

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2015:- Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Service of Morning Worship, led by Phillipa – we will be celebrating the festival of Luke the Evangelist. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us, and to Andrew who will be playing the piano for one of the songs.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 35: 3 - 6; 2 Timothy 4: 5 - 17; Luke 10: 1 - 9

Today's psalm is verses from Psalm No 147. The response for the congregation is:- “ ***The Lord heals the brokenhearted
[and binds up their wounds]*** ”

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday during term time in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!**

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 19th October at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group - The next fortnightly meeting will be held this coming **Thursday 22nd October at 30 Pound Hill** – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. **All are welcome to attend.**

“Link To Hope” Charity Shoe Box Appeal – a reminder that time is running out to fill the shoe boxes. **All the boxes need to be with Rosie Dawson (Tel: 261425) by the end of October.**

NEWS & EVENTS:

THE SAFARI SUPPER a couple of weeks ago was a very happy and successful evening. Thank you to Julia and Gill and all the hosts - a wonderful **£435** was raised, which included some donations which were gift aided.

THE BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST “Ride and Stride”. Grateful thanks to those who sponsored Robin and Rosie - they cycled to 14 churches with only aching muscles as a consequence!

It was a fine dry day making the ride around the red ways of Milton Keynes very pleasurable. Unfortunately this year they were the only people from this parish taking part, but they can recommend it as fun day out visiting new places and meeting new people. Thank you to those who kindly donated £170 to this worthy cause.

THE NEWSPAPER COLLECTION last month raised **£420**. Thank you to all who helped to load the lorry, to those who give their unwanted newspaper/cardboard and to Michael and Julia for the use of the containers at Lower Rectory Farm.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:

Great Brickhill held their tenth Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th September. The first ever Coffee Morning, held in 2006 in the village bus shelter, made £321 and since then each year the village's Macmillan Coffee Morning has grown. The total raised this year is a fantastic £1,697.96, making the grand total for the ten years £10,062.66, thereby exceeding the target of £10k in ten years. Well done to all concerned.

The Little Princess Trust - Pauline Waller and Kate Johnson had grown their locks and had their hair cut just before the Macmillan Coffee Morning. They donated 12 inches of their hair to The Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer. In addition they raised £1,680.29 which they have donated to Macmillan.

The village's grand total going to **Macmillan** this year is **£3,378.25**.

ADVANCE DATES FOR NOVEMBER:

Please note the two special events planned for next month:

- Charity Songs of Praise, Sunday 15th November at 5.00pm
- Christmas Fair, Saturday 28th November in the Parish Hall between 11.00am – 3.00pm.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 25th OCTOBER:

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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