

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER:- Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

We warmly welcome you to both of our services today.

Morning Worship will be led by Phillipa. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat. The theme for the service is "Overcoming setbacks in life". The readings and Psalm will be:-

2 Kings 5: 1 - 3 & 7 - 15b; 2 Timothy 2: 8 – 15 Psalm No. 111
The response to the psalm is:- "*Great are the deeds of the Lord, full of majesty and splendour*"

Evensong will be led by Jeremy. The readings and Psalm will be:-

2 Kings 5: 1 - 3 & 7 - 15b; Luke 17: 11 - 19; Psalm No. 111

This afternoon there will be a concert featuring the "Brickhills with Stoke Hammond Benefice Choir" in the church at **Stoke Hammond at 3.00pm**. Please support this event as it is **in aid of the restoration of the Great Brickhill organ**.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 14th October, at the Parish Hall.

The next Thursday Group will meet for tea on **24th October** at 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

The next fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Service will be held on **Wednesday 30th October (not on 16th October)** at **10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road**. All are welcome to attend.

The Rector will be away on retreat this week in Devon. Please contact either of the Wardens if you need to speak with a member of the clergy.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

The funeral took place last Friday of Tim Turner who sadly passed away the previous week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol and all the family at this difficult time.

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

There is less than two weeks to go to complete the Shoeboxes for Romania. The Customs forms and instructions are in the Church on the bookcase just inside the door. Boxes should be with Marion Ralph (261611) or Anne Humphreys (261345) **by 25th October**.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The special Benefice Harvest celebration at **Rectory Farm** was a huge success. In excess of 100 people enjoyed the fellowship before the service in wonderful sunshine. A beautifully decorated altar had been constructed from bales of hay. With Jerry Breslin playing his accordion the choir sang some traditional harvest songs, and the Rector and the **Bishop of Buckingham** led the service. A huge thank you to all the Turner family for their hard work in hosting the event and making everyone feel so welcome. The collection for the **Water Aid Harvest Appeal** raised **£444**.

CHANGE TO PATTERN OF SERVICES

The PCCs in each of the four parishes are considering a change to the pattern of services whereby the Rector's regular commitment would be two services each Sunday, offering a service of Holy Communion and a Family Service to each church in each month. Each PCC will decide what services they wish to hold on the remaining two weeks of the month. No decisions have yet been made and so please pass on your views to the Wardens, any written comments to Phillipa Cook:- pjcook6@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CHARITY 2013:

The Rector and Wardens will soon be selecting the Charity for the Christmas Card Tree and Charity Evensong on Sunday 8th December. If anyone would like to suggest a particular charity, please contact Christine within the next few days (details below).

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 20th OCTOBER:

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

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 9.30am

Little Brickhill:- Harvest Family Service at 11.15am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 8.30am

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