old bell frame timbers that were taken out of the tower during the bell restoration project have been used to form a windbreak and seat in the cemetery. Do take a few moments at your leisure to wander into the cemetery, take a seat and enjoy the views. Thank you to all those who helped with the project, and to Simon Bennett who drew up the plans and masterminded the construction.

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

It is now time to be thinking about Shoeboxes again. The Customs forms are in the Church on the bookcase just inside the door. Please read and follow the instructions carefully. Boxes should be completed **by 25th October**. It may be that two people might like to share a box. Marion Ralph would welcome help with one of her boxes. Any queries please ring Anne (261345) or Marion (261611).

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Music in the Brickhills' annual performance of Handel's Messiah is being held this year at **St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands, 7.30pm on Sunday 22nd September**. The concert is again in aid of Willen Hospice. Tickets will be available on the door, or from Jerry Breslin (01908 582952; jerrybreslin@hotmail.com) or Robin Dawson (01525 261425; robin.rosie@zen.co.uk).

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A special Benefice Harvest celebration will be held at **Rectory Farm on Sunday 29th September**. There will be activities from 12noon with a "Bring and Share Lunch" at 1pm, followed by a short walk. The **Bishop of Buckingham** will join us for a **Harvest Service at 3pm**.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER:

There will be a service of **Holy Communion (Common Worship)** at **Great Brickhill at 9.30am**, led by the Rector. Other Services:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.15am

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.30am

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